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A brief linguistic demonstration that 'man' and 'woman' are sex words not gender words.

- 1. The words 'masculine' and 'feminine' are accepted to be gender words.
- 2. The words 'male' and 'female' are accepted to be sex words (well, apart from the die hard denialists).
- 3. The phrases 'masculine woman' and 'feminine man' have sense.

That is 'masculine' modifies the meaning of 'woman' and 'feminine' modifies the meaning of 'man.'

For a one word to modify the meaning of another word they must have a different sense.

If 'masculine/feminine' are gender words, then 'man' and 'woman' can't be straightforwardly gender words as well, otherwise 'masculine/feminine' couldn't modify 'man/woman.'

Ergo, 'man/woman' are not straightforwardly gender words.

4. The phrases 'male man' and 'female woman' do not exist as natural English phrases.

Because they carry no sense.

Because they are tautologies.

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