







# Isabel's critique

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Author	Message
<p><b>isabel</b></p> <p>Joined: 07 May 2007 Posts: 12</p>	<p>Posted: Tue May 08, 2007 6:10 am Post subject: Other Stuff Going On.  <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">edit</a>  <a href="#">IP</a></p> <hr/> <p>I came to this site through the Alice Miller site on Wikipedia. I was very interested in the articles and I found that I did not disagree with them. I liked the way that they were written; with clarity, insight and intelligence. I described them to my partner, as like a 'crystal'. But like a crystal I generally found them too hard and too absolute.</p> <p>I want to say that there is other stuff going on all the time which does not directly implicate our parents. For example the pressure put on conjoined twins, ethnic cleansing and war. Illness. Slavery.</p> <p>Isabel.</p>
<p><b>Daniel Mackler</b> Site Admin</p> <p>Joined: 03 Aug 2006 Posts: 523 Location: New York City</p>	<p>Posted: Fri May 18, 2007 4:05 pm Post subject: Re: Other Stuff Going On.  <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">edit</a>  <a href="#">IP</a></p> <hr/> <p>Hi Isabel – and to the other new members who have joined!</p> <p>Sorry it's taken me so long to come here and reply. I've been negligent with this forum lately – so, so, so busy!!! It's good to see discussion has come to life here, and I have been reading it – just haven't had the mental energy to jump into the discussion. Finally, I have a free break!</p> <p><b>isabel wrote:</b></p> <div data-bbox="425 1104 1479 1167" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><p>I was very interested in the articles and I found that I did not disagree with them. I liked the way that they were written; with clarity, insight and intelligence.</p></div> <p>Thanks.</p> <p><b>isabel wrote:</b></p> <div data-bbox="425 1314 1479 1377" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><p>I described them to my partner, as like a 'crystal'. But like a crystal I generally found them too hard and too absolute.</p></div> <p>Yes, I would say I'm going for "crystal." And I can't say that I present "the whole" story in my essays. I do have a particular focus. Perhaps if I wanted to do a lot more writing I would take the "crystals" and set them in rings – or place them in mosaics or in a sculpture...</p> <p><b>isabel wrote:</b></p> <div data-bbox="425 1577 1479 1661" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><p>I want to say that there is other stuff going on all the time which does not directly implicate our parents. For example the pressure put on conjoined twins, ethnic cleansing and war. Illness. Slavery.</p></div> <p>I hear your point. Abusive parents are not the only issue – but I do see them as the primary one, above and beyond all else. And as parents do choose to create their children, they hold a responsibility above all else. Let me address your points one by one, because I think they each have a different level of validity.</p> <p><b>isabel wrote:</b></p>

For example the pressure put on conjoined twins,

Agreed – that could/would be very traumatic for a child, and that would be aside from the behavior of parents themselves. I’m not sure, though, in my website that I said unconditionally that parents were the ONLY things that ever traumatized children. Surely that would be a bit fanatical if I did... On the other hand, I would be curious to know what causes conjoined twins. I don’t know enough about it. Are older parents more likely to have conjoined twins? Parents taking certain drugs? Parents on alcohol? On fertility drugs? Just some ideas... Also, how parents treat their conjoined twins would have a dramatic effect on their twins’ abilities to deal with the difficulties inherent in being a conjoined twin. (I write this in part to show that I’m not entirely fanatical – just that I’ve written my essays for a very specific purpose – because most people SO easily and SO comfortably let parents and their traumatizing behavior off the hook.)

**isabel wrote:**

ethnic cleansing

True – but here (and I think I wrote about this more in the Baby’s Manifesto) I seriously question parents who have children when they’re living in volatile war zones or pre-war zones that are more rife for the potential of ethnic cleansing. In fact, I seriously question almost anyone anywhere nowadays who has a child... (Of course, that might only add fuel to the idea that I’m fanatical...aah!)

**isabel wrote:**

war.

Yes, true – but I think I address this more or less above.

**isabel wrote:**

Illness.

Yes, but I think again how parents deal with their children and the foundation they set dramatically influences how children (or later on, children who have grown to be adults) deal with illness. And also, how much of illness is just a psychosomatic expression of unresolved childhood trauma?

**isabel wrote:**

Slavery.

Yes – inherently traumatizing. I think, though, that if I were an enslaved parent I would do everything in my power to avoid having children. I am actually sickened by the idea of bringing children into the non-slavery world in which I live...

Again, welcome to the forum, Isabel!

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Daniel Mackler

*[Note: Isabel did not reply to this posting.]*