

Recent epigenetic research (over and above genetics determining life status) does prove and show that the grandparents choices in their environment does affect their grandchildren's health status. Theoretically, children should not be punished for the sins of their parents/grandparents, but in fact, in reality both in genomes and epigenetic coding of those genomes, they are punished. Their children will develop cancer, diabetes, tumors, and other health defects merely because of their birth genetics being a consequence of an ancestor's life choices and circumstances.

The responsibility to the future is to ensure health and quality of life of the future generations. If parents, grandparents, ancestry lines are irresponsible by drinking too much, not eating correctly, chemical dependencies, or merely suffer from poverty and inability to provide for their own basic life necessities then those individuals are by their own choice of irresponsibility and inability to cope with life in a self supporting manner have "damaged" their children's chances to be healthy and productive in their lives. Thus the sum of the sins of the parents DOES get passed on to punish the children.

Similarly, negligence to responsibility of the birth parents for economic and genetics planning (or not having the means to provide for children one might thoughtlessly have) DOES punish the children despite all of society's compensatory welfare and other attempts to correct the liabilities incurred when the child was brought into this world. A child deserves BOTH a responsible father and a responsible mother and if the child does not have that then the child's future is at risk! Ideally, the family should also be stable and all the needs of the child be provided within the family at the local level first before seeking help from the community collective.

Reproduction requires responsibility and that responsibility should be localized as possible. I had to provide responsibly for the cost and welfare of my 3 children and the fact that I did was evidence of parental responsibility and mature conduct. I definitely believe that irresponsible individuals, immature individuals (or those too old), or individuals who do or can't provide for their own basic life needs should realize that children born under such adverse epigenetic/genetic/environmental condition are unfairly disadvantaged.

Oh yes, there will be the rare exceptions to the rule that everyone will cling to and cite why reproduction should continue wildly, but there is sense and sensibility in acknowledging the FACTS OF LIFE AND ITS ECONOMICS! Life is not free nor should prospective parents expect a free ride through it thoughtlessly LITTERING the way for others.