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BALANCED GENDER AND OPTIMAL-NEUROSURGERY

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Once upon a time and at the beginning of humanity, men were forced to face the existing danger outside their habitat for survival and in order to bring food to the whole family. Progressively, it became accepted by most civilization and religions that women's place was at home and only men were allowed to venture outside the house for search of family stability (food). Work place, being outside the perceived safe habitat, became ipso facto the dominion of male and it was very difficult for a woman to be accepted in this hostile environment. Very soon however, and sometime by accident, it was realised that women contributed tremendously to various aspects of progress of humanity though always under the shadow of men hence the saying "behind a great man there is always a great woman". With modernisation and urbanisation and particularly after the crucial female's contribution during the world war two, women were allowed to leave home for various jobs. They were however still segregated in term of salary and in term of promotion at their workplace. Few women still made it, but they had to exhibit male behaviour in order to survive into the world mostly dominated by male counterpart.

Later on, the feminist campaign for equality helped build the belief that men and women, on average, had exactly the same aptitudes. Men's and Women's brain were equivalent and they functioned differently because of various hormonal influences. This difference must be accepted, respected and cherished, because it is an asset and not a threat or liability. The important thing is to strive towards the result or solution, no matter the route or the speed by which males and females process information.

Psychological studies present evidence that males on average are biologically predisposed to systemise, to analyse, to be more aggressive, and to be more forgetful of others, while female on average are innately designed to empathise, to communicate, and to care for others. Male tend to think narrowly and obsess, while females are more intuitive, think broadly, taking into account balancing arguments. Women show also more originality, creativity and are more meticulous (Please note that these female's characters are found also in men but in a lower percentage and vice-versa).

Unfortunately, in job searches and promotions, men have been asking women to take tests, largely devised by males, that tend to overvalue masculine characteristics. These tests are discriminatory because they favour men and those women with masculine behaviour hence the low number of female in top job positions. If we reduced the premium we give to the character "aggression", more women would be present in sciences and for a better science. We must bear in mind this important truth, that science would be better served if we gave also more opportunity and power to the "gentle", the reflective, and the creative individuals of both sexes.



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