

THE DISTINCTION OF WOMEN IN A FAMILY

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Abstract: A woman plays the role of a mother, sister, friend, mother-in-law and wife. Her part in the lives of human beings is crucial. We can't move forward without the help of a woman in our lives. But such a woman is now in danger in the present society. Many people are going for infanticide ignoring the role of her. If we observe the contemporary society many untoward incidents are taking place towards the woman like rapes, acid attacks, discrimination etc. Most of the women don't feel secure because of this kind of incidents. They fear to go out alone onto the roads. There are many laws to protect the weaker sex from such incidents. Even though, we are not able to stop human trafficking, rapes etc. Many women every day harassed by the men in many forms. In every day news papers, we may come across many terrific facts that show the strength of our laws and rulers.

Katharine Tynan, one of the modern poets, beautifully explained the role played by her as a woman in her poem 'Any Woman'.

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Introduction:

"Women are leaders everywhere you look—from the CEO who runs a Fortune 500 company to the housewife who raises her children and heads her household. Our country was built by strong women, and we will continue to break down walls and defy stereotypes." —Nancy Pelosi

It is understood from the point of view of Nancy Pelosi who is a Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and served as the 60th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2007 to 2011. She is the only woman to have served as the House Speaker and to date is the highest-ranking female politician in American history. She raised her voice in the American parliament against the shackles that stop the growth of women. During her speech, she discussed the historical importance of being the first female to hold the position of Speaker to the House of Representatives:

"This is a historic moment – for the Congress and for the women of this country. It is a moment for which we have waited more than 200 years. Never losing faith, we waited through the many years of struggle to achieve our rights. But women weren't just waiting; women were working. Never losing faith, we worked to redeem the promise of America, that all men and women are created equal. For our daughters and granddaughters, today, we have broken the marble ceiling. For our daughters and our granddaughters, the sky is the limit, anything is possible for them".⁽ⁱ⁾

The status of women in India has been subject to many great changes over the past few millennia. From equal status with men in ancient times, through the low points of the medieval period, to the promotion of equal rights by many reformers, the history of women in India has been eventful. In modern India, women have held high

offices in India including that of the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of the Lok Sabha and Leader of the Opposition.

In my present piece of paper, my author, **Katharine Tynan** also emphasized the role of woman as a woman in the family in her poem, "any woman" which consists of six stanzas. She has written this poem in the first person point of view and mentioned it "I" referring to herself. And she made it a general by the title 'Any woman' though she referred herself throughout the poem. In the first stanza of her poem, she compared herself (woman) to a pillar in the house and the key stone of arch. If we remove the pillar, the building will fall down. Even we remove the key stone in the beautiful arch, it will be ruined. So also a family will be ruined if there is no woman in a family. Woman plays many roles and takes many responsibilities in the family that no other man can do.

In the second stanza, she described herself (woman) as fire on the fire place and as light on the good sun. We may understand from her description that she is crucial to all the like the sun without which no creature can survive. We need heat and light for the livelihood and growth. Here, woman also plays such a vital role in the society to enlighten the men. Woman gives warm to the family like the sun at all the times by being cool.

Into the third stanza, she continues her theme of heat and warm. She remarked that the children warm their hands at her as she is the light of their love. She lives on the love of her children and family. Without her presence, the children can't live.

In the fourth stanza, she described herself (woman) as a twist or curl that holds the sacred ring of family. She restricted all the children not to cross the ring .i.e limits by tying them with the bonds of love and affection. She looks after them by not letting the children to go astray or wandering.

In the fifth stanza, she described herself (woman) as the house. It means that she is present everywhere in the house from a trivial thing to every important thing in the family. She is there in cleaning the house, sewing curtains, cleaning floor and roof, in decorating walls, spreading the board and even cleaning the bed room by changing bed sheets.

In the last and sixth stanza, she described how she protects her family. She will be a wall against all danger. She will be a door to protect them from the wind and snow. Though she is in manger, she feels comfortable and prays god to give her long life to protect her family. She always thinks of her family wherever she is.

Conclusion: It is a known fact that women are intelligent, hard-working and efficient in work. They put heart and soul together in whatever they undertake. Women are competing successfully with men in all the spheres of life. There are many women striving very hard to reach highest efficiency and perfection in the administrative work. Their integrity of character is probably better than men. Generally, it was found that women are less susceptible to corruption in form of bribery and favoritism. They are not only sweet tongued but also honest, efficient and punctual in their jobs as receptionists, air-hostesses and booking clerks at railway reservation counters. As a matter of fact, they are gradually monopolizing the jobs of receptionists and air-hostesses.

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