In Defense of the Traditional Nurse
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Study/Discussion Questions

-when a truth is accepted by everyone as so obvious that it blots out all its alternatives and leaves no respectable perspectives from which to examine it, it becomes the natural prey of philosophers
  -is this a good thing?

-what is the author’s position regarding the traditional role of a nurse?

-what are the different “role components”?

-what’s the problem with gender-neutral terminology in the context of nursing?

-what barriers to autonomy are there for nurses?

-should a nurse be considered to be an autonomous professional?

-what are the needs of a patient that can be met by a nurse?

-what does “nurse” mean?
  -etymologically
  -historically

-how is a nurse a surrogate mother?
  -what are the limits of this role?
    -are the limits necessary?

-how does a nurse provide the in-hospital health care system with human capabilities that would otherwise be unavailable?