



Women – Are We Rising or being Raised?

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ABSTRACT

It is important to understand the difference between rising and being raised. To rise is to unveil the dreams that our heart makes and to be raised is to blend ourselves in a way to reach the aims set by our raisers. We need to make social, scientific and logical analysis to understand why we are as we are now. We need to devise plans to mend the paths which take us to places we are meant to be but not to the places where others want us to be. Courage, commitment and logical brain are all that is needed to explore and unveil the truth and achieve our goals. We women who constitute half of this world should bring the change from within without always complaining about the other half since when we are together for such change, the change seems the way of life. It is also important to work at the roots rather than complaining about the fruits later.

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Introduction

Accompanying my friend in buying gifts to her cousin's children who are in their pre-school has brought me a great insight about whether women are being raised or rising. As we moved to the kid's store, she has been searching for all the stuff like cute bears, Barbie toys and some decorative items and then she moved to other stuff like cars, trains and some noisy machine toys. Those were packed in two different gift boxes and I was sure the first search of gifts was for a baby girl and later was for a boy child. How was I for sure that she would first go for a girl child and later for a boy child? What motivated her to choose such different toys for kids?

Yes, this is happening at all stages for women: to impose things on her and train her right from her childhood. Women are being raised and trained mentally to be soft, tender, weak and always dependent. They are things of beauty and pleasure. Why should there be a bifurcation in buying toys to kids of different gender, when kids really don't know what is meant by gender.

BREAK DOWN THE OLD CHAINS

Little things are little things but they are the building blocks for a great personality that we develop in our lives. So it is important to present same world for both the genders instead of imposing our own interpretations on how or what they should be right from their childhood.

One other interesting question was posed by a women activist—why do only men have pockets for their dress? This seemed quite interesting because when men and women doing same work, and both have cellphones, money to carry and stuff to keep with; but the comfort was only for men. The fact that most of women dresses do not have pockets made me ask: are we rising or being raised?

In a small chat with friends, which lead us all to conclude that most of the boys are good at maths and logical games, while most of the girls can easily pick up language skills and are good at managing things in an orderly way made me to reflect once again. Whether we are really made so or are we trained so is the question running through my mind. Boys are generally let free to move through the places around, to bring the household needs from shop, to play etc., while girls are asked to arrange things at home, to be hospitable to guests, to cook and decorate the house etc. Given to such bifurcation in things to do since ages, perhaps the brains of each of the genders got trained to such tasks and hence are the results of our chat.

INSTANCES SPEAK THAT

All the three instances above tell us that either knowingly or unknowingly we are raising our females on old rules and ideologies that no

more can serve the present needs. It is time to question such disparity in treatment between two genders and to bring about changes that suit this contemporary era. Yes, there are structural differences that are gifted by God to us and such differences are making this world beautiful. Accepting the limits of our natural abilities and developing other abilities we are weak at, to make happy and safe life is important for both the genders. Women should learn to be physically strong to smash down anyone who advances on her forcefully and men should learn to be soft in dealing with delicate things. She should become vigilant to grab every opportunity to make a good career and he should be aware of his responsibility in making a happy family. And hence the list of learning goes on. One should teach the other about their strengths and to develop their weak areas from the other gender. With this learning comes the balance of qualities, while also accepting the beauty in their differences.

We need to express our deep respect for the women who made their roads into fields which were once meant only for men. They are the people who broke all logical analysis in differentiating men and women. Today's world is in need of more people to serve in the so called men dominated fields like entrepreneurship, politics, journalism, science and technology. This demand can never be met if half of the population of this world are kept away. Though women are entering new fields of work which once were thought impossible for them to enter, their number is very insignificant. This is not the question of capabilities they possess, but the question of facility, comfort and safety that they are provided with. The number of women at managerial level, in scientist groups, in army and other high profiled jobs is low. Only, when women increase their share in such work will the world grow in a balanced way.

What it takes to increase this share is just the change of those old odd perspectives that don't suit this contemporary world. Cultural, traditional and social barriers that draw lines for freedom and free will of women should be erased and this is all that it takes to increase the share of services of half of this world's population and to make a better and balanced world.

CONCLUSION

The change in mind-set should start first from us (women), since we are the people who play a vital role in child's learning and in development of their behaviour. Women are beautiful but not brainless. Media and society have to stop attributing women to beauty alone and women themselves have to save them from this ideology and should prove their wit. Educated women have a lot of responsibility in changing this mind-set of people. It is important to show it more in actions than in words. It is no surprise that there are many girls now taking badminton training inspired by the life and achievements of Saina Neh

hwal and chess coaching inspired by KoneruHampi.It is surely difficult to be the first one in our society, family or group to get into a new career or a starter, but it is our success and hard work that inspires many a people. Given to this world full of opportunities, all it takes for a woman to prove herself is courage, commitment and a logical brain.

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