

Abstract

This thesis maps Czech social and expert discussions on the theme of child-free people childlessness. It is directed on those aspect with implicit ethical content. Subsequently it chooses the most often argument, what are discussed in the ethical reflection.

To be child-free is more and more becoming phenomenon, in the Czech Republic especially in the last thirty years. In spite of that it is considered to be rather as alternative life style, what is often exposed to moral evaluation, with mostly negative tone.

The criticism of the child-free people can be summarized into two main streams, when the first one directs on the social impact of the declining birth rates, the second one focuses on personal features of the child-free people, to whom it reprehends either defective hierarchy of values or unnaturalness of their behavior.

These two groups of arguments are confronted with the philosophical concept of *inclinationes naturales* (natural tendencies) of Thomas Aquinas.