



WORKING MOTHERS “A-LA-SPRINT QUEENS” AND THEIR ORDEALS

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ABSTRACT

An Adage says “Men are from Mars,Women are from Venus”.The era of the 20th century “Topsy-turved” the life of mothers. The era was too demanding and the demand was two way viz; a “Tug Of War” between the working mothers and her children. The pressing financial needs in all walks of life literally forced out the so called home makers or mothers to step out of their 'comfort zone' to support her family and husband financially. This journal glamorises the “Real – Real Rat Race” of working mothers.

BONDING OF MOTHER AND CHILD:

Mother and child bonding was 'Biologically' ripped off at the UMBLICAL CHORD at the time of the Childs birth. The new mother who with her EAGLE EYE CARE took the greatest pride to be a mother, caregiver, Homemaker and nurtured her kids and family including her husband with her UNDEFILED LOVE was slowly pushed out from this so called 'comfort cocoon' to take up a career as a working woman to add a good percentage to her family's income. Unlike olden centuries the present day mothers are quite educated, confident and ready to take up a challenging job even soon after her 'maternity sabbatical'.

THE CONFLICT:

The mothers,these Homemakers stepped out of their sweet home and took a gaint leap into the employment zone.The greatest irony is that these mothers who abandoned their kids under the care of parents in-law or under a Nanny's care proudly stepped out of their homes ,smart dressed,full of confidence,yet underwent a psycological conflict and is pent up with dormant emotions of guilt for having left their kids under somebodies care.At times feeling proud to be a career women. A sense of pleasure,security and the freedom of money, enables her to meet the needs of her child/children etc.

The scenario till late 19th century depicted many women as educated,and who stood for the family and children as a central force.She took pride and felt priveleged to be a Home maker,a loving wife,a doting mother and educating her children from home.

The demanding 21st century catapulted the lives of many mothers.The IT revolution changed these mothers as a supporting bread winner.At the same time,the unmarried young educated ladies felt very much liberated as a career women.They enjoyed an identity and shared equal respect with their opposite sex in this 'matriachal society'.Like them the working mothers too tasted the financial independence and made them more bold,also as decision makers.Such women could afford for themselves, for their petty needs and needn't depend on the menfolks of their family.She need not workout a 'Balance Sheet' for her expenses.After all the major portion of her expenses are only family oriented.

Today we could see many women in Top Notch positions as great politicians, in the field of education, CEO'S of many Financial Organizations and as individual, successful Entrepreneurs. Many have even touched the space in rockets.Thanks to the NASA,Thanks to the great Education, KUDOS to all the liberated women. I as a woman take pride to endorse this freedom.

THE REAL KNOT AND THE INTRIGUING ASPECT:

The above said all liberated women are multitaskers.This real knot has to be analysed. Men who enjoyed that “Egoistic Position” as the “Sole Bread Winner”, slowly realized the potential and the support of the lady in the family to be sensible and

inevitable. These women are 24/7 moms, supermoms, mending and fending every needs in the family.

The intriguing aspect is the separation of the suckling kids from its new mother who takes up a job. Anybody can take care of the babies for any payment but a mother can't be substituted. The school going kids and their mothers experience many other problems. The working mothers are intermittently relieved from 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM when their kids are at school. After 4.00 PM their pulse rate is too high and they try to reach home at the earliest to be with their kids. The kids between the age of 3 – 12 are most affected, they suffer a lot of psychological problems like aggressiveness, depression, sulking in their education etc without their mothers to welcome them at home after their school. Such mothers on the other hand veil their guilt by showering their love exaggeratedly, giving a lot of incentives, always smiling and hiding their tears. She helps the kids in their homeworks etc., OH! What an ordeal for all career women. Nevertheless the working fathers are authorized only to sign the report cards, whereas the working women continues to work even at home after her office without expressing any qualms and pains..

SINGLE WORKING MOTHERS:

The plight of Single Working Mothers is highly critical with untold miseries and unfolded mysteries. She is a very committed parent meeting all the needs of her kids from pin to plane.

PROUD ADOLESCENT KIDS:

Some of the modern day adolescent children feel proud to spell that their parents are so and so officials and they lead a very healthy and balanced life accomodating themselves to the family circumstances. Parents of such kids also enjoy a social status and lead a luxurious life in all aspects. Such parents feel elated to fly their kids on a foreign tour for a vacation, buy cars and bikes for their grown up children and they enjoy a happy life. The pride of social status keep them energised every day. The juggling mothers put aside all the stressful things and takes all pains as pleasure to keep their family happy. At the end of the day the mothers are filled with a sense of satisfaction when they see their kids and husband at peace. Such

mothers are the candles of sacrifice.They rest for few hours with hope and start another chaotic day like “Sprint Queens” ever ready to meet challenges with gallant hearts.

CONCLUSION:

This TRENDY CHAOS AND TRENDY MOTHERS are not going to end their JOURNEY OF CAREER. Remember one day is not to be celebrated as 'Mothers Day' but all days all through the year to be celebrated as 'Mothers Day'.Long live mothers.I would like to conclude this with the great poet William Wordsworth lines

“THERE'S NO TIME TO STAND AND STARE,

THE WORLD IS FULL OF CARE”

BUT

“ALL IS WELL WITH THE WORLD

WHEN WORKING MOTHERS ARE THERE”

The LAST TWO lines are the authors poetic ideas about working mothers.

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