

Miss Emmeline Burroughs: A Satire By Ashley B

You have heard it on the radio; you have seen it on television – the fast decline of America’s traditional family values of compliance and purity, unquestioning goodness and unwavering respect for government. Only recently, however, has this attack on values extended directly to the family structure and unit itself, burning an immorality-shaped hole of swinging homosexuality and miscellaneous irresponsibility into our cultural fabric. Never before has such unabashed, debauched and senseless rebellion plagued our great nation – not in the subdued late 1700s or emollient 1860s, the tame 1920s or benign 1950s. No, this is a new threat, operating under a gossamer guise of open-mindedness, which too many Americans fail to identify as nothing less than a state of being mindlessly open. We can not let these so-called environmentalists or silly supporters of supposed civil and reproductive rights destroy the internationally famous, the undoubtedly noble, the glorious and enviable American nuclear family.

Overpopulationists, for example, will often peddle their pitiful propaganda, enlisting such alarming catchphrases as “environmental deterioration” and “decline of quality of life” (or my personal favorite, “total population collapse”) when endeavoring to frighten you into working toward their ironic take on “responsibility.” Oh, the animals were here first, boo hoo! Any borderline efficient civilization will give off pollution, whether it be papyrus clogging up the ancient Egyptians’ sewers or Adam and Eve’s forbidden fruits rotting on the floor of the Eden garden. Are we to stop breeding simply because more people, precious and unique as each is, obviously result in more cars and increased consumption of goods? Is it a sin that we now live longer, happier lives and are not stalked or killed by predators? 81 million new souls each year on this planet means more opportunities to discover truth and love and happiness. 16 million hectares of forest destroyed each year equates more beautiful homes and the potential for iconic architecture, the production of books and Bibles and consequential expansion of minds. You say the present extinction rate is 10,000 times faster than it would be “naturally”? Are we expected to control all those bears, wolves, bats and Tasmanian devils ourselves? I should hope not! The ecosystem is much more simple and easier to balance this way. Toss us a “fact” about 5 million people dying every year due to illnesses associated with organic wastes, and we will wonder why mass deaths are such a problem to you if having a sizeable population on this planet is such a horrible and deplorable thing. I suppose God and nature are remedying the issue for us – or Darwin, is that what you want to hear?

We all know this destruction of the ozone layer business is a myth. I don’t feel much hotter now than I remember feeling last year, do you? Do not put it past these family-haters, however, to start throwing out predictions and projections with no root in reality whatsoever once their statistical stupidity has come up short. Water necessities will increase to 20% by 2025 with half of the wetlands around the world lost since 1900 and the consumption of materials grown 18-fold! (That was called Industrialization, a proud and productive period of American history.) Ethiopia’s population will expand from 60 million people to 170 million by 2050! India will have 550 million people added to its present billion! Pakistan will triple in population! 10.5 billion people worldwide with 7.7 billion in poverty! Does anyone else sense the sickly smell of sensationalism? I do not mean to be rude in the presence of “science,” but where is the proof? I do not see this in the Bible. I do not see it on the news. I see it pulled from someone’s behind in a moment of frustration, he or she having realized the majority of thinking people do not buy into their bull droppings. And how do they expect us to amend this alleged crisis but by giving up our very reason for living, our incentive for existence on this great green Earth, an ambition and purpose reiterated by great philosophers for thousands of years! I, for one, refuse to allow even one potential populator to give up the joys of parenthood for this left-wing, beatnik mumbo jumbo.

It is a well-known and ubiquitously acknowledged fact that people who do not want kids are either selfish or weird. A small, random sampling of individuals who “chose” not to reproduce illustrates this concept quite effectively. Charles Addams, cartoonist and creator of the Addams family, for example, was clearly demented and deranged. One of his most famous works of “art” depicted a family of monsters, hairy objects and disembodied limbs pouring a vat of hot oil over carolers joyfully celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Christ through song. Can’t pg 34



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