

“Mother” means...



Mother

The care of a mother is seen in every corner of creation, especially now in springtime! New life bursts forth from mothers all around the globe – baby sheep, baby kittens, baby birds – Babies.





The word "Mother" is, according to Webster's Dictionary,

A woman who conceives, gives birth to, or raises and nurtures a child; a female parent.

*Another definition is, "a woman who creates, originates, or founds something, as in '...the discovery of radium, which made Marie Curie **mother** to the Atomic Age.'"*





Marie Curie, 1892, begins her career as a scientist in Paris.



Marie Curie was the “mother” of the atomic age because of her complete devotion to science in the discovery of radium. In order to be called “mother,” she had to be one who found no rest in her quest of the subject.

For a mother, it is not an option or a luxury to devote all her time and energy to her offspring – it is a driving force. To “mother” is the **brooding instinct** in females that is responsible for the survival of not only the human race, but also much of

the animal kingdom as well.

In singing the praises of *The Biotech Century* by Jeremy Rifkin, *The New York Times* reported of a study done several years ago in 1998.

“At the University of Wisconsin, scientists genetically altered brooding turkey hens to increase their productivity. Brooding hens lay one-quarter to one-third fewer eggs than non-brooding hens. As brooding hens make up nearly 20 percent of an average flock, researchers were anxious to curtail the “brooding instinct” because “broodiness disrupts production and costs producers a lot of money.” By blocking the gene that produces the prolactin hormone, biologists were able to limit the natural brooding instinct in hens. The new breed of genetically engineered hens no longer exhibits the mothering instinct. They do, however, produce more eggs.”



Ethics and Genetic Engineering

The VOICE (Voice Of Irish Concern for the Environment) distances itself from some positions espoused by deep ecology, especially those which fail to acknowledge any unique place for human beings in the community of the living. Their insistence on the rights of other creatures and the integrity of the ecosystem as a whole must now become the context within which the ethical dimension of biotechnology must be discussed. Even now, biotechnologists are able to eliminate the **brooding instinct** in turkeys by blocking the gene that produces the prolactin hormone. **Non-brooding** turkeys are more productive than **brooding** birds, but is eliminating the mothering **instinct** in another creature morally justifiable?

[http://www.voice.buz.org/genetic_engineering/ethicsandge.html]

The amazing power of science will never cease to shock us. Now they have figured out how to block that deep instinct within creatures to care for their own young. Something that is so normal, so God-like, has now been permanently altered by one wave of the scientists' magic wand.

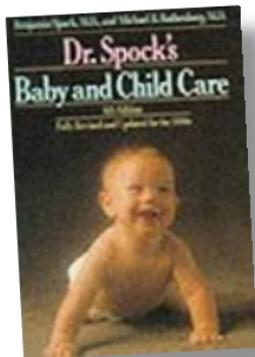
What will be next?



Dr. Spock

Well, it was not the magic wand of the laboratory scientist this time, but rather the strokes of the pen by a little-known pediatrician in the year 1946 — perfect timing for the baby boomer generation. Dr. Spock has since become a household god of a sort with his

little book, *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*. His views on anti-authoritarian discipline set the stage for the young people's rebellion of the Sixties and Seventies, where he took the lead in anti-war protests, even running for president in 1972 on a third party anti-war ticket. The honored doctor lived to age 95, dying just before the turn of the 21st century. His book is touted as having sold more copies than any other book except the Bible.



It is noteworthy that it is *that* Book, which still holds the first place — a Book which contradicts Dr. Spock's apparent child rearing wisdom.

And my, my — look at the number of psychotics that have arisen from Dr. Spock's flawed views on non-authoritarian child raising. The statistics on current levels of mental instability are unparalleled. We see rebellion in every form coming against the authority in schools and on the streets. Our policemen have been emasculated to the point where they are forced to passively follow criminals for hours begging them to please surrender. No one can tell anyone to do anything, lest they become guilty of violating their civil rights. Even the TV stations are forced to allow the most vulgar presentations



under the guise of “free speech.”

All this is fruit of the “non-authoritarian” form of child raising advocated by modern thinkers. While if the simple wisdom of “Mother” could have been heard, her gentle voice would have

revealed the “hands-on-wisdom” for which mothers of old have always been famous.

But sadly, the mother figure in the family has been persuaded to abdicate her rightful position to some misguided intellectuals who filled her chair and sent her off to be “fulfilled” in a professional career. But the Creator of the “brooding instinct” knew exactly what a child (and a baby turkey) needed from its mother.



During Dr. Spock’s long lifetime, his book would be translated into 39 languages and sell more than 50 million copies, making it second in sales only to the Bible.

The Scriptures make clear the Creator's heart for the child. A mothered child will be left with a deep and proper respect for authority. "Honor and respect your mother; obey her." That is what the top selling Book says. But so few listen these days! (Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1-3; Exodus 20:12 – which is one of the Ten Commandments.)

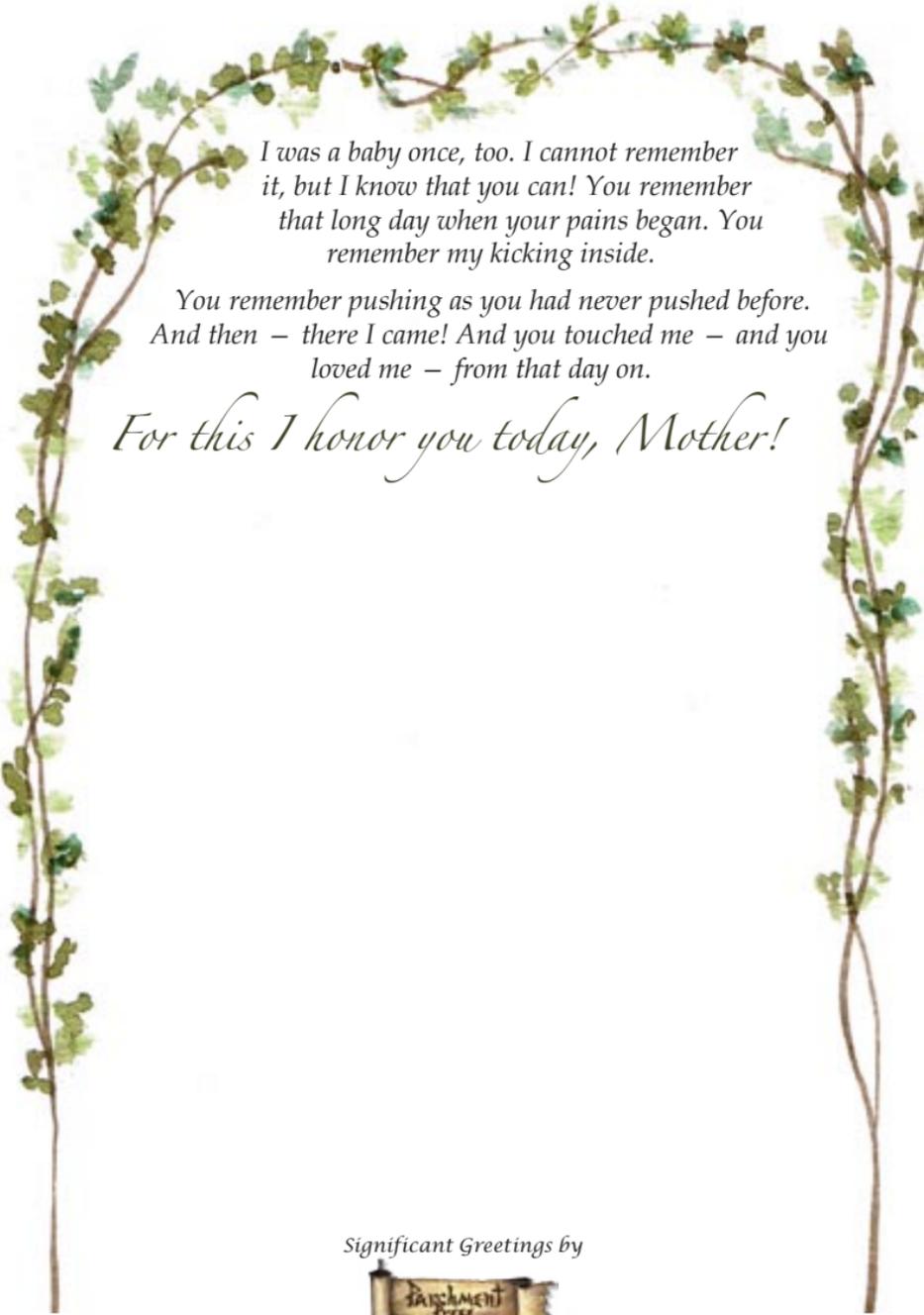
True mothers know instinctively how to raise children, and their deep love for their children cannot allow them to do things that will eventually cause them great harm. The brooding instinct in a mother must not be quenched by pseudo-scientific books by people who have no true understanding. The wisdom of the Bible has been proven by the test of time, bringing forth a great civilization of morally upright people, such as the founders of America. Yet today we find few such statesmen, few orators of their caliber, few of those whom we could call "our heroes." For the ethics under which this generation was "mothered" have obviously been "genetically modified," leaving the society to be run by substandard characters on both sides of the sociopolitical aisle.

But a mother could tell you where they err, if you will just take time to sit and listen to her.

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Down through history, the word **MOTHER** has come to mean many things. For “mothers” stand tall as those who suffer to gain a great prize and then give their all to raise that prize to fulfill its ultimate potential. Those are the great women — great mothers.





*I was a baby once, too. I cannot remember
it, but I know that you can! You remember
that long day when your pains began. You
remember my kicking inside.*

*You remember pushing as you had never pushed before.
And then – there I came! And you touched me – and you
loved me – from that day on.*

For this I honor you today, Mother!

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