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wiseman wrote:

If I look at people I know, they seem to take after one parent or the other, not both. Is there an explanation for this. For example, if one parent is ugly and smart and the other is good looking and dumb, the children seem to be either ugly/smart or good looking/dumb.

Are there some simple rules about genetics that layperson can understand? I would like to use genetics to select a mate that will give me children with the best traits. I don't believe in tossing the dice on something so important if it is not necessary.

Beyond the old-fashioned methods of choosing a mate who is obviously intelligent, witty, kind, attractive and healthy, there's not much more than you can do.

The only question then becomes: would she have anything to do with someone who asks these kinds of questions?

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