

Motherhood

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Motherhood: the incredibly journey to God!

Have you ever wanted to be invincible? Have you ever wanted the power to see through walls? Have you ever wanted to have super powers? Have you ever imagined yourself traveling through time? Then come with me to explore the principles, promises and practices of the greatest profession on earth. THIS one is the REAL 'oldest profession'. Motherhood has been around longer than anything. In fact, Adam had a mother. We haven't met her yet, but I know she's there, because you don't have a child without a mother. It just isn't done. Yes, I know that it isn't written anywhere that I know of, but I know it just like I know I have a right hand.

Never doubt your intuition. This is MY intuition. I know that Adam had a mother. What's your intuition? Do you ever doubt it? Some of us never do anything else! Wow. If I did not believe my own intuition, I would be dead for one thing. For another, my life would be an endless succession of abuses. A mother cannot survive without her intuition. People make fun of it, it's true. Sometimes women are made to feel that their intuition is a useless, made-up excuse for thinking. Banish those ideas for good. They have no place in the new world of belief in yourself.

Intuition is a gift from a loving God to these most important of beings who, in the face of all the odds against them, still find a way to have that stare-down with death called birth and get back up and fight the inhumanity, ignorance, neglect and hardship that characterize so many of their lives. Are you one of those people? I am. I am happy to say that I am a mother. I own motherhood like some people own priesthood. The difference is that motherhood is a calling you are born with. No one has to give you permission to take it on. There are few regulations and even fewer instructions. Scripture, thanks to some very interesting and creative interpretations, has sometimes been less than supportive. It's no wonder that there are some of us who would like to take on priesthood. For one thing, there is a huge amount of scriptural support. It's really cool to be one of the 'chosen'. Mothers, on the other hand, starting with Eve, have historically speaking been blamed for all the ills of life.

At last, in this, the twenty-first century, there is a body of thought and speech and action that actually is supportive of women and their role as mothers. Motherhood is THE most important job on the planet. I can live without a priest, but I would not even exist without a mother. Not only that, but Motherhood is the foundation of ANY society. Motherhood also implies Fatherhood. Without this cooperative, supportive relationship, you have only chaos. But worse than that, you have children who have no one who cares, no where to go, no foundation, no sense of who they are, no peace in their hearts, no reason to live. I realize that these are bold statements. But they are true. Not only have I learned this, but I have lived it. I know from my study and I know from my life. Motherhood cannot be underestimated or underrated or demeaned or degraded or neglected or ignored or sabotaged without the most dire consequences on children and society. Don't do it. Period.