

RENTING A WOMB FOR COMMERCIAL SURROGACY: HOW FAR JUSTIFIED?

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Abstract

Renting a womb or surrogacy is not the norm or boon of today's era. It has existed and was very much prevalent and ubiquitous earlier also. In spite of the fact that surrogacy has provided hope, optimism and has actually brought happiness, cheerfulness and exuberance on the faces of many grim, dour, dejected and disconsolate couples who could not bear child due to various and assortment of reasons, it is seen that people and many countries around the globe vehemently and fervidly oppose surrogacy, specially commercial surrogacy as they consider it to be something immoral, dissipated, dissolute and unethical practice. The issue is- Is commercial surrogacy really immoral, decadent and unethical? In cases where surrogacy contracts are mutually entered into and both the parties i.e. surrogate and commissioning parents derive benefit and the woman without any coercion and out of her own free will enter into such an agreement, what is immoral, depraved and unethical in it? These people are mature enough and able to understand and comprehend the pros and cons of the surrogacy arrangements. This really needs to be mulled over and contemplated. It is a very staid and sedate issue and should not be swept under the rug for nothing on this earth can supplant and supersede the happiness that this surrogacy has brought on the dull, tedious and dreary faces of people who cannot bear their own children. The author would be discussing meaning, types, effects and impact, position in different countries abroad and other issues relating to surrogacy which has now become a very burning problem in so many countries.