

The Biblical Family of Kings

With the cellular aristocracy, this family is poorly named. The head of the family is apt to be a lord or baron, but no king. Since the family bears such a close resemblance to the biblical mythical family of kings, I'll keep the name.

The role of king is filled by a hundred-millionaire, whose goal is to spread his seed, and create a multitude of progeny, so that he might be immortal and that one of them might one day be king. Fantasy, as it will in many family choices, plays a big role in the biblical family of kings.

Fifty million dollars will fund 5,000 children at \$10,000 each. This family is designed around the extremely wealthy male who wishes to maximize his progeny and enjoy all the trappings of royalty.

Ironically, despite the extreme sexism, royalism, pomp and pageantry intrinsic in such a family, its dynamic is the most progressive of all families, spreading the genes of beauty and success as it redistributes wealth to the large number of progeny. Many will find everything about this family offensive. However, women and courtiers enter the family voluntarily. Human beings will band together in innumerable diverse ways. As long as the adult's right to leave and the child's right to life are respected, the state has no right to violate freedom of association.

Structure

The king acquires wives based on their beauty, intellect, kindness and other attributes that both arouse him and which he feels will benefit his progeny. We assume that the charter gives the king sole authority on admission of new queens into the family, but what of their expulsion? To entice a queen, the charter would no doubt promise her a lifetime at court beyond her child-raising years, where she can dream of becoming the queen-mother, mother to the next king. So expulsion might require a super-majority of the entire family with veto power by the king.

To complete the court, there are many roles that must be filled. The king demands no male competition for his wives and since there can be no compulsory creation of eunuchs, the men of the household will tend to be gay. Those women at court, who are not wives, as there are no men in the household to satisfy them, will tend to be lesbians. As oppressive as these roles might be to some, others will find great joy in them. That is the beauty of a free society.

Given 100 wives, a new child will be born about once a week. With over 50 children born each year, household resources must be channeled into feeding, clothing, housing, education, nursing, healthcare, sports, and entertainment. Each family member will take on many roles.

Housing

At least one single, lockable entrance and a common eating area will likely be family requirements. To start a one of these royal families, the first king should purchase or treble at least several semi-rural acres and surround them by a secure castle wall (moat and drawbridge optional). The ground rent should be raised well above that of neighboring land, perhaps as high as \$50,000 per acre to defend the castle grounds, especially before construction. Once construction begins on a plot, the rent can be allowed to fall.

How shall the perimeter be marked? Many castles, especially those that seek tourists, will institute partial VIP identity (a wave of the palm) for dining and entertainment, making a simple fence sufficient. In small kingdoms, none of the courtiers and queens, princes and princesses will be strangers, also suggesting a simple fence. But then the king is richer than Croesus, so a stone wall twenty feet high, five feet thick, ten miles in circumference, surrounded by a moat, with guard towers every 500 feet, is certainly an option.

Consider the expected maximum number of wives, perhaps twice that number of supporting family members, and ten children per wife. The princes and princesses will be resident until at least the age of 14, and some much longer. Upon attaining the age of majority, some princesses will flee the sexist, patriarchal falderal, and establish families and careers. Others will hope to become a queen, attending balls in other kingdoms and remaining at court until marriage. Such pretention might be frowned upon by the cellular aristocracy who will insist that these “fake” princesses be referred to by a title no higher than “lady” at aristocratic events. Princes might complete their education, leave to start a family, and hope to turn a bequest into a fortune, so that they might return as king. LGBT children might choose to remain with the family forever, as courtiers.

In a typical kingdom, if such a thing is possible, there might be 100 queens, 200 courtiers and 1000 princes and princesses. As the family grows, new apartment buildings would be constructed within the castle. They would be connected by a weather protected passage to the Great Hall. Consideration should also be given to space for guest housing, an infirmary, school rooms, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports arenas, parks and gardens.

The Great Hall is the common dining area, where banquets are served nightly, and lighter fare is available around the clock. It is also used for charity balls, weddings, family meetings and worship, coming of age celebrations, graduations, and other large affairs. While some of these families will eschew pomp and pageantry altogether, others will revel in it. For those families, the king’s throne along with the throne for his currently favorite queen or the queen-mother will be found at the front of the Great Hall to oversee royal affairs.

Smaller game and entertainment rooms are scattered throughout the castle.

What is truly amazing is that all this luxury is completely supported by the distributions! Every month for a family of 1300, \$286,000 is provided for food. Buying the raw ingredients at wholesale, the family chefs can turn this into 13000 extravagant meals, 26000 lighter meals and maintain a 24-hour buffet besides. Every month, \$481,000 is available for housing expense. This easily covers ground rent, utilities, repairs, and the building of new apartments as the family grows. Absent current construction, housing distribution rebates might go to the family spending account. Profits from higher level cellular enterprise and the lower level tranches of several public distributions will add to the kingdom’s wealth.

In a family this large, the economies of scale are not the only contributor to wealth. There is also wealth creation through the specialization of labor. Family members prepare the lavish banquets, repair the broken pipes and elevators and windows, teach the children, clean the swimming pools, clean the dishes, and pots and pans, scrub the floors, do the electrical wiring and run the computers, and possibly even make the clothing. No consumption tax is applied to added value on goods produced within the castle walls and sold to other members of the family. Specialists use their skills outside the family to accumulate personal wealth and pay a small percentage, as specified in the charter, to the family account. These funds pay for the few things not covered by the distributions, and not available through the specialization of labor. The millionaire king

need not spend all his money funding progeny. No doubt, he will want to contribute something to the royal luxury.

Special quarters, either inside or outside the castle walls, could be available for outside workers. These rooms, costing the nightly housing distribution, provide a source of income for the castle that can partly offset the wages of the outside workers. This is an example of the distribution fostering wealth creation.

If the kingdom needs to raise income, luxury quarters, inside the castle walls, could be made available, for those outside the family who want to experience the royal life. Paying perhaps \$100 per person, per day, in cash and distributions, guests are housed in luxury quarters, admitted to the Great Hall for the daily banquet and lighter meals, have full access to the 24 hour buffet, have full access to the fitness centers, swimming pools, game rooms and entertainment centers, and are invited each night to the ball, party, concert, wedding, or other event in the Great Hall. Children can join in recreational and sporting events with castle children, and even sit in on classes, if they so desire and are well-behaved.

Alcohol, marijuana and other drugs, casino gambling and prostitution should not be a major part of the royal experience, since children under 14 have a right not to be around drunks or druggies. If this kind of adult entertainment is chosen as a draw for tourism, it should be kept away from the young princes and princesses. The king might be the king of the castle, but in an AFFEERCE society, children under 14 have certain rights that go beyond the family charter. While a changing culture will affect what those rights are over the centuries, community standards, social workers and ultimately a judicial order will enforce those rights, whatever they might be.

The VIP keeps track of all purchases and can be used to limit the number of alcoholic beverages and drugs sold, although intoxicants bought with gold, barter, or other alternative currencies, are not traceable. The VIP can limit casino losses if the casino is based on VIP cash. Prostitution should simply be handled discreetly through a concierge.

For tourists and family members alike, the royal experience will be more like a Disney cruise, than a Vegas vacation, where kings and queens and royal pomp replace Mickey and Donald. The main purpose of the kingdom is the proper raising of children, all of whom are half-brothers or sisters. Since plenty of wealth is generated from the sheer magnitude of the family, or the magnanimity of the king, entering the resort industry is hardly necessary. In any case, the needs of the children must always come before the demands of resort guests. If this rule is broken too often, a judge will step in to protect the rights of the children.

Tax-free, intra-family payments can be used for some particularly nasty tasks over and above the call of duty. In the family of kings, usually family members will willingly and with great enthusiasm perform the roles that brought them into the family. Where else, could a person whose skills were limited to mopping the floors and cleaning toilets, have swimming pools and fitness centers, daily banquets, luxury accommodations and when not on duty, even able to attend royal affairs as a guest.

Education

Education within the castle is simply an elaborate form of home schooling. The average educational salary for K-9 is about \$100 per student per school-month, for average merit. Assuming there are 800 children of school age, about \$80,000 per school month accrues into the kingdom as income. If this royal family is going to last, the courtier teachers will be top-notch, and merit income will be even higher. Of course these princes

and princesses are going to be high earners, with many of the princes aspiring to be wealthy enough to be the next king, so the achievement annuities will be phenomenal. Annuities travel with the teachers, so good teachers will be treated like royalty.

In a kingdom of this size, each grade might have 50 students which can be divided into two classrooms of 25 students each. One of the nice things about home schooling in a large family is that many of the adults can contribute to the children's education. Students would have a regular teacher but computer specialists, music teachers, historians, artists, athletes, and many others, could divide their time between different classrooms and different grades, creating a much more complete educational experience than is usually found at the elementary school level.

Because the children's teachers are all family members, they will be with the children throughout the day. Perhaps half the family will be involved in the children's education, through teaching, athletics, field trips, mentoring, tutoring, and joining in the fun and games. They will often sit with their students in the banquet hall, and lead the older students into philosophical discussions well into the night. Raising these students is not a job, it is the pride and joy of their lives and the merit income will certainly reflect that.

Medical Care

If there are enough doctors and nurses within the castle walls, the kingdom can open up a self-insured hospital. Self-insurance brings in \$130,000 per month from the medical distribution.

Everyone would love to have a doctor in the family. In this family, three doctors including pediatric and orthopedic specialists, a computerized diagnostic technician, and three or four nurses could be kept busy. In the event of an outbreak of chicken pox, though, school might be temporarily cancelled and teachers would find themselves acting as nurse's aides.

Diagnostic medical equipment can be purchased directly out of the corporate account as a capital expenditure. Family members, like all citizens, are entitled to free training in the use of this equipment. VOS Certification is required, as children will be treated. In the kingdom, common medical equipment such as X-Ray, MRI, EKG, EEG, will be purchased and family members trained in their use.

If the hospital is well-staffed and develops a good reputation, as is likely, it can extend its reach into the community attracting new insurance dollars. The hospital will likely have a chopper for transporting patients to trauma centers for complex contracted services.

Allowance

The family of kings is profitable from its size alone. Although certain personnel will receive special allowances for highly skilled, in demand, roles, a family of 1300 will generally have \$400,000 per month in profits from education, medical, and housing distributions (absent new construction). Thus, assuming that none of the profits are retained by the corporation, an average of \$308 can be distributed to each family member, every month.

Elder Care

Kingdoms designed to endure will want to establish elder care. At the age of 60, 65, 70, and 75, people are entitled to an extra \$50 per month from the disability distribution. At the age of 80, people are entitled to the full \$300 per month disability distribution. Having an elderly person over 80 in the household brings in an extra \$300 per month. One wants to not only retain elderly family members who grew up in the kingdom, but attract royal children who moved away and started their own families, and have now grown old themselves, and want to return to a royal retirement with their siblings. When an elder is too disabled to make it to the banquet in a wheelchair, the banquet will be brought to them, and when the banquet becomes too rich for their needs, lighter fare will be brought. Royal retirement will be a wonderful way to end one's life.

Rebellion and Succession

The king has many powers granted by the family charter. What happens if the king abuses his powers, goes mad, becomes a tyrant, or becomes violent toward his wives, or abuses his children? How is succession handled in general? What happens when the king dies?

These contingencies are written into the family charter. Innovation and tradition will lead to optimal strategies. The best rules of succession are tied to the marketplace. For instance, upon the death or retirement of the king, the wealthiest willing son becomes the new king. Or the charter could define the heir apparent as the wealthiest willing son or wealthiest willing brother of the king.

Kingdoms that grow too poor to pay a sufficient ground rent might be trebled by wealthy men who wish to inherit a kingdom, intact. What becomes of the courtiers, queens, princes, and princesses, is up to the new king.

There are an infinite number of variations on the royal family idea. With advances in genetics, the king need not be a heterosexual male or even a male at all. Variations include any family designed around ritual, ceremony, and falderal. Families are limited only by the imagination and the right to life of their members. The goal of any royal family is to produce a mini-society based on a social order that fuels the passion of the family members, maximizes wealth creation from both division of labor and distribution optimization and maximizes progeny in a romantic and exciting environment. Keep in mind that such a royal family has no necessary connection to the constitutionally defined cellular aristocracy, although there is likely to be overlap.