

Humanities I

Unit 4. The Place of Women

It is apparent from the passage and the information given that the Athenians valued the utmost development of one's natural capacities, and so encouraged women to seek perfection in raising children and running a household. Consider the counterpart to the Athenian wife - a modern mother who is also providing her family with a sizeable part of its domestic economy. Women, today, are given every opportunity to find roles outside the home. Consider the differences described and weigh your opinions carefully in respect of the following questions.

1a Is it justifiable for a woman to continue a career after having her family? When would this be justifiable, and in what certain cases would this not be justifiable? What makes the difference and exception?

2a What are a) the national divorce figures, b) what is the effect on children of divorced parents, c) what are the national, and in particular, large city area figures for child neglect, d) seek information of psychiatric facts concerning youth crime (or delinquency) as a result of lack of parental care.

3a Gather all information possible on The Womens Liberation Movement. How exactly, would you define a good woman - is there, for example, some desirable attribute applicable to a woman which would not apply to a man? In view of your ideas, opinions and definitions on this subject, how would you, now define a good relationship between a man and his wife? What qualities do you look for in choosing a mate? What role does love or sexual attraction play in the choice of a marriage partner? What are your opinions on "trial marriage"? Are there consequences to "trial marriage" that may be considered "unfortunate"?

4 What, do you imagine, may be the forecast results of total sexual freedom?

The questions you have been asked here, concern your human condition and the condition of others most profoundly. It is to be hoped that you will consider all these questions with the utmost sincerity and seriousness, and come to a better understanding of your own position in these matters as a result of this examination and investigation.