

LET'S FIGHT FOR THE CHANCE

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hat is a man, and what is a woman? What makes a man a man, and what makes a woman a woman? The question could be also reversed. What makes a man not a man, and what makes a woman not a woman? One often wonders if there are any clear cut answers to these questions.

One thing for sure is that, what distinguishes males from females is their physiological formation. Their muscle formation is different, their hormones are different, and most distinguishably, their sexual organs are different. As it is, men are physiologically stronger than women. Due to the more heavily built muscle formation of males, it is a general fact that males are the physiologically stronger sex. This has given males a push since the beginning of time when physiological strength was the most important means of survival. Going back to the theory of the survival of the fittest, in the older ages men were the fittest. They were the survivors, and women had to trod along, depending on them for security, or running away for shelter from them, from their hostility. Ever since then, societies have been built, bearing the mentality that males are superior and females are inferior. But times have changed, and centuries have passed, and technologies have risen, and the rules for survival have changed. The fittest is not the physiologically stronger anymore. The mental being of a person now plays the main role, which gives women an equal opportunity to become superior as well. Men are still one step ahead, since they have had time on their side. But the fight has begun and feminist movements have been established in the fight to be equal to men.

Many women, however, are fighting to be equal to men when the fight should be for the right to be a woman, who could very well be different from a man and still be considered a human being without being labeled under a stereotype image. Men should not be the criterion for women to look up to. Women should establish themselves as women and let the ball play in their own court. The fight should be against society that has imprinted these labels. There is no need for a war. There is no need for the theory of the survival of the fittest. There is only a need for society in itself to start acknowledging existence from a humanistic sense so that there is no need to think of differences as weaknesses and strengths but rather as a growing dependency from all sides with the aim of completing and complementing each other. Just as men have physiological strength, they have other weaknesses, and just as women have physiological weaknesses, they have other strengths. So, the fight should be against stereotypes. All wars have always started from the theory of the survival of the fittest, disregarding the fact that the fittest may be the weakest in one aspect or another. One might win when the thing he is fittest at is prominent, but what will happen if it stops being so? Who will win then? We always prefer war to the theory of completion. We tend to forget that we exist to complete one another.

In conclusion, what is a man but a human being, and what is a woman but another human being? Not being a man is not being human, but the same goes for not being a woman. Men and women can be anything they want to be if all are given the chance to be human. Let's fight for this chance, let's not fight among the sexes.

ACCORDING TO LOGIC

Well ..

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A man is a woman's destiny. A woman is a man's destiny. Destiny is destiny So, what am I doing here? This is not a man's opinion. Nor a woman's. This is an opinion.

I was told at school that women are the "enemies"...

Later on ... that they are also "stupid"...
"Narrow minded" ... "selfish" ... "dirty" ...

According to logic ...
This means that my mother is selfish, narrow minded, and stupid. And this also means that my friend is like this and later on, that my wife and daughter are also the same.

According to the same logic ...

This means that I am surrounded by idiots.

And this also means that I am superior.

I am better than them, more intelligent, and have a more secure background.

In three words, I am the best. The King. Superman. So, they are guided by me and I am their destiny and hope.

To tell you the truth. I know myself better than that.
And according to this logic I will be living in the wrong place with the wrong people.
And my whole world is fake and unreal and I will need help as soon as possible.

A woman is a man's destiny ... and an opinion.

If an opinion is an opinion.

Destiny of a man is destiny of a woman.

Destiny is destiny but man is not a woman.

So, according to an opinion or any other logic:

A man can form an opinion. A woman can form an opinion, too.

Why not forming one opinion according to one logic?

It takes two to open up any kind of conversation. It takes one to stop it.

So, A man is a woman's destiny ... and an opinion.