

The Sequel Of Remiss Parent Turns Out To Reckless Children In Isabel Allende's Violeta

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Abstract

This article is an attempt to argue the negligence of fewer parents in raising up their children. The consequences of remiss attitude in parents ends up in raising a reckless child. Being irresponsible, children are not ready to accept any challenges in their life. It leads to a great nemesis in their career as it lessens their morale in handling the frantic states. In the present societal life, the significance of unisex is perceived by everyone but the complication is the lack of guidance to raise the children. In the contemporary world parents are living with their children in the identical domicile but they opinionated to live in a different arena. Efforts have been made through this paper to establish the setbacks of parents with the support of novels from literature. Some characters of this research paper voluntarily confess their inaccuracy and discloses their lenience. The researcher takes an effort to disclose the fact hanging behind the issues between parents and children. The Researcher made personal interviews with some mothers from the contemporary society to navigate through the topic. The Researcher also went through the novels to justify the title of the research paper with appropriate scenario. Many articles related to the topic was also analyzed. The examination on the sequel of activities by parents followed by the children's behavior creates awareness and advance both parents and children for the contemporary world.

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Family plays a notable role in molding the temperament of a person. It is the predominant place where a child gets its first education. It renders a primitive support for an individual in all aspects. It teaches the individual to value numerous things in the society and helps them in believing several sensational aspects like class, races, gender, sexual variations and also it escalates a person's personality in the progress of their life. There are different types of families and the attribution of the family depends on its members who cling to it. In the contemporary world there are various types of families, they are nuclear family, extended

family, blended family, single – parent family, same sex family, childless family, adoptive family and foster family. Whatever the name it bears, the concept it renders is to live with the blood relation of different family members. In the contemporary world there is a billion dollar question, “What is family?”. The definite answer for this question was not framed by any individual. But beyond this family plays indispensable role in constructing the mannerism of a child from its birth. The Child learns to speak, crawl, walk and behave from the members of the family. The New Mexico’s Memorial Task Force on Children and Families and the Coalition for Children’s definition of family states family as follows:

We all come from families. Families are big, small, extended, nuclear, and multigenerational, with one parent, two parent, and grandparents, we live under one roof or many or none. A family can be as temporary as a few weeks, as permanent as forever, we become part of a family by birth, adoption, marriage, or from a desire for mutual support. As family members, we nurture, protect and influence one another. Families are dynamic and are cultures unto themselves, with different values and unique ways of realizing dream. Together, our families become the source of our rich cultural heritage and spiritual diversity. Each family has strengths and qualities that flow from individual members and from the family as a unit. Our families create neighborhoods, communities, states and nations. (Mooney-Doyle, L. Marsac, G. Miller, A. Deatrack & A. Alderfer 2022)

The parents should primarily follow three most important thing in rearing up child which will surely help a child in the future perspectives. Initially the parent must know the value of using the word “NO” with the children which will definitely be a motivation for the kid in the future. The parent should forcibly inculcate the child about the capability of the family. It helps the child to learn money management too, if the parents say “Yes” in all situation without any restriction they may adopt to that situation and fail to accept the negativity in their life which should be taught to them in their childhood. This should be the primary concern of a parent in child upbringing. Secondly, it is the duty of the parent to teach the moral values from the family it seems, parent should avoid fighting and using abusive words in front of the child because this will be registered in their subconscious mind which they might use in their conversation later that brings disgrace to them. It will also affect their personality as an individual in the society. Thirdly, there was a practice in our culture to threaten and elude the child for doing good practices in childhood but this will be like the negative notion of parents. Parents unknowingly educating the child to be a negative person in the society. The Child may take this as a bad example and they learn the habit of cheating from the parents. All these three appears to be very simple issue while we go through but it is very serious matter to be taken as a talk in the contemporary society and primary thing to be purposely avoided by the parent. Because it will degrade the quality of the children in the society. In particular the girl child must be given proper sex education for their finer life style in this society.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Bible: Proverbs 22:6)

Nurturing a child with good stance relies on the hands of parents. Parenting occupies the major role in the life cycle of human. It mends a lucid way for the development of a kid. Good parenting is the sequel of the child with sound health and wealth. Parents should be the patron saints for their children. They should inculcate the problems solving techniques and encourage open communication of their children, this will avoid the communication gap and

misunderstandings. It also ensures a good parent-children relationship. This sort of exertions given by the parents will surely replicate on the behavior of a child.

The most precious thing one can lend their Children is their pricy time. When one person is giving their moment, they are actually sharing a portion of their memoir that they can witness in the rest of their children's life.

The American writer Isabel Allende portrayed her heroine Violeta vividly, in her novel *Violeta*, in which Violeta is recounting her own life to her grandson through letters. She explains her life for a century from 1920 to 2020 with the series of matters faced by her as a daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She as a daughter was pampered by her father. But when she witnessed her father's suicidal fate, it affected her psyche. She trusted that the healing power for all her issues rests on the soul of Miss Josephine Taylor, her Governess. From the time of her birth Violeta was not allowed to be free in view of the fact of pandemic. She was under the clutch of her father, in the name of safety. She was not allowed to move outside like her brother, it bruised her a lot, this pain was within her for a long time. It was escalated further with the death of her father. After the death of her father the family moved to Nahuel, a place where they found their heaven. They were sheltered by the Rivas family. Violeta spent her maximum of best time at Santa Clara. At Nahuel, the family decided to send Violeta to boarding school, but she refused it by saying,

I announced that if they sent me away to school, I'd escape and they'd never see me again. I learn more here than at any dumb school. (Allende, 2023, p.72)

Next to her governess Miss Josephine Taylor, she was mentored by Mr. and Mrs. Rivas. She travelled with them to various places to educate the children who were potentially weak to get education. This was evidenced by the statement of Miss Taylor that,

You don't need me anymore, Violeta, now that you will be living with two wonderful teachers. (Allende, 2023, p.63)

Torito always stayed with Violeta with the fatherly care and support her throughout her life till his death. Violeta often used to scream at night as a result of her terrifying nightmare which was always first witnessed by Torito in the house, he rushed instantaneously towards her for consoling through the following words,

Sleep my little girl, go to sleep, the bogeyman is gone and won't come back. (Allende, 2023, p.78)

She was also a victim of sexual assault which bored a profound wound in her heart, which urges her to have a support in her life, this leads the way for her to choose her mate Fabian Schmidt Engler, a German immigrant veterinarian. They lived a contented life but she was not prego for many years which affected her a lot. The inquiry posed over her by the society bruised her literally, and it blend with her psychological problem and diverted her from normal life. She accidentally got a glimpse at Julian Bravo, a Danish pilot and fell in love with him which was not known by her husband. This way of living contaminated, not only her life but also her children. As she gave more importance to physical pleasure, she failed to mend her daughter in the right way. Nieves like her father Julian has adventurous thoughts and started to follow the lifestyle of him. Violeta with her futile efforts couldn't change the path of Neives. Neives began to be very abnormal in her moral behavior and social conducts, which results in addiction of drugs too. As Violeta and Julian Bravo failed to do their duty as parents their daughter suffered in her life. Violeta went back to number of

partners like Julian which results in the death of her daughter. Violeta failed to give her valuable time to her daughter, which diverted her from day today life. This fact was accepted by Violeta in her book which states as follows,

I might have failed Juan Martin and Nieves as a mother because I was too caught up in my passion and my work, but I've been a good mother to you, Camilo. (Allende, 2023, p.312)

Violeta deliberately mourned for the death of her daughter through the following words,

I Felt like I'd been emptied out from the inside, I was a bloody cavity, I couldn't breathe, my bones were made of wax, my soul had taken flight. (Allende, 2023, p.206)

But her grief can't be paid. It was a late realization, she failed to stand by her daughter's side when Neives needed her moral support. A thing which was obtained late after its mere need ended is valued for nothing. Violeta got similar kind of anger over herself in two situations, one was during the death of her mother and another during the death of her daughter. She failed to be a perfect daughter and mother for the above relations. This was stated her as follows,

I was angry over the opportunities we missed to be mother and daughter. (Allende, 2023, p. 100)

In case of her son Juan Martin also she reminded as a passive person and never mend him the way he needed. Though she failed to be a good responsible mother for her children, she promised her grandson that she will remain a good mother to him. Failing as a mother results in spoiled life of her daughter. She couldn't raise her daughter in a disciplined way, she never tried to spend time with her and even haven't freely conversed with her. Violeta was focused in her own passion instead of anticipating about the well-being of her children. The dominance of daughter over the mother made Violeta indescribable. She gained the wonderful life education from Mr. and Mrs. Rivas which she failed to impart in her own life and the upbringing of her children. Violetta realized her mistake as an irresponsible mother which results in reckless perspective of her daughter, which was stated by her as follows,

I recalled my poor daughter, her tragic life, the drugs, the poverty, the prostitution, Joe Santoro dead from a bullet to the back of the head, Nieves's fear of her father, and Juan Martin's. I also remember the beatings and humiliations of the past, the Mafia henchmen, the CIA agents, the rolls of bills and the guns, his connection to the dictatorship. How could I have let all that happen? (Allende, 2023, p.256)

She also tells Camilo that if she returns to Earth after demise she will amend all her mistakes,

I was born in 1920, during the influenza pandemic, and I'm going to die in 2020, during the outbreak of coronavirus. What an elegant name for such a terrible scourge. I've lived a century and I have a good memory, in addition to seventy-something diaries and thousands of letters as evidence of my passage through this world. I've witnessed many events, I've amassed a lot of experience, but either because I was too distracted or too busy, I haven't acquired much wisdom. If reincarnation is real, I'll have to return to Earth to

make up for what I'm lacking. It's a terrifying prospect. (Allende, 2023, p. 313)

In her life Violeta faced many difficulties which she clearly mentioned in her novel. It is divided into four chapters. They are entitled as Exile, Passion, Absence and Rebirth. In all the phases of her living, she faced a lot of setbacks.

Allende tackles topics such as sexual assault, grief, poverty, domestic abuse, natural disaster, addiction, homophobia, and political unrest in her heartfelt prose, to name a few. The closeness we feel with Violeta makes these subjects feel all the more real and painful. (McManus, 2022, p. 56)

In the contemporary world parents are fulfilling all the wishes of their children. Parents should be more conscientious in giving freedom to the children. Bringing up the children is the most determining job one can do in their life, it should be done effectively. While bringing up the children the parents should sacrifice certain things for the well-being of their kids. Handling Juvenility is not an easiest chore, more care must be given, as children are not ready to come out of their reverie, caution must be there while handling them. Parents can teach the children to be responsible by setting up situations practically. With the developments of technology children are desperado in handling the situations.

This situation was encountered in another work titled *Mahaswetha* by Sudha Murthy. Girija was a very irresponsible girl and she had many bad conducts which was remitted by her sister-in-law Anupama. Radhakka being remiss believed her daughter but Girija used it to cheat her and spent her time lavishly with imprudent companions. The main reason for her behavior was her mother Radhakka who supports her daughter blindly against her daughter-in-law. Radhakka was very negligent in molding her daughter's character.

The nature of Girija was so annoying that Anupama found her most undisciplined child in the house. The lies are always in her talk with her mother when she convinced her for college field trip, which was never organized by her college. (Navgire, 2021, p. 138)

The reason at the rear of such kind of perception of a girl was her mother's despire towards her daughter-in-law. This corrupted her daughter's life. The remiss character of the mother leads to the reckless behavior of Girija. Not only Radhakka but also Shamanna failed to do his duty as a responsible father in the case of his daughter Anupama,

Sabakka in this story remained loyal for her daughters but failed to do so towards Anu. Shamanna lost his power and failed to stand by his daughter side. (Sundaram, 2024, p. 276)

Also, the behavior of Dr. Anand towards Anu was a result of his upbringing. His mother failed to teach him the way he should behave towards a woman. This was proved by his own statement,

Whatever I have done was wrong, but the time that I have lost cannot be recovered. (Murty, 2007, p. 128)

Even though parents provide freedom for decision making to children, they must be conscious of their decision in all stages of their life, which gives the best citizens to the society. In the observation conducted by the researcher one can come to a conclusion that parents must be valiant to address the flaws of their children. Based on the observation made everyone believe that the character of parents will be reflected in children, but in actual life

the character of an individual is definitely be influenced by the factors like family, society and by person himself. It is the responsibility of the parents to take proper actions to mend the children in the right path. Parents should be the driving force of all their pursuits, which will drive them successfully.

Acceptance of reality will help us to lead a satisfactory life. It is very important to note that God's plans are always different and He will not abandon the affected or victimized souls. (Mahalakshmi, 2024, p. 39)

From the above opined words, it is evident that God has all the plans for our survival in the world but it is the responsibility of each and every individual to frame a prolific life of their own and also the life of their kinship. It harmonizes the negligence and irresponsibility in the life of humans naturally. The Potential consequences of poor parenting are subjected to problems related to behavior, emotional imbalance, difficulty in facing the society and feeling isolation, lack of improvement in academics, ready to take all kind of risks. The above-mentioned list encountered the problems which exist for a short duration of time. There are also some kinds of issues which long lasts, they are physical health retortion, mental illness, inferiority complexes, addiction to drugs, strained family relationships. The Clash between the tradition and modernity is the major problem for today's child upbringing. It could be sensed that the modern generation is in Elysia. They set a boundary for them and hesitates to come out of it. This leads to the lack of familial bonding, sentiments and emotions which forms the basic ground for humanity. A Good citizen will definitely be the result of best parenting. The Parents may encourage the good conducts of children through regular praise and appraisal. Parents may focus on the needs of the child. Most importantly parents should know to manage their time with their children, so that the child will not suffer from loneliness. This is a very important one because the child who is alone for hours will expose themselves in various platforms which lead them to wrong pathway. Though the children is being educated in schools, it is the duty of the parents to teach their children with basic etiquettes at home, in which selfcare is the most notable one. No other job is more difficult or tougher than being a parent. Thus, parents must pay attention to the progress of the life of their children in all stages of their life. Thus, Allende portrays of Violeta imbibes a very critical note about parenting and the consequences of remiss parenting.

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