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CHILDREN

Children are not owned.

To be used as adornments.

Neither as pawns.

They are not here to fulfill our dreams

They, as free spirits, have a right to their own.

We must not bind them to us,

Nor make them subject to our fears.

They did not come here for our own needs,

That our desires be fulfilled.

They must be guided, educated, to

Make their own way, in their own world.

They chose it, created it,

They are souls with free will,

Put in our trust and care for a brief time.

They are not ours, by us owned.

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A thought of the day in passing . . .

NARCISSIST CHILDREN

We have whole generations of narcissists since the era of Freud and the birth of psychology. Essentially, it's a me, me, me and mine view of reality. Its all about me, and what was done to me, through no fault of my own, and it was not enough, they could have done better, egocentric mind-set.

In a child oriented society, we have increasingly revered the care and self esteem of children, and relegated all faults to parents, surrogates and society for every possible failing, and at the expense of character, self reliance, personal responsibility and preparedness for life of the individual, and the greater good of society.

The '*children*', realizing they have the world 'by the horns', want to be dependent children their entire lives. They feel entitled to this. Why not, it has always been the case, so society, or their parents, must owe it to them. Such grown up '*children*' take little responsibility for themselves; their behavior, character, achievement or the lack thereof. They tend to place the blame on their parents and society for all that happens to them; and society not only goes along with it but actively propagates this kind of thinking. Moreover, far too many such spoiled '*children*' are returning . . . into adulthood. . . middle age . . . with demands and expectations of aging parents and of a society generally having less, and probably all their lives been given less, than they.

Is the preceding generation (the parents) guilt ridden or masochists, cowering before the current view, or just needy of affection and a life of their own, that such behavior has been produced and put up with? Is it any wonder, due to such misconception of the ideals of love, tolerance, equality and 'right behavior' that America is drifting into its decline and bankruptcy as a nation? Should it surprise that *license* has begun to reign in our streets, governance and courts; and that a large portion of the country has opted for a 'nanny society'? It began with the parents and children.

Render unto God that which is God's and to man that which is man's.

The Truth is, children are more than understood to be. We have many varieties of karma. The generally known ones are:

- Soul karma; that which we brought from our personal history of past lives.
- Family karma; from the line we have, *generally with choice*, been born into.
- World karma; that of the generation and era we are born into.
- Add to this; the family and environmental education.
- Add to this; our individual reactions to all the above, which ongoing is creating new karma, and we approach a clearer picture of how things are.

Precisely, how we react to all the above, most of which of our own making, is *highly subjective* and will vary with each soul.

Additionally, some to most of it, will be left to our own determination in the exercise of our free will in the here and now.

In short, much is up the individual. That understood, we can do better in our small part as parents and educators in this. We must not promote dependency. A society is a group of individual *souls*; and only as strong and prepared for life as its individuals. We must not lower the bar of personal achievement to appease the weakest links and make everyone alike and comfortable in their sameness in disregard of diversity, excellence and personal responsibility. It is good to provide 'a leg up' and help in some circumstances and for a limited time; but primarily help should be given through *opportunity*, not handouts and a leveling of the rest.

We were born unique individuals; we will die as individuals, not in a manmade mass. *In death we exist as Oneness.* God knew what He was doing.

**This is in response to a long overdue conversation we are having, sparked by articles in 'The New York Times' and 'New York Post' on the recent book; The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua, and our lessened standing in education and the world*

generally. I should add I have not read Ms Chua's book; and the views briefly given here are taken from my past writings and current thoughts on a subject that could do well with a free exchange of common wisdom.

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