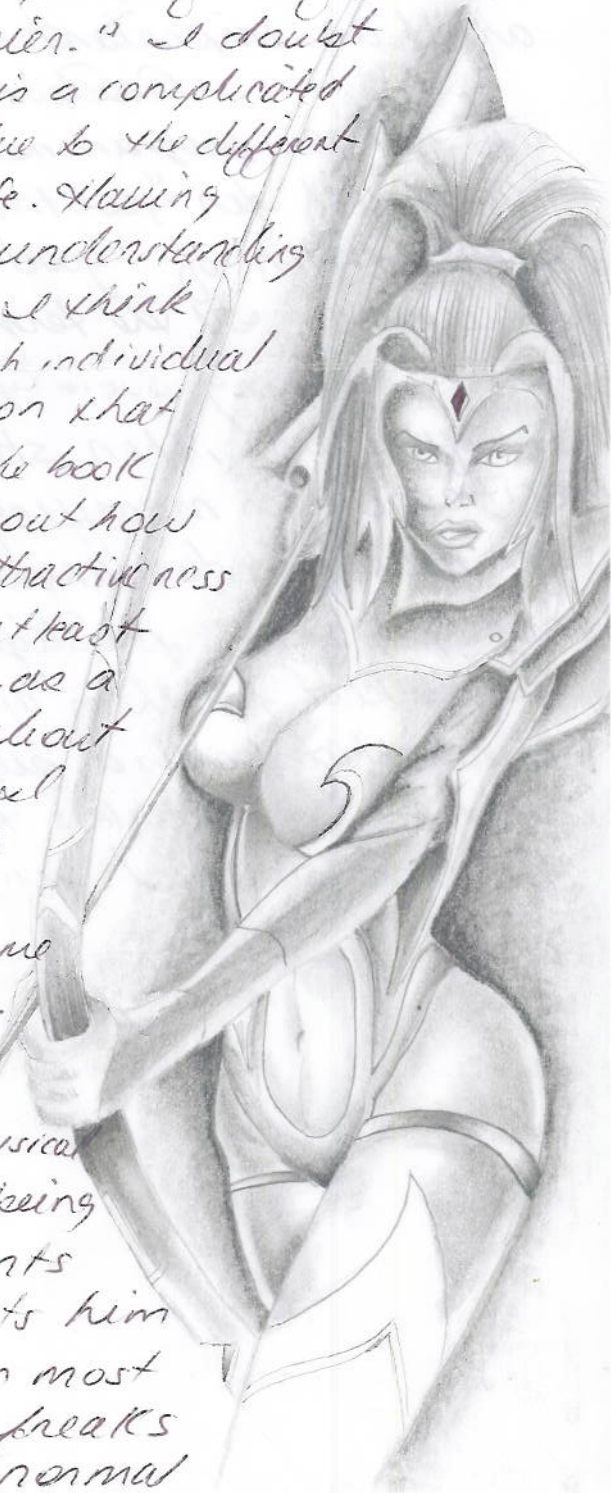


I'm reading a book by Louann Brongniere titled "The Female Brain". Something that has baffled us men since the beginning of time has, of course, been why men and women think differently. Men you think to yourself "if I only knew, it would make things so much easier." I doubt even that is true. The brain in general is a complicated machine. A woman's probably more so due to the different hormones, and fluctuations through her life. Having read the book I do feel I have a better understanding of how the brain/hormones work, but I think the psyche plays a big role too, and each individual mind is a whole other world. One question that has had me skeptical was answered in the book and made sense to me. The subject is about how a lot of women "claim" that physical attractiveness in a partner isn't that important. Or at least not at the top of the list. And you see, as a man who admittedly DOES care a lot about how his woman looks for a long time I didn't believe that. I thought women were just saying that to appear "non-judgmental" about looks. I'm sure some probably do say it for such reasons. I just couldn't believe that a woman didn't CARE about how a potential mate looked. I would argue that physical features do matter. Maybe not so much being handsome but I argue, a woman wants a man in decent health, right? Wants him with all 4 limbs, right? With all or most of his teeth. Sure maybe a couple of freaks don't care about ANY of that, but the normal people at least want the basics. The book made a good point about how the female brain is wired for survival for both her and her children; therefore a woman's primary concerns are food, shelter, and not being left to parent alone. Their looks are secondary to the necessities. Men on the other hand



2) are programmed to pass on their genes. As a result men look more at physical attractiveness as a sign of fertility and a good mate. whether or not you believe in sciences ability to measure these characteristics it DOES make a lot of sense; atleast to me it does. I can now believe that it's true that looks are it as important to women as to men.

Question is: Is it sexist by nature to imply that nature programmed us this way? I personally don't care much for "political correctness", nor do I necessarily think much of "good" and "bad." It all depends what side you're on. If the term "Gold digger" has a negative connotation is something society has decided. But if science has answered the question, then should any woman be ridiculed or criticized for marrying for \$? Should ANYONE be criticized for marrying for anything they deem important? Be it love; money; sex; prestige, etc. I'm a believer of everyone doing what's best for them and theirs. whatever that includes. I think that too is a survival instinct not relegated to only one sex. Much less to only humans. However not everytime you chase survival will it come without consequences.

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