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ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS BUILT OVER THE YEARS ARE NOW DISAPPEARING WITH THE WORLD MOVING TOWARDS BINARY GRID POLITICS. US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S RECENT DIKTAT THAT ONLY TWO SEXES EXIST IS A DANGEROUS EXAMPLE OF THIS. LIKEWISE, OTHER IDENTITIES ARE BECOMING CONFRONTATIONAL

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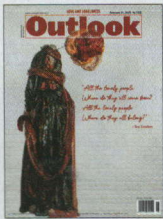
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A Binary World

Binary opposites are a pair of mutually-exclusive signifiers that form categories which are logically opposed, but together define a complete universe of discourse. There is no middle ground. But between day and night, there is the twilight zone. Between heaven and hell, there is the earth. Between male and female, an entire spectrum of gender.

US President Donald Trump's announcement that only two sexes exist—male and female—is a reinforcement of such binary opposites that exist in politics and society today.

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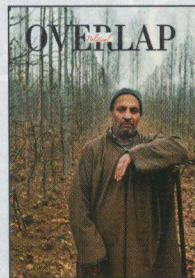
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