***TEXT: The Feminine Urge to Freedom***

Woman has, through her reproductive ability, founded and perpetuated the tyrannies of the earth. Whether it was the tyranny or a monarchy, an oligarchy or a republic, the one indispensable factor of its existence was as it is now, hordes of human beings so plentiful as to be cheap, and so cheap that ignorance was their natural lot. Upon the rock of an unenlightened, submissive maternity have been founded; upon the product of such a maternity have they flourished….

The creators of over population are the women, who, while wringing their hands over each fresh horror, submit anew to their task of producing the multitudes who will bring about the next tragedy of civilization…

Woman’s passivity under the burden of her disastrous task was almost altogether that of ignorant resignation. She knew virtually nothing about her reproductive nature and less about the consequences of her excessive child bearing. It is true that, obeying the inner urge of their natures, some women revolted. They went even to the extreme of infanticide and abortion. Usually their revolts were not general enough .They fought as individuals, not as amass. In the mass they sank into blind hopeless subjection. They went on breeding with slaggering rapidly those numberless, undesired children who become the clogs, and the destroyers of civilization.

Today however, woman is rising in fundamental revolt. Even her efforts at mere reform are steps in that direction. Underneath each of them is the feminine urge to complete freedom. Millions of women are asserting their right to voluntary motherhood. They are determined to decide for themselves whether they shall become mothers, under what conditions and when? This is the fundamental revolt referred to. It is for woman the key to the temple of liberty.

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Vocabulary From Reading comprehension

Anew: again passages

Urge : reclamer