

...How selfish can such people be when other women and couples are sinking into debt, struggling to pay thousands of dollars for fertility treatments? These thousands could be going towards the proper upbringings of their future children. But there is hope yet for hapless layabouts as recently even immoral mavericks such as Britney Spears have come to their senses and chosen productive, capable lives as parents. There are several efficacious ways of convincing those who see themselves as unfit parents, or find the world they live in as unfit for children, to change their ways, and skillfully counter their protests.

These often bitter individuals, feeling a void in their life but not knowing how to fill it, may claim to be fearful of their potential children becoming a part of all these cynics hate about human existence. They may also be afraid of their child having some sort of horrible disability or deformity that requires understanding, special dedication and lifelong around the clock care. Do they discriminate towards people with handicaps? Giving birth to a disabled child would be a perfect cure for this. In another fit of defeatism, they may claim that no child should be subjected to the sort of parent they are so very psychically sure they will be. How will they know until they try? This may be their only chance for capturing some sort of compassion in their empty lives!

God forbid they smell something unpleasant! God forbid they give up their precious sleep! God forbid they feel an hour or two of excruciating pain in exchange for a miracle, and a lifetime of miracles following that, the miracle of life! God forbid you do not have a perfect figure or ideal body forever – is that any reason to deny another human being the miracle of life? I can hardly take care of myself, they will say, but how will they learn this responsibility, how will they ever be able to raise a proper citizen? Through necessity, of course. Yes it costs money, but there are government programs for that. Yes it will be difficult, but it's worth it! You may not see it now, but I assure you, the situation is different when it is your own. Atrocities may be performed towards children by unfit parents every day of the week, post-partum depression may be presently on the national radar, but these sad cases are in the minority. Genetically, cancer, diabetes and general mental ruin run in my family. I have scoliosis, malformed facial structure and impossible hair. This will not prevent me from reproducing; I do not let cynical possibilities rule my life, and you should not either. We only live once, after all. Do not waste it! Achieve immortality!

Your dreams of education, of changing the world and of travel, your ambitions are a thing of the past. You are no longer a child and the heavy onset of reality burdens you. There is only one way to recapture this, and that is by having children. That is what they are for, making you proud. Plus they're cute. After all, your child may become the next president or discover a cure for cancer. The chances of this happening are far greater than those of your child becoming the next anti-Christ, Hitler or Charles Manson! Go for it! Remember, it is the way things are. We were given these biological urges for a reason. We can not change what is already here but, by George, as long as we have eggs we have hope. We have someone to care for us in our old age. I, for one, can hardly wait to compensate for the funds my parents spent to raise me by waiting on them hand and foot. There is no possibility of me ever betraying them by setting them up in some sort of "home," of course. A child is a life experience, an embodiment of love, an entity to carry on your name, to dress up and spoil. These are not things you can do with existing people, and these are not things existing people can be. Adoption is fine and dandy as a solution to wave in the faces of abortionists, but there is nothing like a child that has been warmed to perfection and passed through your own body. Sure, it may cancel out the efforts and restraints of others in automobile use or other forms of resource responsibility, it may snatch means of living away from the international millions in need and poverty, but only you can fully appreciate how worthy your individual genes are of passing on. (Con't pg 36)



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