

## **Fatherhood**

Fatherhood is the condition of having given birth to a child or children, male or female. Father must initiate the process of conception, with the creating force of his own sperm, and therefore he has traditionally been credited with a dominant power in the creative process. The implications of this traditional assumption are misleading, as when, in many societies, it comes down to nurturing the young. The father initiates the creation of offspring, but it is customarily left to the mother or other related females to care for and nurture the young, sometimes up to the stage of adulthood, sometimes simply past the stage of infancy.

Depending entirely on the developmental level of the society, fatherhood will be taken to imply the major governing, security-providing, and military functions of the society. Whether this assumption, about the superior functionality of fathers, has durable logic on its side, is questionable. In some countries, and in some corners of the female population, advances in technology and advances in income have coincided to lessen the burdens of the role of motherhood, and to provide for women regular access to education and jobs on the highest level. With the advances available to the female workforce, it will be necessary for us to review the changing profiles of fatherhood.

Among the new perspectives worth envisaging, for fatherhood in its new face, is a greater sharing with the female gender, in the overall creation of society. Sharing of domestic obligations, between the two genders, is already a widespread matter of fact. Most of our higher paying professional jobs are currently accessible on an equal basis to both genders.