

## TRACY QUAN

THE FORMER PROSTITUTE AND AUTHOR OF 'DIARY OF A MANHATTAN CALL GIRL' HAS JUST PUBLISHED HER SECOND NOVEL

**I believe that human beings need each other.** That is something prostitutes understand.

**I believe a lot of men make the mistake** of choosing women who don't really like men. It's unconscious; they think they are less likely to cheat. But it can be a stress living with someone who doesn't really like who you are. And most women in the sex industry like men, which is why they make good partners.

**I believe that being pretty is helpful** in the

sex industry, as it is in any endeavour, but it is not the guarantee of success that you might think it is. I have known some very beautiful girls who were not successful. They tended to believe that whatever came to them was due to them. And I believe that beautiful girls, unless they have very rare insight into themselves, don't see these attitudes.

**I believe it is important** in any profession to be able to deal with rejection.

**I believe it is important** – and this will sound very



weird from someone who has done this job – not to make a man feel like a utility vehicle. Men want to feel like they are entertaining us, even when they are paying.

**I believe that women should be practical** about relationships.

**I believe that guilt** is only useful if it turns you on.

**I believe that it's important to keep a man wanting more.** I didn't kiss my clients. A lot of my clients came back for years hoping that they were going to get to kiss me.

**I believe that, although I am a Catholic,** the church cannot tell me what to do.

**I believe in star signs,** against my better judgement and much more than I should.

**I believe in marriage.** Every culture has it, so there must be something to it.

**I believe that marriage comes with inherent problems.** The only way to maintain your sanity is to be slightly unfaithful to the marriage every day – not sexually, but you have to feel like you are cheating on that relationship in some way. That's why squabbles can help you to keep a marriage alive.

**I believe that call girls make the best wives** and girlfriends. We can look at a man objectively and see where he falls in the spectrum of men generally. When you know what a man is doing wrong, you don't have some unrealistic fantasy about how perfect it should be.

**I believe that lasting happiness** is found where the man's ego is larger than the woman's. A big mistake some women make is being with a man whose ego is smaller than theirs. A man with a much smaller ego than his partner will try to bring her down a notch. It's a recipe for disaster.

**I believe that work is**

the most important thing we do, because it's the key to identity and gives meaning to our lives. And I believe that you don't choose your career; it chooses you.

**I believe men in the UK are very comfortable** with a woman being a woman, and I like that about them. You don't feel obliged to prove that you are as competent as a man. I think that men in America have been around feminism too long, and I don't think that is necessarily good for relationships.

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