

“The collapse of the Prussian-Kantian social order ultimately has not demonstrated any new faith in the bourgeoisie (as it did in the revolutionary proletariat). A dissolute nihilism proliferates on the rubble of yesterday’s worldview. The impoverished noblewoman becomes a barmaid; the discharged navy officer makes films; the daughter of the provincial justice cannot expect her father to make a present of her winter clothes...

...Woman, however, forms herself according to the will of the man. Otto Weininger divided the female species into mothers and whores. Many a poor, young streetwalker belongs, despite all the external devastation, to the species of mother, and the clairvoyant would place many a well-bathed, nicely dressed mother of three reluctantly conceived offspring into the other category. An overwhelming majority, however, belongs in the middle and vacillates between whoredom and motherhood. If a fortunate fat smiles upon her so that such a vacillating creature acquires the strong, protective, shaping love of an unspoiled man, then motherhood will release her from the drive to prostitution.”