

The Androgyny Deception

Part 1

**“Manly Men &
Womanly Women”**

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What is the **HOTTEST** topic in the church today?

The following quote deals with current issues facing our church.

A sobering quotation

“Those who feel called out to join the movement in favor of woman's rights and the so-called dress reform might as well sever all connection with the third angel's message.” {1T 421}

What does this mean?

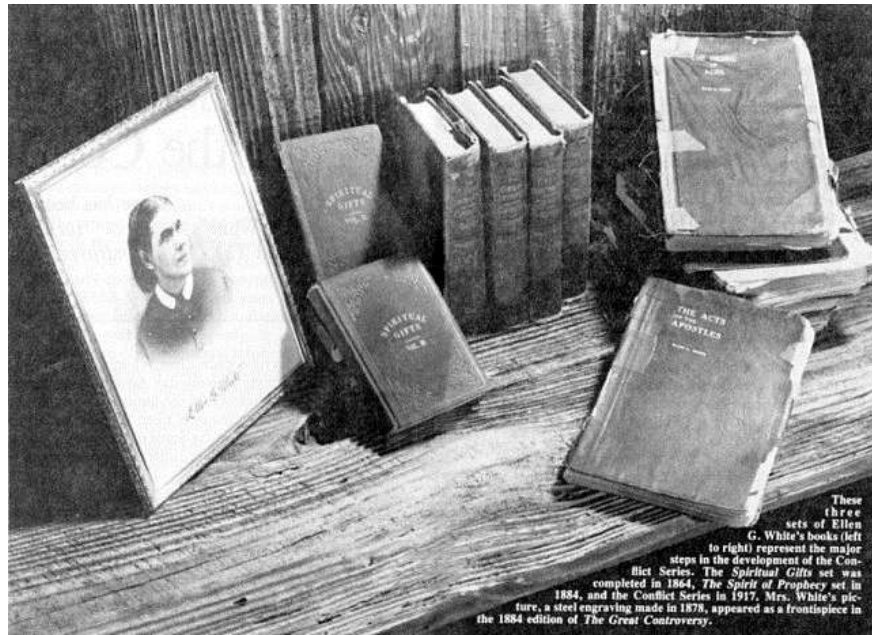
Why? Why? Why?

The common link between the women's rights movement and the "so called dress reform" is the push to remove the distinction between men and women.

Another term for this concept is **Androgyny**.

Why is this mindset becoming so popular?

Who is really behind this agenda?



We will begin by looking at some foundational principles found in the inspired writings.

True Manhood and Womanhood



When God created humans in His image, He designed us to be a reflection of Himself, portraying the beauty of His character.



Because of sin, the image of God in humanity has been greatly marred and almost entirely defaced. Through the renewing, regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, God proposes to restore in us the image of God, enabling us to reflect the **character of Christ**, in every way.



In order to understand how we are to be restored to the image of God, we need to understand how we were originally created. From the very beginning God designated a distinction between the sexes. “**Male** and **female** created He them.”



Ellen White writes extensively about the true education of our youth, which is based on biblical principles. These principles *“are the foundation of noble manhood and womanhood.”* {CG 336}

What kind of education will make the youth a blessing to the world?

*“The education which will make the young a blessing to the world, is that which enables them to attain a true and noble **manhood or womanhood.**”*

{FE 72.2}



We can't start too early to teach these principles to our children:

*“From their babyhood train your children for God. If in their earlier years the foundations of a righteous character are laid, their lives, as they grow into **manhood** and **womanhood**, will develop into beautiful temples for the Lord.” {18MR 119.3}*

What is the result of this godly education?

*“If this kind of education had been given to our children, we should today see far less selfishness, far less envy and jealousy; we should have more **manly** young **men** and **womanly** young **women**.”*

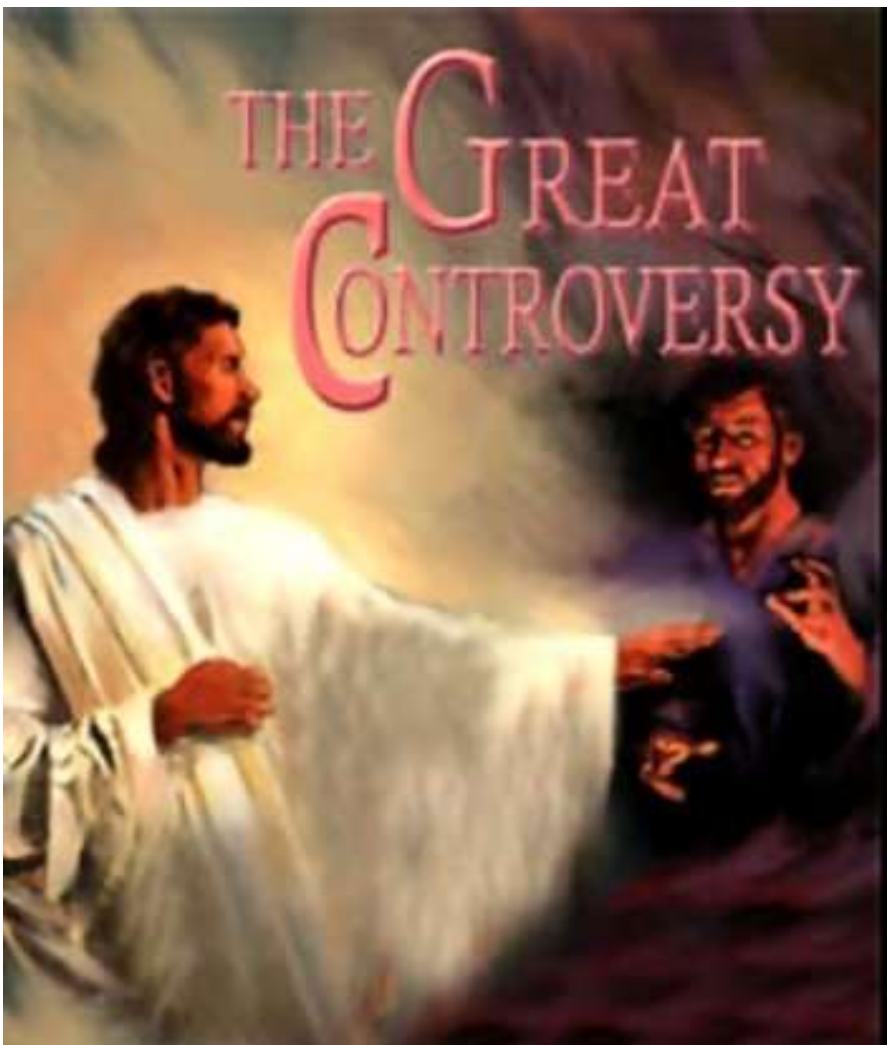
{RH, December 9, 1890 par. 9}



Why is this point regarding the distinctiveness of the manhood and womanhood so important?



Because Satan has a master plan to blur this distinction between the sexes. He knows if he can confuse this issue in our minds, he can block God's plan to restore us into His image.¹⁴



This is not a side issue, but a foundational issue in the great controversy.

Have we been affected by Satan's agenda to blur or obliterate male/female distinctions?

Perhaps more than we have realized.



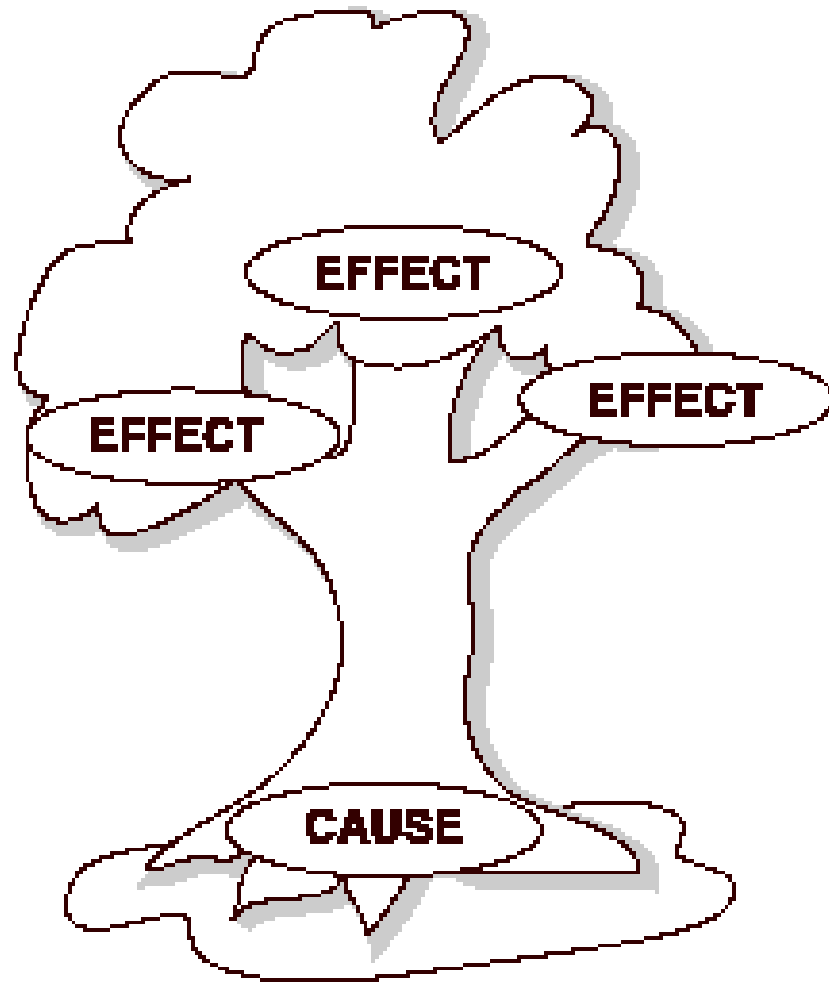


If we are keeping abreast of the news, we can see that Satan is working overtime to push his plan of gender confusion to new levels of rebellion, turning our society into a modern Sodom.

One of Satan's major goals is to destroy the family. He uses various rebellious movements as effective agents to achieve his goals. If he can destroy the family, he can destroy God's authority over humanity.



If we consider our condition as Seventh-day Adventists, and see that the prevailing sins of society are often in our midst, we must reason from cause to effect.

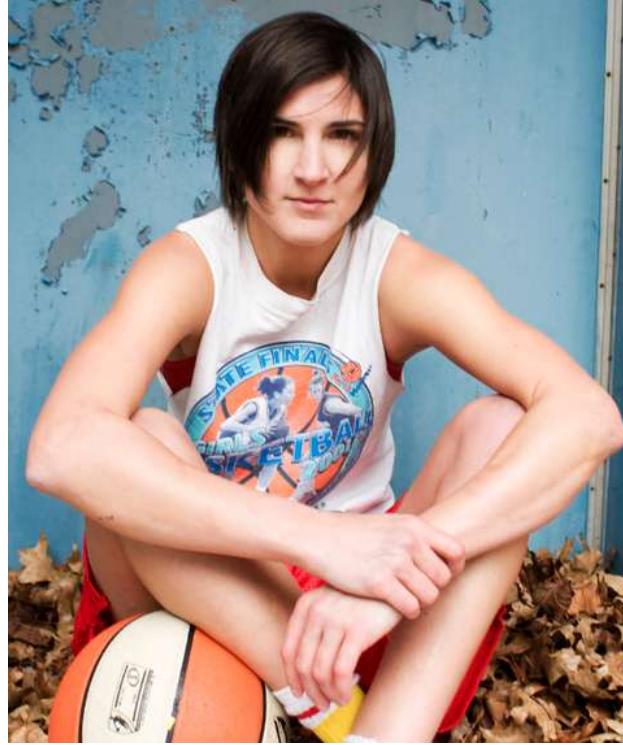


- Why do we have a lack of godly men who are strong spiritual leaders?
- Why are we experiencing a high rate of divorce among church members?
- Why do we see the same fashions, sports and entertainment in the lifestyle of members as in the world?
- Why are we seeing great apostasy, and hearing strange doctrines in our midst?

Today, the church is in desperate need of
godly, manly men.

Tragically, the exemplification of godly
manhood has become nearly extinct.





While true Christians are becoming more manly or more womanly according to Christ's plan, the worldly men and women are becoming more confused regarding their gender roles. We see this very clearly in society.

Our current culture is bent on destroying true manhood and womanhood. Society's idea of what it means to be a man or a woman is all messed up!





THE MANLY ATTITUDE

This website declares that a Manly Man:

Walks with a proud swagger

Does what he wants

Eats meat and spicy food

Likes loud music

Loves cars

Loves women

<http://staff.rio.edu/miket/attitude.htm>

That's not God's idea of a manly man!

The world thinks
a manly man means macho,
a feminine woman means sexy.



Pride, vanity, immodesty, & self-glory are not God's idea of manliness and womanliness!



Satan provides many unmanly options for ungodly men, such as being abusive, self-centered or effeminate.



He also provides many unwomanly options for ungodly women, such as being seductive, competitive or superficial.



But mainly, Satan wants women to be insubordinate to men.





We see how the world has twisted the concept of manhood and womanhood.

What is true manhood and womanhood?

“The tendency today is to stress the equality of men and women by minimizing the unique significance of our maleness or femaleness.



John Piper
Complementarian

But this depreciation of male and female personhood is a great loss. It is taking a tremendous toll on generations of young men and women who do not know what it means to be a man or a woman. Confusion over the meaning of sexual personhood today is epidemic.

John Piper, “Manhood and Womanhood Defined by the Bible,”
page 16

What is God's standard of Manhood and Womanhood?

It's all beautifully portrayed in the Spirit of Prophecy, especially in the books Adventist Home & Child Guidance.



A true man takes his responsibility of spiritual leadership seriously. Everything he does is prompted from an awareness of his God-given role.



A manly man will teach his son the value of work, and teach practical, character-building skills that will make him a good provider for his own family.



*“All members of the family center in the father. He is the lawmaker, illustrating in his own **manly** bearing the sterner virtues: energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage, diligence, and practical usefulness.” {AH 212.1}*



A womanly woman will exemplify modesty of appearance and deportment. She will not be forward or flirtatious. She will not hang around the men, or try to outdo them.



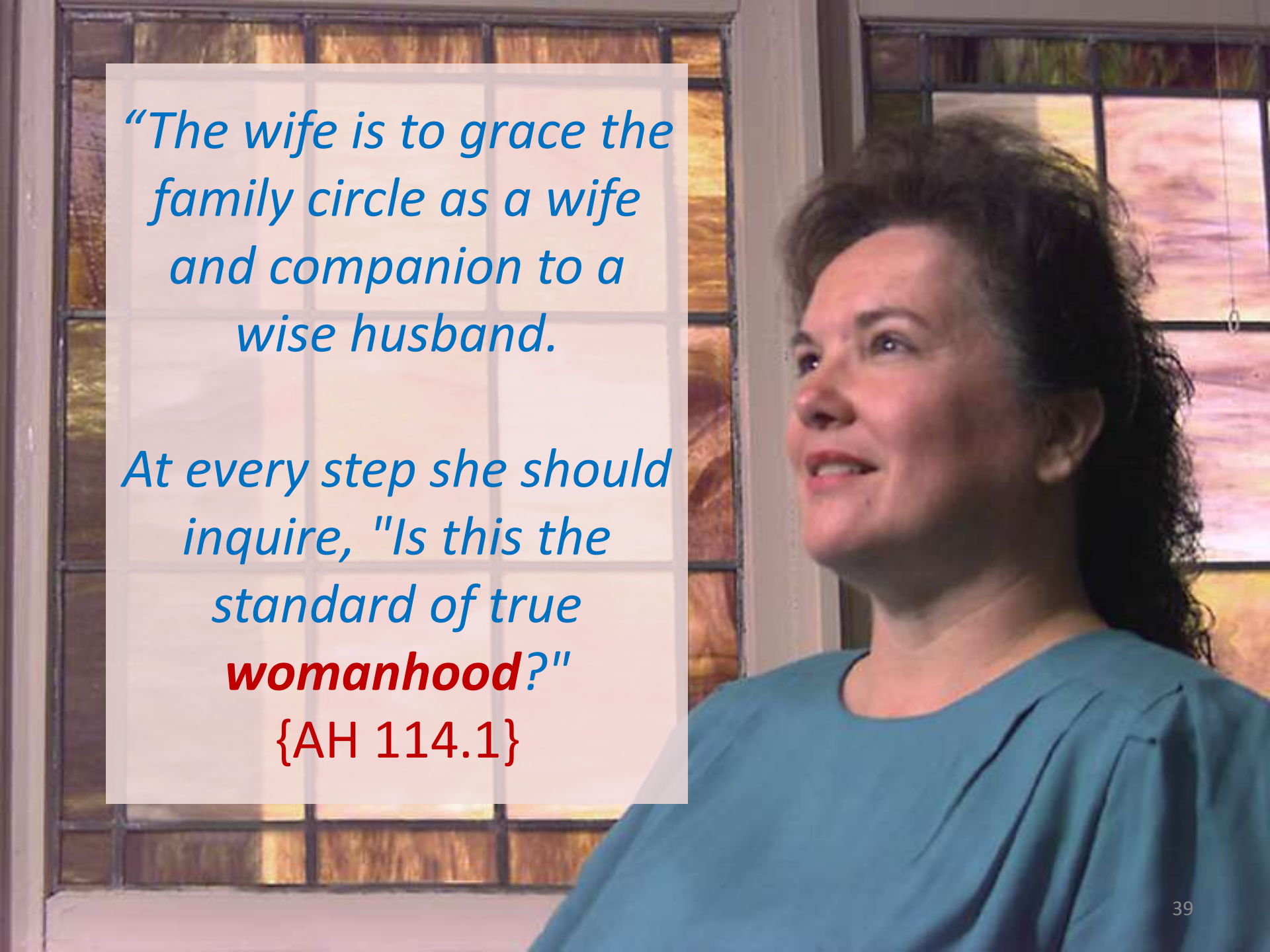
“Wonderful is the mission of the wives and mothers and the younger women workers. If they will, they can exert an influence for good to all around them. By modesty in dress and circumspect deportment they may bear witness to the truth in its simplicity.”

{DG 150.3}



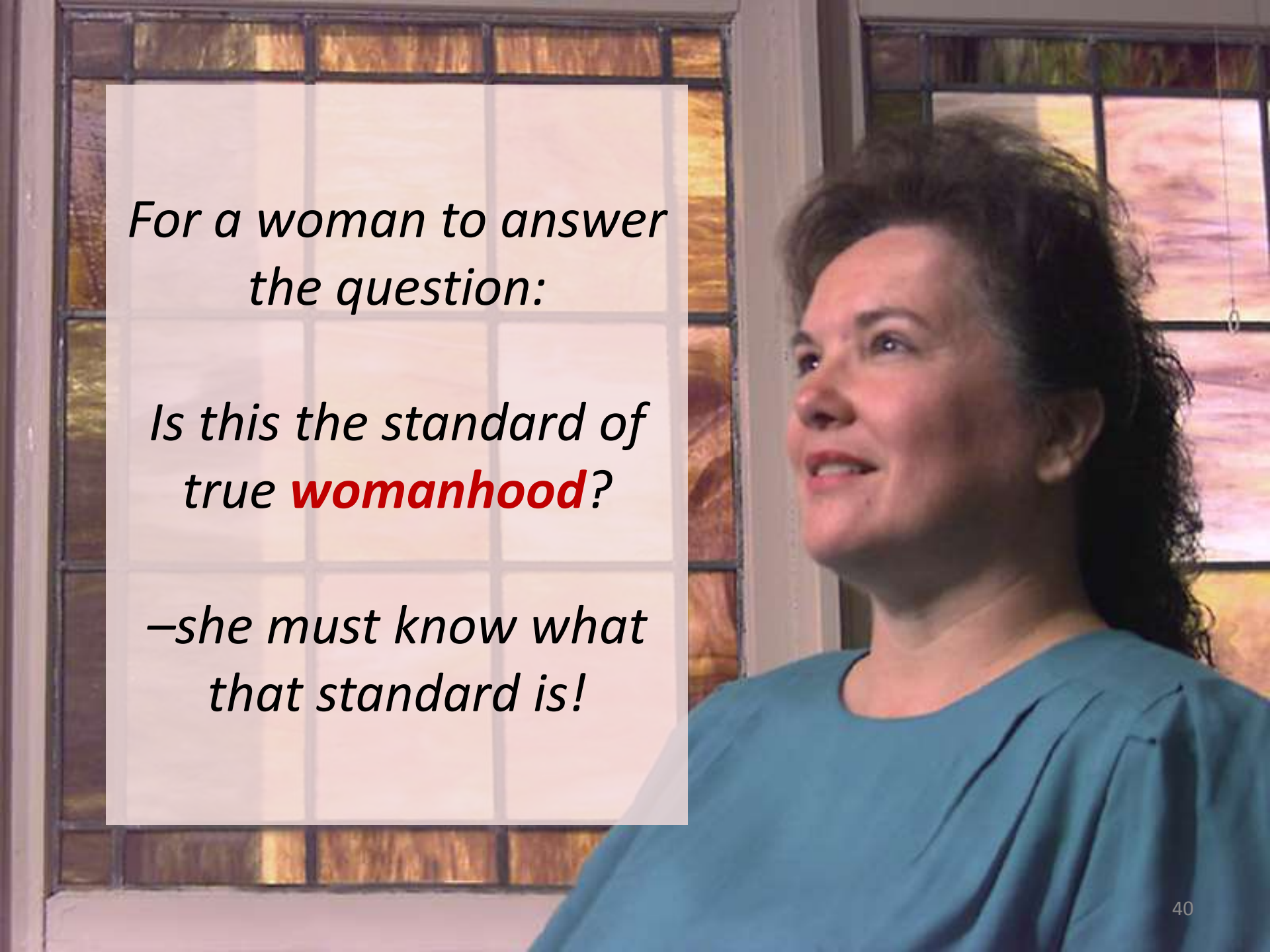


A womanly woman's appearance is natural, simple and modest. Her attributes are refined and sensitive, designed to ennoble and uplift the sterner virtues of her husband. She will not be assertive in trying to usurp the leadership role of her husband.



“The wife is to grace the family circle as a wife and companion to a wise husband.

*At every step she should inquire, "Is this the standard of true **womanhood?**"*
{AH 114.1}

A woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a teal-colored top, is shown in profile, looking out a window. The window has several panes, some of which are stained glass with warm, golden-brown and reddish tones. The lighting is soft, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light coming from the window.

*For a woman to answer
the question:*

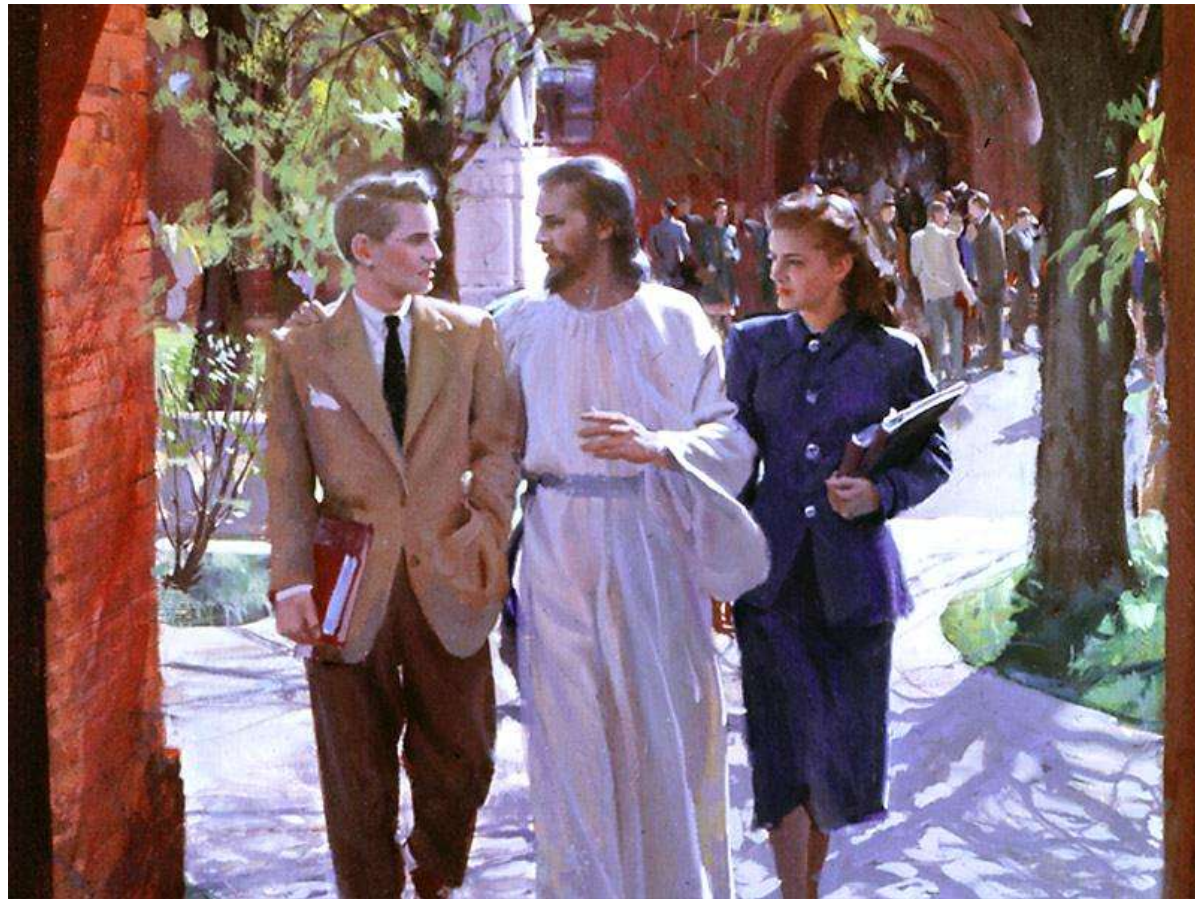
*Is this the standard of
true **womanhood**?*

*—she must know what
that standard is!*



We can only understand and attain God's standard of true manhood or womanhood as we come close to Jesus, and study His character.

*“All that makes men **manly** or women **womanly** is reflected from the character of Christ.” {CT 541.2}*



As a man reflects on Christ's holiness and sacrificial love, he becomes a stronger leader in a noble, dignified and loving way.



As a woman
reflects on
Christ's holiness,
she becomes
more submissive
and supportive of
her husband in a
loving, *womanly*
way.



How important it is, then that we model to our youth our God-ordained roles as men and women, and encourage them to embrace them.





God's ways and the world's ways are in direct opposition to each other!

Satan's ways bring disharmony and confusion.

Satan is the master of blur!



He wants to make our spiritual eyesight fuzzy, so we think we're worshiping God when we're really worshiping the devil!

In the process of gender blending, Satan has set out to obscure God's will.



He uses society to exert a powerful influence on God's people, so they cannot see the matter clearly.



Victor Mowery writes:

“God is the God of order. Satan is the author of confusion. Wherever God has ordained order, such as the virtues of manhood and womanhood, Satan wishes to destroy that order and replace it with confusion. Here are the main battle fronts Satan seems to have chosen lately in his ages-old quest to destroy God's order for Man and Woman: (cont.)

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“The acceptance of homosexuality, making a meaningless mockery of the God-ordained institution of orderly marriage.

The rise of feminism, bringing the decline of gender-based roles of any kind.

The brainwashing of men to accept the passive, clueless roles that Satan envisions for them.

The use of every facet of Satan's power in this world to accomplish the above, including his control of the entertainment industry, the media, the fashion industry, etc.”



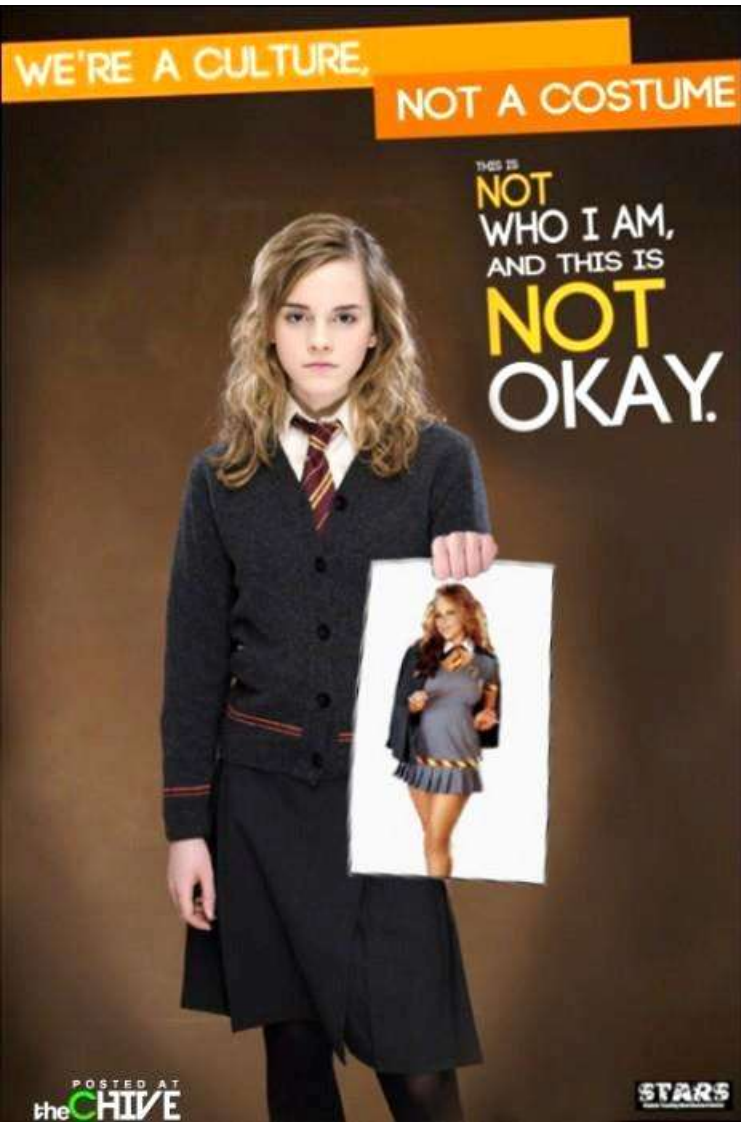
That is why we must reconsider our standards and practices in all these matters if we would effectively resist Satan's gender blending attack.



Why does Satan want to disrupt God's order? Why does he want to blur or pervert the gender distinction?



He's still vying for unlawful power. He wants us to join him in his rebellion.

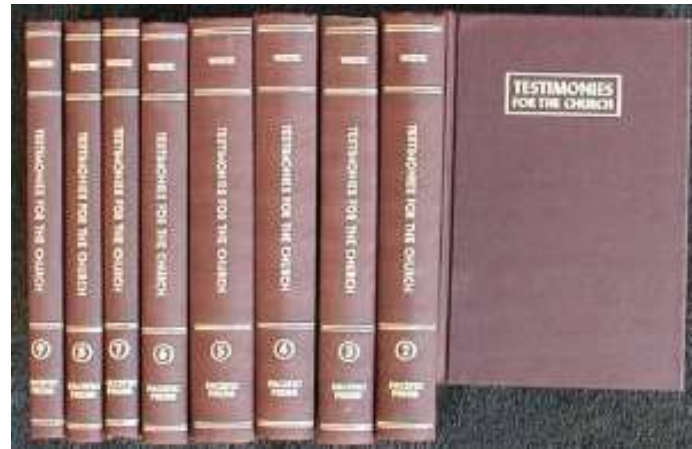


Gender blending is one of Satan's powerful tools for the overturning and overtaking the government of God.

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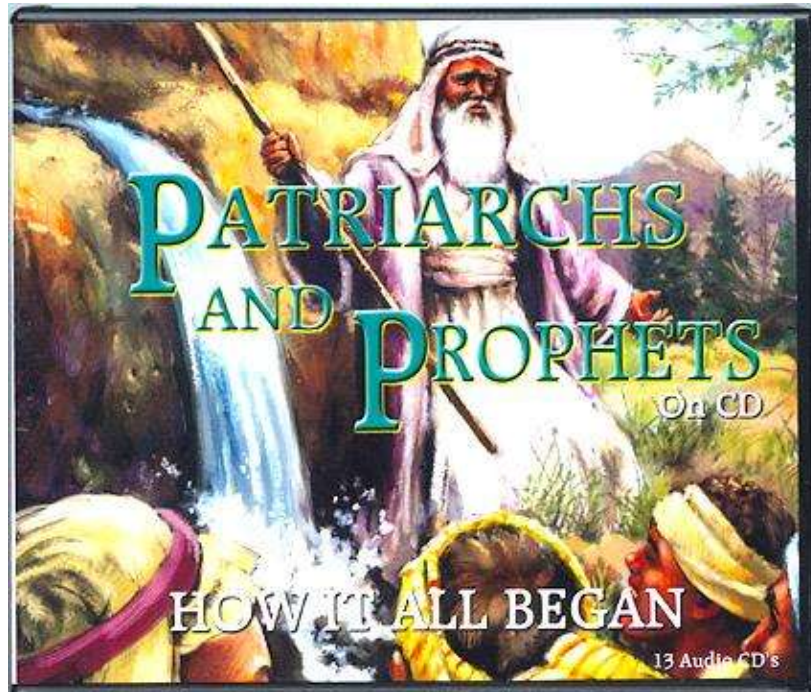
Satan uses the pagan mindset and the godless perversity of society to enlist people in his rebellion.



The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are very clear as to the male headship in the home and in the church.

*“At the beginning, the father was constituted priest and magistrate of his own family. Then came the **patriarchal** rule, which was like that of the family, but extended over a greater number.”*

{ST, July 13, 1882 par. 2}



Patriarchy is not a great evil. It is a God-ordained system that begins in the home, and extends to the church.

*In early times the **father** was the ruler and priest of his own family, and he exercised authority over his children, even after they had families of their own. His descendants were taught to look up to him as their **head**, in both religious and secular matters.*

{PP 141.2}

The patriarchal system, as designed by God, defines the roles of men and women.



*“This **patriarchal** system of government Abraham endeavored to perpetuate, as it tended to preserve the knowledge of God. It was necessary to bind the members of the household together, in order to build up a barrier against the idolatry that had become so widespread and so deep-seated.” {PP 141.2}*

*“The Lord has constituted the husband the **head** of the wife to be her protector; he is the house-band of the family, binding the members together, even as Christ is the head of the church and the Saviour of the mystical body.” {AH 215}*

“Let every husband who claims to love God carefully study the requirements of God in his position. Christ's authority is exercised in wisdom, in all kindness and gentleness; so let the husband exercise his power and imitate the great Head of the church.”

{AH 215.1}



*“The father is in one sense the **priest** of the household, laying upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice.”*

{CCh 145.3}

*“Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be **loved and protected by him.**” {LYL 11.2}*

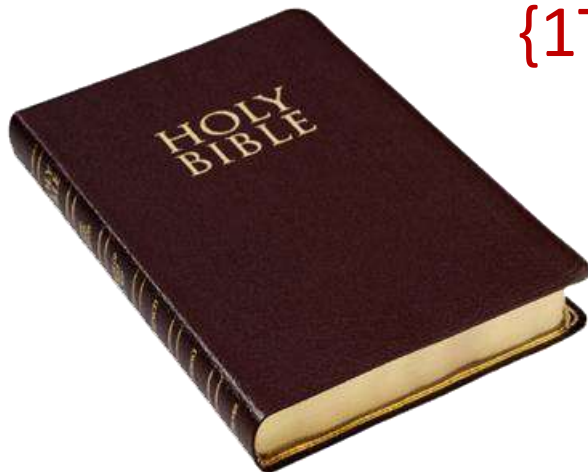
Do we ever read in inspired writings that the husband is to be provided for and protected by the wife? No.

Here we see the difference
between the roles of husband and
wife:

*“In the marriage vows they have
promised to be as one, the wife
covenanting to love and obey her
husband, the husband promising to
love and cherish his wife. {CCh 130.3}*

“It is the duty of the wife to yield her wishes and will to her husband. Both should be yielding, but the Word of God gives preference to the judgment of the husband.”

{1T 307}





“We women must remember that God has placed us subject to the husband. He is the head, and our judgment and views and reasonings must agree with his, if possible. If not, the preference in God's Word is given to the husband where it is not a matter of conscience. We must yield to the head.”

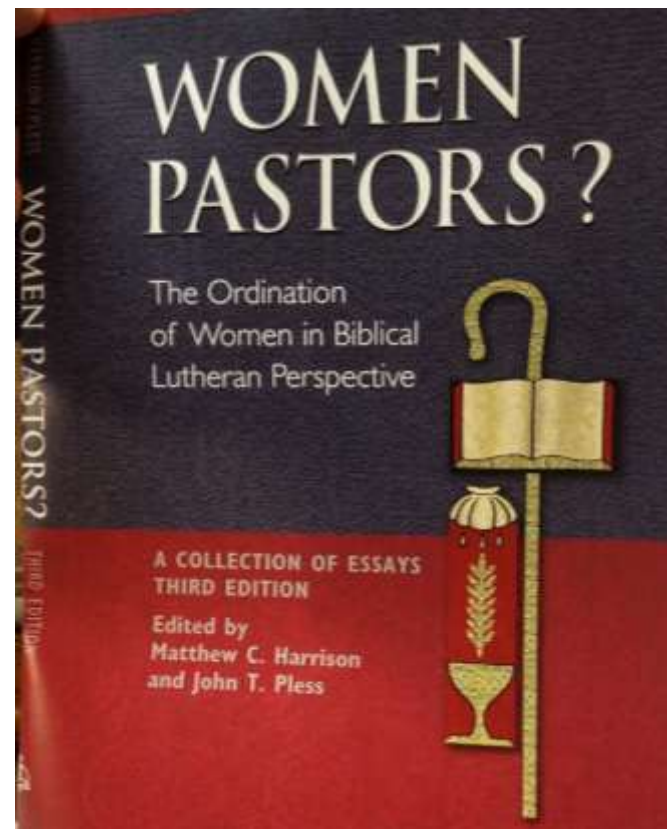
--Letter 5, 1861. {TSB 28.2}

*“God has **assigned** woman her mission, and if she, in her humble way, to the best of her ability, makes a heaven of her home, faithfully and lovingly performing her home-duties to her husband and children, she is doing the work left her of the Master. These women . . . are missionaries in the highest sense.” {PH011 39.1}*

*“We may safely say that the dignity and importance of **woman's mission and distinctive duties** are of a more sacred and holy character than the duties of man.” {3T 565.2}*



Why should she seek a man's role when she has such a high calling?



Consider this: Does not God, in His infinite wisdom, have the right to give different assignments to His created beings?



While God loved all the holy angels equally, they were assigned different positions.

Lucifer was assigned the highest position among created beings, but,

“step by step he miscalculated the position that had been assigned.”

{RH, May 30, 1899 par. 3}

Because of discontentment with his position, Lucifer lost everything. If he can inspire humans with the same discontentment of their position, or of their gender role, he vicariously conquers God through humanity's rebellion.



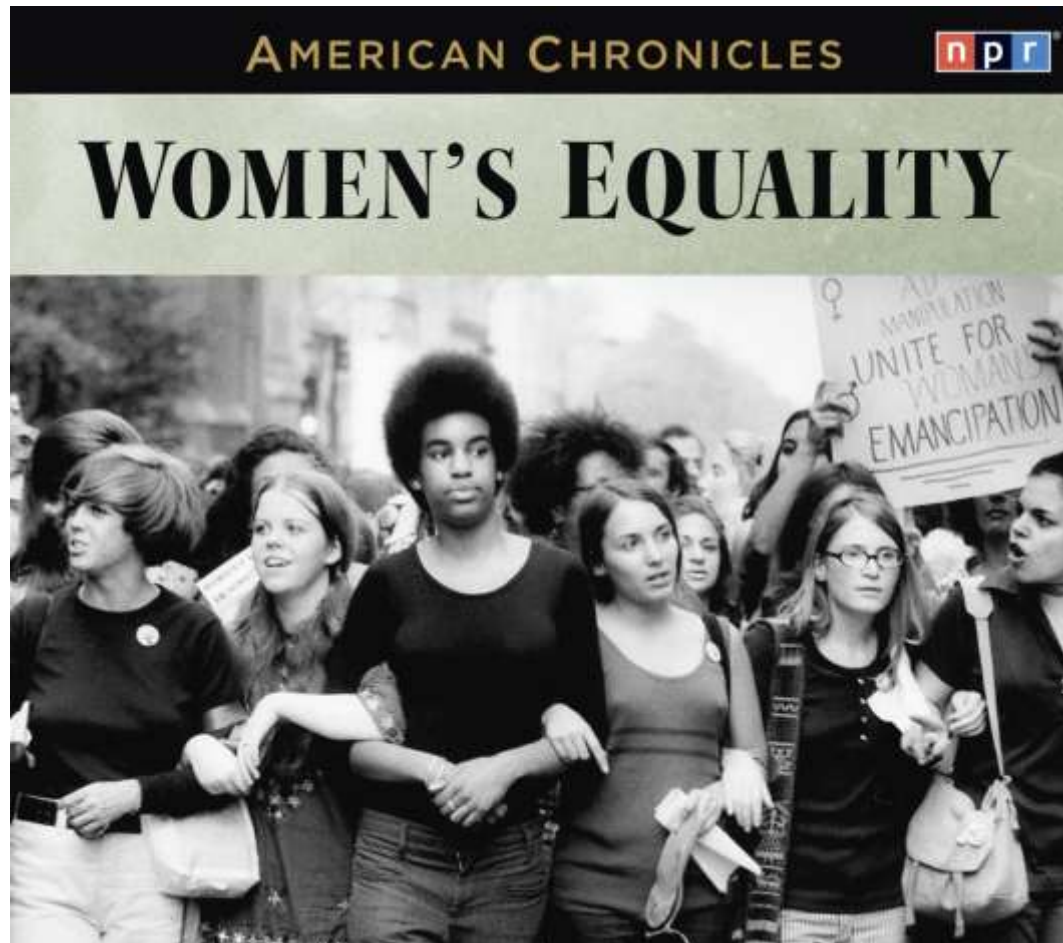
Satan failed
in his attempt
to usurp
authority and
power that
was not
rightfully his.



*“The controversy
in heaven began
with selfish strife
for position, a
desire on the
part of Lucifer to
be equal with
God.”*

{RH, May 30, 1899
par. 3}

Women have been led to believe that they are inferior if they do not push their way into a man's world, and demand equality in everything.



The feminist definition of equality means that there is NO distinction in any area.

See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women's_Strike_for_Equality,
<http://thewickedflea.com/2009/01/what-modern-feminism-really-is.html>



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Feminists claim that meaning and fulfillment can only be found if they have “equal rights.” In other words, they demand identical roles as men, “without regard to gender.” But they are making the same mistake that Eve made.





*“She was perfectly happy in her Eden home by her husband's side; but, like restless modern Eves, she was flattered that there was a higher sphere than that which God had assigned her. But in attempting to climb higher than her original position, she fell far below it.”*⁸²

CAUTIONARY TALES FROM THE
STRANGE WORLD OF WOMEN'S STUDIES



**DAPHNE PATAI &
NORETTA KOERTGE**

“This will most assuredly be the result with the Eves of the present generation if they neglect to cheerfully take up their daily life duties in accordance with God's plan.”

{3T 483.1}



God's directions regarding this order of male headship are very plain. If we follow them carefully, we can expect a reformation. Notice this following quotation:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

" . . . How plain are the directions that God has given through the inspiration of His Spirit.

" . . . When parents will remember that they are to begin with the church in the home, the true work of reform for which God calls will be carried forward.

{PUR, December 15, 1904 par. 9}

Dare we invalidate these plain directions regarding the headship of man in regards to the church?

If we do, we throw out the whole symbolism of Christ and the church, as modeled by the husband and wife relationship.



“God is the husband of His church. The church is the bride, the Lamb's wife. Every true believer is a part of the body of Christ. Christ regards unfaithfulness shown to Him by His people as the unfaithfulness of a wife to her husband. We are to remember that we are members of Christ's body.” (Letter 39, 1902). {7BC 985.9}

The home is a model of the church.

The husband is to model the headship of Christ, and the wife is to model the submission of the body to the head.





Unfortunately, this plan has not been faithfully followed by many of us.

If God's plan for headship is not followed in the home, confusion and division spreads to the church.



Just as the patriarchal rule spread to the extended family, so the principle of the headship of the husband spreads to the church family. The same rules govern both.



“The rules and regulations of the home life must be in strict accordance with a ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ The rules God has given for the government of His church are the rules parents are to follow in the church in the home.”

{ST, September 25, 1901 par. 19}





Ministers should be housebands = husbands



“Those whom the Lord intrusts with his work [Ministers] should cultivate home religion. . . . They should cultivate such traits of character as will qualify them to stand as head of their own households. They should be housebands.”

{RH, March 14, 1893 par. 6}

“The meaning of ‘husband’ is ‘houseband.’ “

{ST, March 28, 1892 par. 1}

The feminist cry for
“Equality” must
necessarily be linked
with the removal of the
patriarchal system,
which makes a
difference between the
roles of men and
women.



A feminist declares: “We as females must break out of this **patriarchal** construction, which acts to only pacify us into submission, and begin to take hold of *positive* characteristics considered both masculine and feminine. We must become **androgynous**, whole persons. **We must regain the power.**”

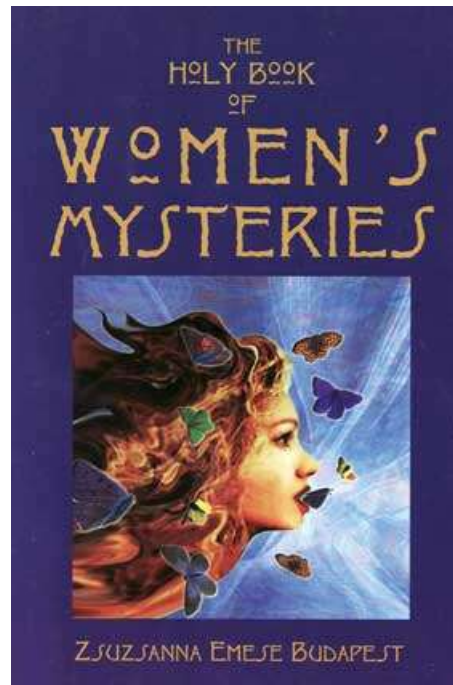
<http://textandgender.wordpress.com/2011/09/21/radical-revolution-the-only-option/>

Patriarchy is seen as a great evil,
which needs to be eradicated.



This line of thinking has come into many churches as a push for women's ordination. In the ordination of women, spiritual authority is assumed by females.



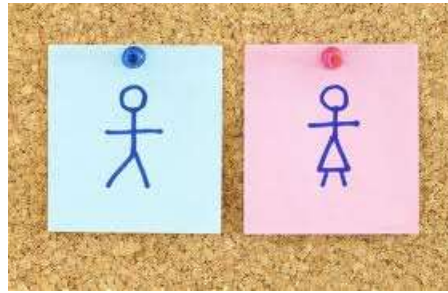


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When the patriarchal system is removed, the inroads of paganism become pervasive in society.

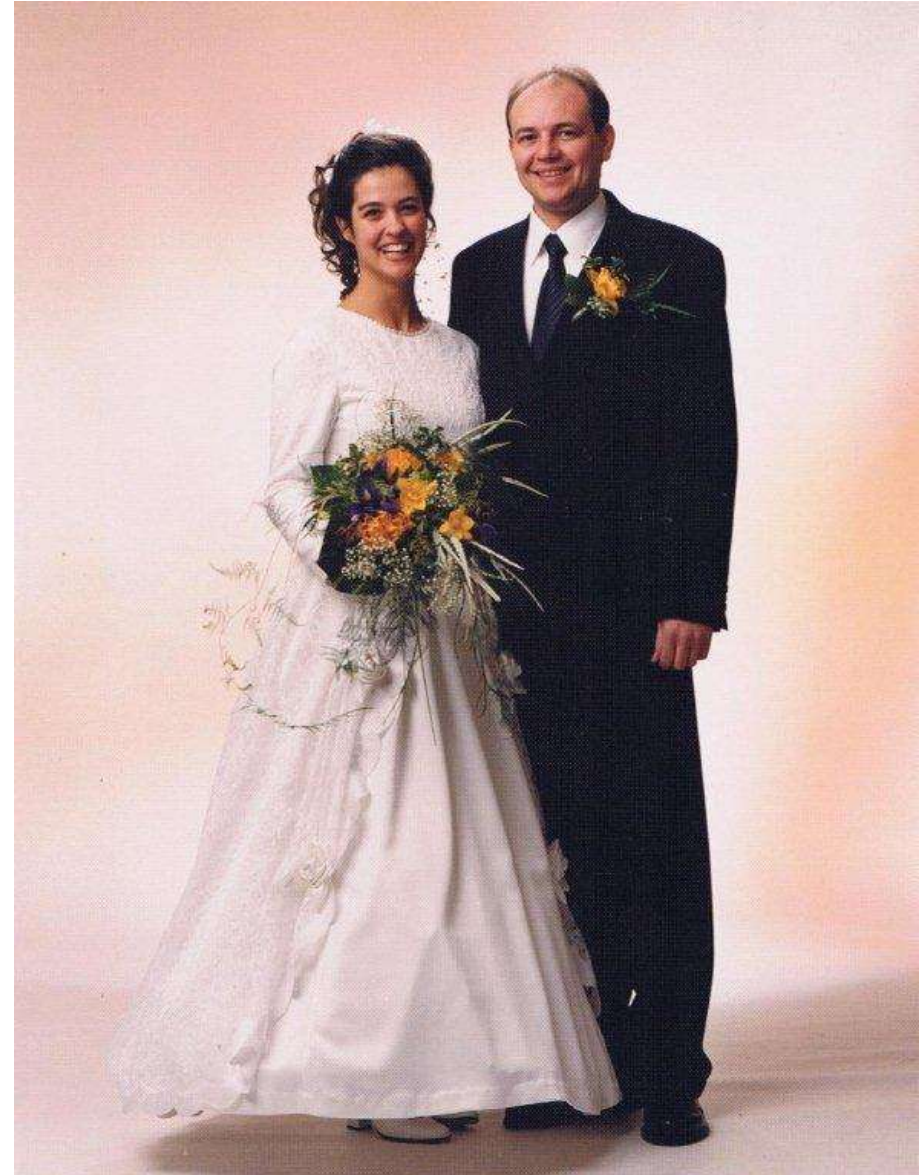
The androgynous movement is currently trying to do away with all sexual distinction.





When all these distinctions are blurred, he will have effectively destroyed our reverence for our Creator, our faith in the Bible and our purpose for existing as a Christian church.

In this presentation, we have clearly seen how God set up a system of male headship, both in the home and in the church.





In the next presentation we will discover the shocking roots of the movement that wants to do away with the male/female distinction.

End of Part 1

The Androgyny Deception

Part 2

**“Discovering the Roots of
Androgyny”**



What is the definition of male headship:

In the partnership of two spiritually equal human beings, man and woman, the man bears the primary responsibility to lead the partnership in a God-glorifying direction.

The model of headship is our Lord, the Head of the church, who gave Himself for us.

TIME

The woman
at work.
The man
at home.



Welcome to...

The new family



Gender issues are some of the hottest topics in the news.

The family is being re-defined. Roles are reversing.

What's behind all this?

Christ has chosen men to be ministers of the gospel, His ordained delegates, who have received their authority directly from Jesus. He's in charge, and He has chosen men to be His earthly representatives.

This is not human opinion, but God-inspired truth.



*While Christ is the minister in the sanctuary above, He is also, through **His delegates, the minister of His church on earth.** He speaks to the people through **chosen men,** and carries forward His work through them, as when in the days of His humiliation He moved visibly upon the earth. . . .From Christ's ascension to the present day, **men ordained of God, deriving their authority from Him,** have become teachers of the faith. {4T 393.1}*

God has provided light and truth for the world by having placed it in the keeping of faithful men, who in succession have committed it to others through all generations up to the present time. These men have derived their authority in an unbroken line from the first teachers of the faith. Christ remains the true minister of his church, but he delegates his power to his under-shepherds, to his chosen ministers, who have the treasure of his grace in earthen vessels. God superintends the affairs of his servants, and they are placed in his work by divine appointment.

{ST, April 7, 1890 par. 6}

Notice her use of men and women in these quotations. When she says men, she means males! Ministers are to be MEN.

*The primary object of our college was to afford young men an opportunity to study for the **ministry** and to prepare young persons of both sexes to become workers in the various branches of the cause. {5T 60}*

*Those who enter the missionary field should be men and women who walk and talk with God. Those who stand as **ministers** in the sacred desk should be men of blameless reputation. {5T 598}*



Satan desperately wants to disrupt
God's creation order.
He has manifested his hatred of
male headship in many ways.

If you study the history of androgyny, you will understand that it is a rebellious defiance against God's creation order, and has been manifested in pagan religions throughout history.





Many of the idols that the Israelites worshiped in their apostasy were female goddesses.



When Solomon apostatized from God and began worshipping the female goddess Ashtoreth, what happened to him?
“His character, once noble and manly, became enervated and effeminate.”

{PK 58.1}



Worshipping a female goddess
turned a noble, manly king into an
effeminate moral wreck!



This is Satan's goal for each of us, to destroy our morality, and our sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin.

Androgyny is defined as having both male/female characteristics, or not being distinctly male or female.



This is a male!



Since women's clothing has become more masculine, and men's clothing is becoming more feminine, there is now no plain distinction between the clothing of the sexes.



The next level of attack is
on gender roles.

There is a huge push for
equal roles in all areas.



ANDROGYNOUS



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Sneak Peek



One doesn't need to appear androgynous to have an androgynous mindset.

An androgynous mindset means
that we do not consider this
blurring of gender boundaries
WRONG.

By accepting this gender
blending, and not opposing it,
we buy into the androgynous
mindset.



There are many ways we can accept the androgynous mindset, such as:

- Not accepting our God-assigned roles
- Wearing clothing that blurs the male/female distinction
- Being accepting of any gender blurring practice



ANDROGYNY

He's taking it to a whole new level

What are we doing to warn our youth about the dangers of the androgynous mindset?

We may think we can ignore it, but our youth aren't ignoring it.



GENDER-BENDER DAY

I think they enjoyed it a little too much.

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This type of activity is rapidly increasing.



Carl Jung

In the roots of modern psychology, we find the androgynous theory:

“Jungian psychology, itself influenced by eastern religious thought, was very influential in the founding of modern psychological theory. The operative anthropology of Jungianism was a belief in the **androgynous nature** of all people - that there are female/feminine and male/masculine characteristics latent within everyone.”

<http://www.scholarscorner.com/didache/Androgyn&POPC.html>



Carl Jung

Jung theories were highly influenced by Gnosticism

“As early as August 1912, Jung had intimated a letter to Freud that he had an intuition that the essentially feminine-tones archaic wisdom of the Gnostics, symbolically called Sophia, was destined to re-enter modern Western culture by way of depth psychology.”

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Paganism has embraced the androgynous mindset since its inception.



Goddess worship is an integral part of Paganism and Gnosticism. This is androgyny.



Paganism is making a strong comeback. Gnostic ideas are attracting multitudes.



A Gnostic Feminist writes:

"...the main thing distinguishing the Gnostic gospels from the orthodox gospels is their abundance of powerful feminine imagery of the Divine. They reveal that many early Christians described and worshipped God as dyad, a being consisting of both masculine and feminine elements."

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“They prayed to both the divine Father and the divine Mother--to Mother-Father.

One of their prayers, still intact, begins, 'From thee, Father, and through thee, Mother...' The Gnostic gospels also referred to the Holy Spirit as female.”

--The Dance of the Dissident Daughter, p. 151, Sue Monk Kidd, former Baptist turned feminist.

The feminist movement is rooted in the Gnostic beliefs of androgyny.

Gnosticism teaches that the true God was a woman, and that the lesser god who created humans was evil.

Humans were originally androgynous, both male and female, until they sinned.

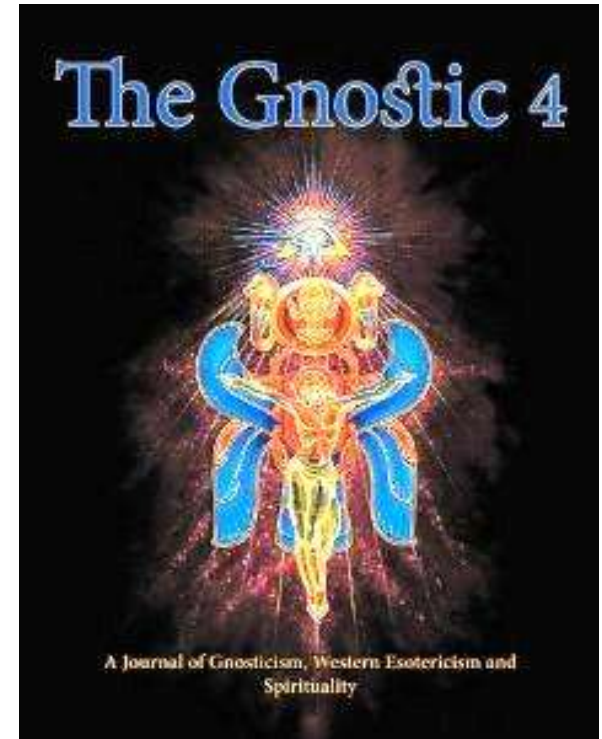




Some Gnostics taught that the androgynous Adam had to be split apart, into a male and female, as punishment.

In order to get back to godhood, *we must become androgynous.*

Many who have bought into the feminist agenda are unaware of these roots of feminism. The push for removing gender distinction finds its foundation in such ungodly beliefs.



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The push to obliterate gender roles is also taken up by the gay movement. If they succeed in blurring who is male and who is female, they remove all gender boundaries.

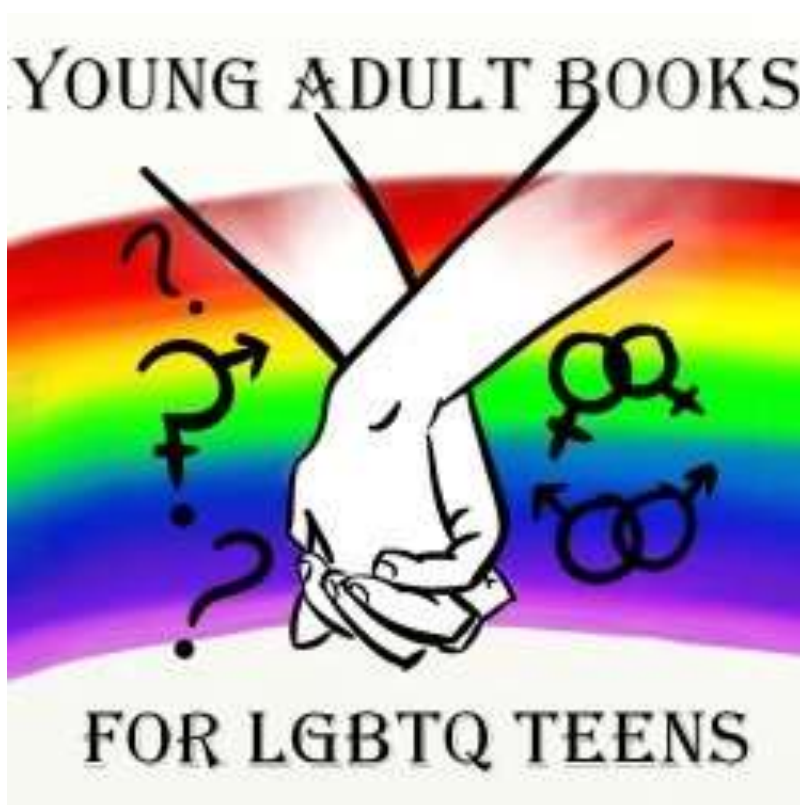


Then they are free to “love”
whomever they wish, male or
female, or both.



This causes society to call evil good
and good evil.

Those who oppose this agenda are
marginalized and ridiculed.



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Confusing propaganda makes it seem unloving to oppose homosexuality.





The demand for “equality” is the cry of both feminists and homosexuals. To both groups, equality means removing gender distinction.



Homosexuals and transgenders are exalted as the shamans of the neo-pagan religion, because they have “broken through the evil gender barrier, and become spiritually connected with the Mother god.”

“Of course the homosexual activists, along with the radical feminists, have long pushed the **androgyny** line; that male and female are merely interchangeable roles and artificial social constructs. Gender is fluid, and there is no physical, biological or genetic basis for sex differences.

“This is all part of their radical agenda to destroy marriage and family, and foist their own brave new world on to the rest of society, whether they like it or not.”

<http://www.billmuehlenberg.com/2010/05/12/against-androgyny/>

Bill Muehlenberg
Complementarian



GENDER WARS?



Society is in a gender crisis. For around 150 years, step by step society has been heading to where we are today. Each new step has been shocking and sometimes horrifying for a brief time until society became used to it. The church also gets used to it.

This is reality.

SPIRIT RAPPINGS.



T. E. GARRETT,

W. W. ROSSINGTON.

BOSTON PUBLISHED BY OLIVER BROWN, 25 CORNHILL.

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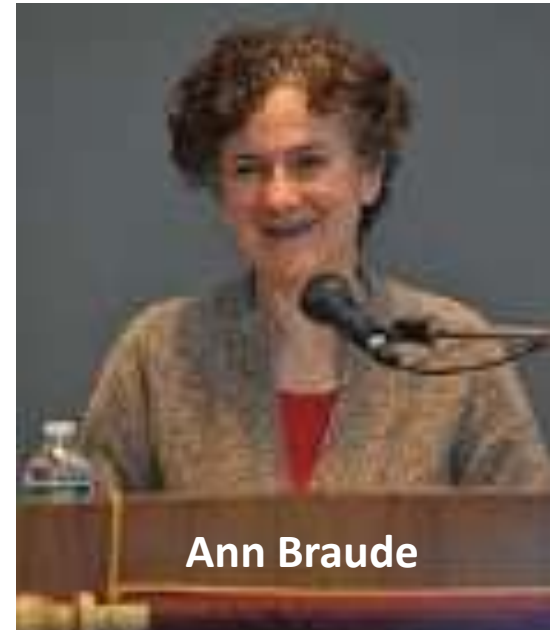
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Going back in history, we see that Women's Rights is undeniably linked with Spiritualism, as well as with defying gender boundaries. Spiritualism and feminism both defy the God-ordained headship of men.

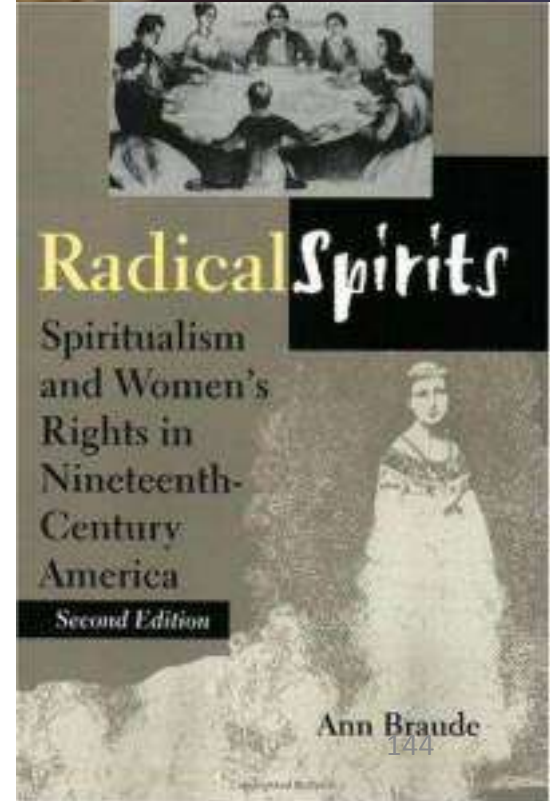
Ann Braude's *Radical Spirits* (1989) traces the importance of women and women's rights in the Spiritualist movement since its inception in 1848 – incidentally also the year of the momentous Seneca Falls Convention. It was spiritualism that paved the way for the women's right's movement

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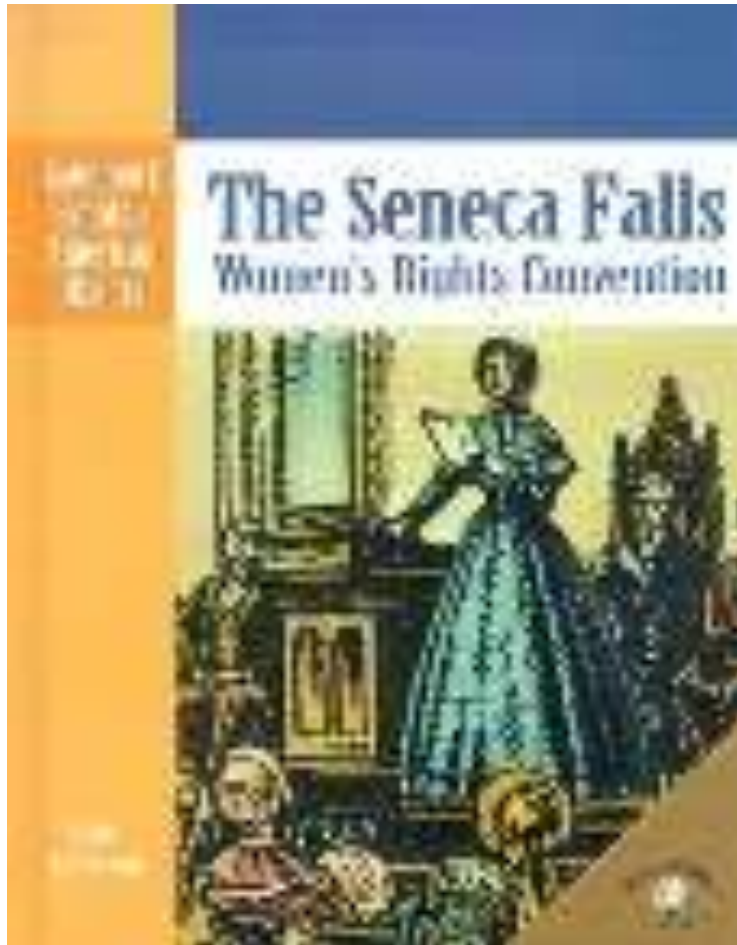
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“The first women's rights meeting in the United States, held at Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, itself followed several decades of a quietly-emerging egalitarian spirit among women.”

<http://womenshistory.about.com/od/suffrage/a/The-Long-Road-To-Suffrage.htm>

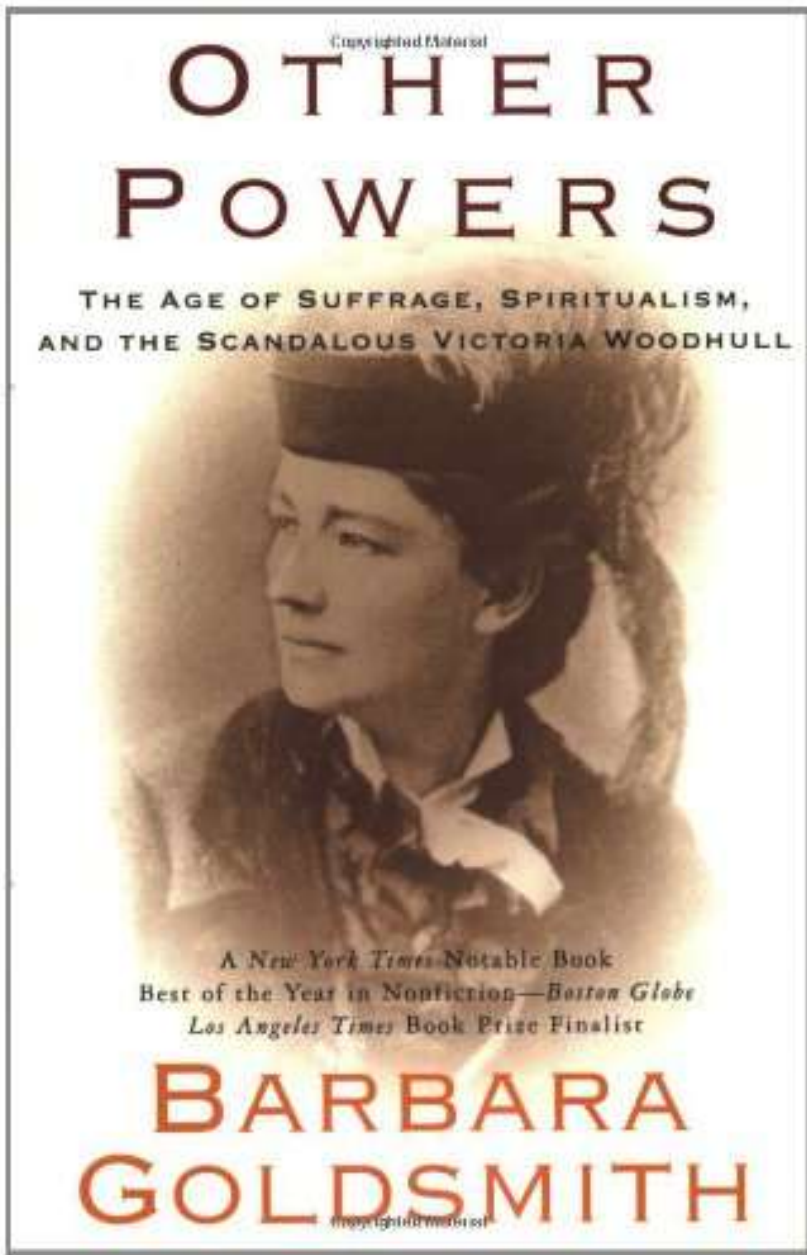
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The Fox Sisters



“Now back in 1848, and not twenty five miles away from the initial rappings heard in Hydesville, the feminist movement had their First Women's Rights Convention at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York on July 19 and 20 - just a few short months after spirit began communicating with women in that same geographic area.”

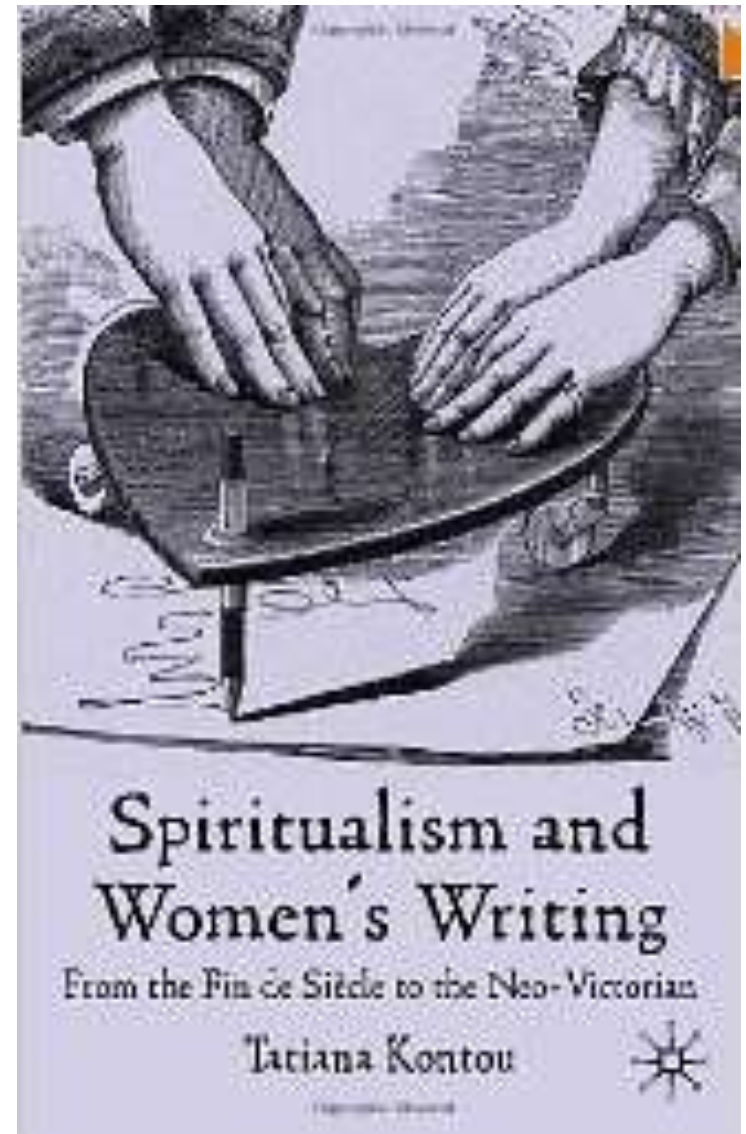
<http://feminismhistory.quebecblogue.com/2009/08/02/spiritualism-feminism-changing-humanity-together-far-the-dapc-blog/>



Women's rights advocate Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927) was a spiritualist, clairvoyant, faith healer and apostle of free love who maintained that her spirit guide had set her on a mission to create a social revolution.

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Because feminism has convinced many women that their value comes in having identical roles as men, there is a huge push to get women into church leadership. We can see that this has been on the agenda from the very beginning as those spiritualists followed the promptings of their spirit guides.



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Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a spiritualist who organized the women's rights convention at Seneca Falls showed open contempt for the Bible, declaring it to be of human origin, written by men who loved to dominate women. She fought for "equal rights" for women, both in society and in the church.

http://www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/Stanton_19_4.htm

After a huge success in gaining converts, spiritualism seemed to die out in the 1870's. In reality, it just moved right into the churches. Satan's agenda could better be carried out in the church than without.

“Spiritualism's decline caused the religious thrust of the women's rights movement to move instead to evangelical Christianity.”

<http://inhumandecency.org/christine/femrel.html>



And spiritualism is still strongly influencing those who are leading out in the push for women's ordination. A major organization formed for this purpose, Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) has very definite links to present-day spiritualism, although it is disguised and undetected by the unwary. Many of the supporters, authors and directors of CBE are directly connected with spiritual formation, such as Richard Foster, Brian MacLaren, Tony Compolo, Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Stanley Gundry, and Roger Nicole.

<http://www.cbeinternational.org/>

“Feminists active in the mainline Protestant churches have also succeeded in placing the androgyny concept near the apex of those churches theologies. Such theologians identify, in particular, with the old Gnostic heresy, the belief that God is both male and female, and that “Holy Wisdom,” the female persona of God, mediates the “fall” of humans into bodiliness and also the escape from Creation into spiritual life. Men and women, they say, can rise above their carnal sex roles and gain spiritual androgyny.”

<http://www.pop.org/content/androgyny-hoax-1707>

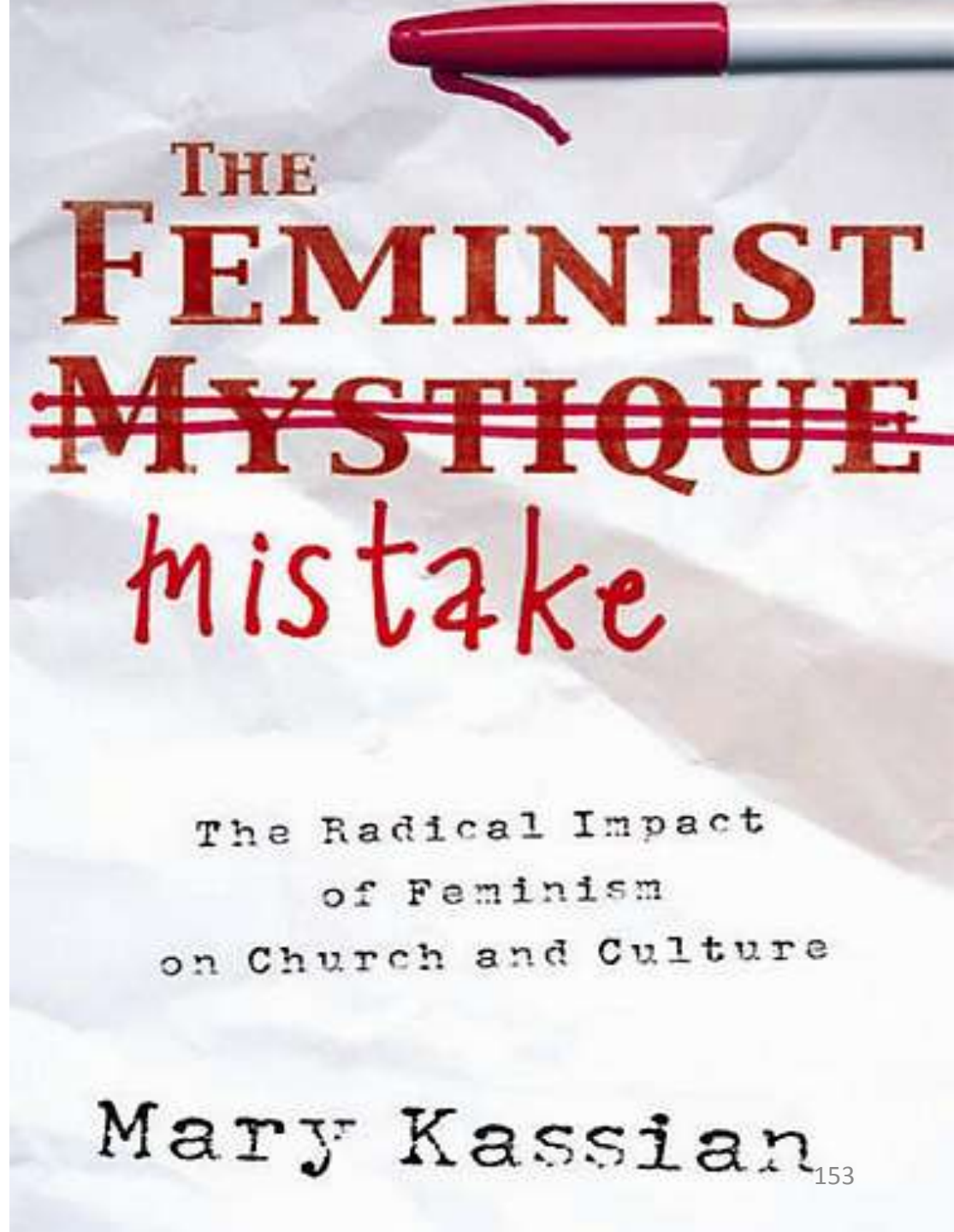
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Mary Kassian writes,

Biblical feminists formulated a definition of equality for Christian women that concurred with the definition put forth by secular society.

Equality meant role interchangeability—a woman had the right to fill any position that a man held.”

The Feminist Mistake, p. 255





From a website promoting the **Complementarian** viewpoint, The Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

“It is evident that sexual perversion and the elimination of sexual distinctions are not incidental footnotes of pagan religious history but represent one of paganism’s fundamental ideological commitments. As we have noted, the pagan priesthood is identified, across space and time, with the blurring of sexual identity via homosexual androgyny. If history is a wise teacher, we may surely conclude that paganism will always give enormous priority to destroying God-ordained monogamous heterosexuality and to promoting androgyny in its varied forms.”

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Is Our Culture Becoming Androgynous?

“To say that a culture or relationship is androgynous is to say it lacks rigid gender roles and the people involved display both masculine and feminine characteristics or partake in both masculine and feminine activities.”

[http://www.arthistoryclub.com/art history/Androgynous](http://www.arthistoryclub.com/art_history/Androgynous)

Androgyny and Homosexuality

“The gay liberation movement embraced the idea of androgyny, for it allowed lesbians and gay men to show their gender characteristics openly in society. Subsequently, the prevailing wind for social changes started to sweep across the globe, empowering women and softening the image of men, while altering the perception of human nature consisting of opposite sex roles to human nature unifying two complimentary sex roles as a legitimate gender.”

<http://uniorb.com/RCHECK/RAndrogyny.htm>

Androgyny and Evolution

“Apparently, the increasing global attraction to androgyny indicates that the modern theory of evolution holds greater sway than the traditional doctrines of Christianity. Some may believe that androgyny is just a passing trend, and others may think that it's part of the evolution of humanity. Whichever it is, one thing seems inevitable - as the world becomes more integrated and complex, society will adapt pervading changes as social norms to move humanity forward in its social evolution.”

<http://uniorb.com/RCHECK/RAndrogyny.htm>

Androgyny and Spiritualism

Modern-day Spiritualists channel messages from demons, to prepare humans to enter the 5th dimension.

They teach that in order to ascend into higher consciousness, humans must once more achieve a balance in their masculine and feminine energies; they must become androgynous.

http://www.pathwaytoascension.com/print_friendly.php?page=chapel/lesson1.html

Spiritualist Madame Blavatsky's masterpiece "The Secret Doctrine," published in 1888, teaches that Adam was androgynous, both male and female, which was the highest spiritual level.

<http://spiritualrealities.wordpress.com/>

Warning: I do not recommend going to this site, as it is filled with demonic messages. If you choose to read this site, proceed with great caution and much prayer. I refer to it because it exposes Satan's agenda.

Spirit guides, (demons) who are currently channeling through modern day spiritualists, are sending messages to all who will listen. One of the messages they are sending is that humans need to clear themselves of all "gender energies," and become **androgynous**.

Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered are cooperating with the demons to bring this state about. Notice in the next quote the answers the demons give to this follower:

Written by a follower of modern spirit guides, **Carl Forsberg**

<http://the2012scenario.com/spiritual-essays/enlightenment/a-balanced-androgyny/>

“The distinction of Male and Female, thus Man and Woman is no more clearly defined as it is by the Human race. For me personally, as a man, it became for me a 30 year prison of my entire life. Yes, I knew I was born to be a man, but by my Teen years, I knew deep within myself I had a female identity that longed to be recognized. To my own embarrassment I had as much real feeling for my male companions as I did for the women in my life. Over the years I let this become a prison for myself because I did not know how to express these feelings without breaking all the rules I was raised with. (Continued on next slide)

(Continued from previous slide) “There was no one that I could turn to that did not condemn these feelings, and I even had thoughts of Suicide because there was no resolution I could turn to. The greatest condemnation came from my family and my religion, the two elements I was closest to in my life.

I prayed for and finally received the answers I needed from my Spirit Guides, who have been my constant companions and have never let me down.

I realize now that God Itself, the author of all life is androgynous, meaning, God is the perfect balance of all that is Male and all that is Female. ***The longer we live in our journey back to the Cosmos, which is our Goal, the more God like we become. Therefore, our roles take on a greater and greater balance of both sexes.”***

This is so revealing, because it clearly exposes the devices of the devil right down to the core.

The more his followers become like Satan, the more androgynous they become.

The Androgynous thinking promoted by the devil is basically the removal of the distinction between the sexes, *whether in appearance or roles.*

It is Satan's master plan to obliterate gender distinction.

His demons are spreading it far and wide.

We can see it clearly now.

We have no excuse for following his agenda.

Consider Satan's lie in the Garden of Eden.—You will become like gods, knowing good and evil, if you just follow what I tell you to do. **(eat the fruit)**.

Well, that same devil is telling people—You will enter the 5th dimension, a new world order, and become a god, if you will just do what I tell you to do **(accept androgyny)**.

God said—Don't eat the fruit.

Now God says—Maintain a plain distinction between males and females.

So, who will we obey, God or Satan????

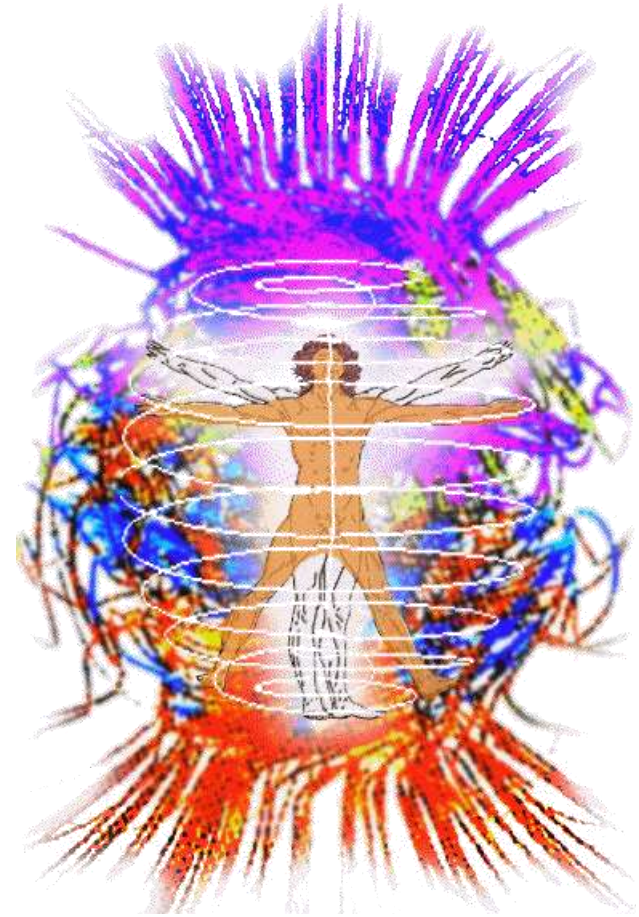


God's truth is: the more we become like Christ, the more distinct will we become in our manliness or womanliness. That is God's truth. That is His promise.

*“**Manliness, womanliness--sanctified, purified, refined, ennobled--we have the promise of receiving.**” {1SM 88.3}*

*“All that makes men **manly** or women **womanly** is reflected from the character of Christ.” {CT 541.2}*

With just a little bit of research, (as we should not delve into these matters,) one uncovers the *obvious link of androgyny with modern spiritualism*. Notice in the next 3 slides how androgyny is part of the integral process of becoming a 'god' and 'goddess'.



“Cosmic Androgyny: the ***union of He and She***
within.

The Spirit and Flesh World Religion and Spirituality
Online Library: uniting seemingly opposed
ideologies and vibrations into the true, pristine
harmony of cosmic oneness.

Meditating deeply after smoking marijuana can
help ***facilitate the union of your male and female***
aspects. The union occurs within, so you must be
silently within yourself to allow the union.

(continued)

“Wholeness is the outcome of the alchemical union of opposites within the individual, specifically male and female, light and dark, internal and external, spirit and flesh.

To merge the inner with the outer is to be conscious of both the inner and outer at the same time, and then to merge both aspects into one. At the subtle level of Self, where all duality ends, **there is neither male nor female**, good nor evil, inside nor out—only a living, limitless ocean of being/awareness/peace. (continued)

“When all is one self, that self is a oneness which defies all categories of duality, for it is now one I which is ***both male and female***, transcendent and immanent, spirit and flesh.

All is Goddess and God, united in their stillness and generative duality of oneness wherein all arises, passes away, and yet remains in the subtle harmony of their togetherness. Our I is one with Goddess and God. I am we, and ***I am Goddess and God***, which is everything.”

http://www.spiritandflesh.com/man_Androgyny.htm

As we can see, this Androgynous mindset is the doctrine of devils, rooted in rebellion, and designed to prepare a people to enter the Satanic “5th dimension.”

The spiritualists explain the necessity of androgyny for this
5th dimension

“The four astrological alignments . . . will thereby support the creation of the New Anatomy known as the Adam Kadmon body, and on a parallel level the necessary dimensions of the *androgynous* physical manifestation, lightbody/Christbody and Consciousness to also come into physical manifestation.”

<http://www.transferencehealing.com/channellings/index/821/6/channellings/our-transition-to-the-5th-dimension>

This Satanic teaching requires an androgynous state:

“For most religions, the Fifth Dimension is the highest realms a Soul can reach.

Spiritually, starting from the beginning, it is the last stop downward on the dimensional ladder before we enter the realms of limitation. We incarnate here as **androgynous** stellar beings. Since we live on Stars we have luminous Light Bodies. These eternal forms have no need for pain, the warning signals that physical bodies provide. Therefore there is no physical suffering. Neither do we suffer from any form of separation because we constantly experience the **Oneness of Mother/Father Creator.**”

<http://enlightenedawareness.wetpaint.com/page/5th+Dimension+-+Speculation>



The point is, the devil is serious about promoting androgyny in our society. His followers recognize it as a mandate for their spiritual evolution.

It is being taught in classes, promoted in the media, displayed in fashion, and mainstreamed through the United Nations. Everywhere you turn, you will see this androgynous mindset being pushed on us.

We need spiritual discernment to recognize the impact of this androgynous mindset.

This Spiritualistic Class is offered at a cost of \$250 per session:

“RoHun™ Advanced Processes

These are transformative and advanced processes that continue the healing of the subconscious, and expand your awareness to greater states of Light and love in your consciousness. **The advanced processes are: *The Androgynous Process – male and female healing (three sessions); The Divine Mother, healing issues with the mother (one session); The Origin Process – healing issues with God (two sessions); and The Seven Visions of Self (three sessions).*”**

Another spiritualistic website offers instruction on how to become androgynous:

“Seven Chakras Androgyny Grids

I trust that your journey through the chakras and Androgyny grids will awaken the Dynamic Light within you to shine even brighter and stretch further a field, shedding light on the extended aspects of your life.

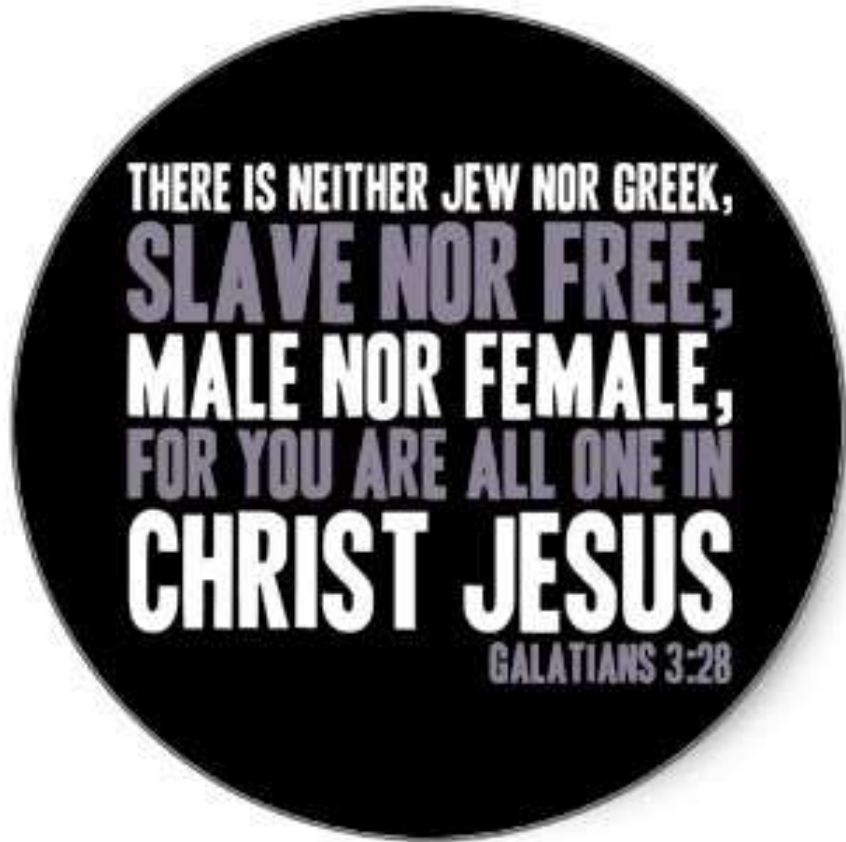
May your adventure be filled with exciting discoveries of the treasures and wisdom that ARE inside of you, just waiting to be found!”

The essence of Spiritualism is the age-old lie, “ye shall not surely die and Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”



Having deceived mankind into eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Satan wants to make them believe that, in becoming gods, they will have access to the tree of life.

But, in order to do that, they will need to become **androgynous**.



It is preposterous to suggest that God is in favor of the gender blurring agenda being promoted by the enemies of righteousness. To wrongfully use Galatians 3:28 to promote the removal of distinction between the roles or appearance of men and women is inexcusable.

Does God really think it's a good idea
to remove all gender distinctions?
Or this is Satan's agenda?





United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Gender Mainstreaming: The New Age/United Nations Agenda

- 1. Merge God and Nature (ecology)
- 2. Eradicate male-female distinction (androgyny)
- 3. World peace and nuclear disarmament
- 4. One world government
- 5. One world religion

<http://www.babylonmysteryreligion.com/unitednationsagenda.htm>

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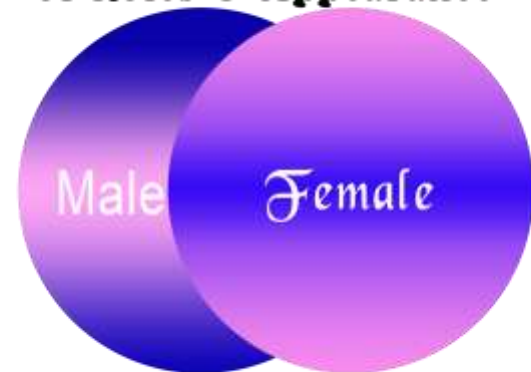
This androgynous issue is not a small thing. Our attitude toward it is a heart issue, leading to either obedience or rebellion.

It affects so many attitudes and practices! Indeed, the entire character is shaped by one's philosophy on this very matter.

**Distinct Manhood & Womanhood
in Roles & Appearance**



**Gender Blending
of Roles & Appearance**



What is one of our greatest dangers?

*“One of the greatest dangers that besets God's people has ever been from conformity to worldly **maxims and customs.**”*

{CG 471.2}

What is a maxim? What is a custom?

Maxim=basic principle, or rule of conduct

Custom=habitual practice

*“There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the **customs, maxims, and associations** of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.”*

{CT 62.2}

This is not going to be easy!

When light shines on our pathway,
*it is our privilege and duty to walk
in the light.*

This may mean changes in lifestyle,
wardrobe, career, philosophy,
pursuits, and so on.

May God help us!

God wants to strengthen our manhood and womanhood!

*“The Lord is at the door, and all the **manhood** and **womanhood** of our spiritual being is to be called into activity.”*

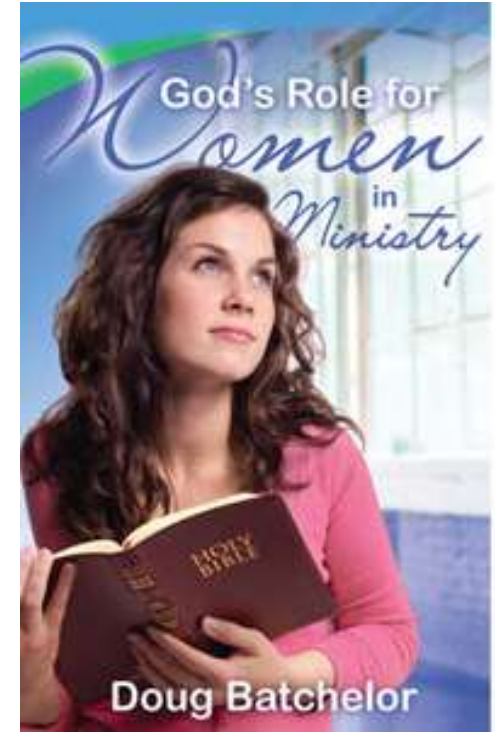
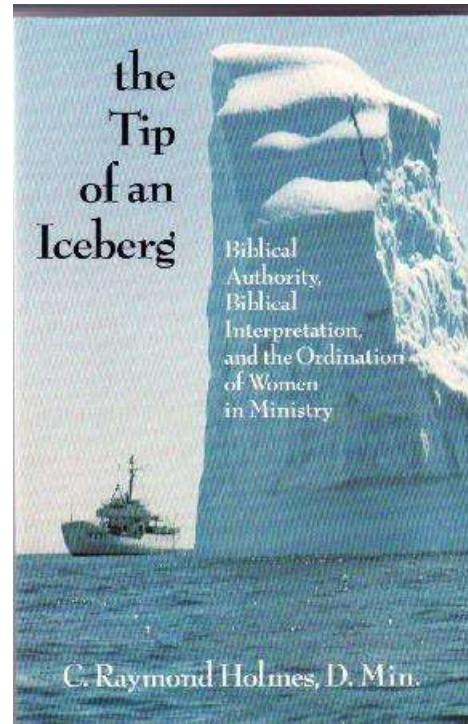
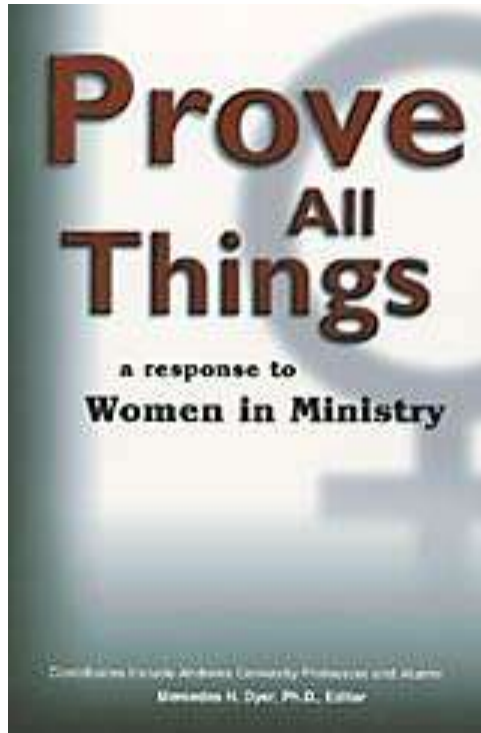
{RH, April 12, 1898 par. 11}



*“Why not make up your mind that you will stand in your God-given **manhood** and **womanhood**, and, through Christ, be **overcomers?**”*

{ST, March 18, 1889 par. 8}

*As the world accepts the
androgynous mindset,
let us, as Christians,
in decided contrast,
seek to become
Manly men
or Womanly women
in Christ!*



Highly Recommended Books & Websites

www.AdventistAffirm.org

www.WomenInMinistryTruth.com

www.ChristOrCulture.com

<http://lineinthesand.biz/>

End of Part 2

The Androgyny

Deception

Part 3

“The American Costume”



This part of the presentation is primarily designed for committed Seventh-day Adventist women who love the Lord with all their hearts, and who firmly believe in the inspiration of the Spirit of Prophecy.

This is advanced “meat” for those who are already walking in all the light they have, and are open to learn more about God’s principles that bring reformation into the lifestyle.

Is it important for us, as God's people, to understand the development of worldly fashion, and see how the adversary has, subtly and slowly, crept his customs and practices into the church?



EGW: “As we see the love of fashion and display among those who profess to believe present truth, we sadly ask, Will the people of God learn nothing from the history of the past? There are few who understand their own hearts.” {MYP 354.3}



It is very important to consider the history of women's dress, and how fashions have developed. We will go back to a time when Ellen White was still alive, and consider the prevailing fashions of her day.

**The 1850's
female dresses
included
hoops, and
skirts dragging
in the filth.
Heavy
underskirts
and corsets
were extremely
unhealthy.**





Corsets compressed the waist, causing major health problems.¹⁹⁴

Hoop skirts of the 1850's & 1860's.



EGW: “From what has been shown me, hoops are an abomination.

They are indecent, and God's people err if they follow, in the least degree, or give countenance to, this fashion.”

{4bSG 66.1}



Alice Dyer Miller—Garet Garrett—John F. Marquand—Richard Le Gallienne—William Hazlett Upson—Albert W. Atwood—Austin Parker—James H. Crank

The hoops (caged crinolines) were extolled as freeing women from the many layers of heavy petticoats that dragged down on the female waistline. Women who didn't wear hoops wore as many as six underskirts!



EGW: “While traveling in the cars and stages... I have seen large companies crowding into the cars, and in order to make any headway, the hoops had to be raised and placed into a shape which was indecent.”
{4bSG 68.1}



EGW: “And the exposure of the form was ten-fold more with those who wore hoops, than with those who did not...but modesty and decency must be sacrificed to the god of fashion. May the Lord deliver his people from this grievous sin. God will not pity those who will be slaves to fashion.” {4bSG 68.1}



Who is behind the god of fashion?

EGW: “In forming the fashions of the day, he (Satan) has a fixed purpose.” {3SM 244.3}

Satan has an agenda! Let us not be ignorant of his devices.

EGW: “ It is our privilege, our duty, to receive light from heaven, that we may perceive the wiles of Satan, and obtain strength to resist his power.”
{RH, October 23, 1888 par. 10}



Satan specializes in mixing truth with error, good with bad, even in worldly fashions.

He creates a wrong fashion, and then leads ungodly people to “correct” the wrong with something that is also wrong.





How Important it is, then, that we learn God's principles, and submit to His will, so that we may not be deceived by the devil!

God ordained that the husband be the head of the home.

“The head of the woman is the man.” 1 Corinthians 11:3

EGW “The husband and father is the head of the household.” {AH 211.4}

EGW “The father represents the divine Lawgiver in his family.” {AH 212.2}



The truth about God's creation order—the headship of man—has been **HATED** by many rebellious women for a long time!



The devil launched a massive attack against God's order of creation in the 1850's, when he inspired a group of "modern, restless Eves" to rebel against God's principles. These women defied the Bible. They were spiritualists.

They decided that wearing men's clothing would give them power and authority. They coveted the role God had given men.



In the 1850's, Elizabeth Smith Miller put on a "short" skirt over pantaloons.

Her cousin, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and her friend Amelia Bloomer, also wore similar attire.

Part of their motivation was noble—to wear more healthful attire.



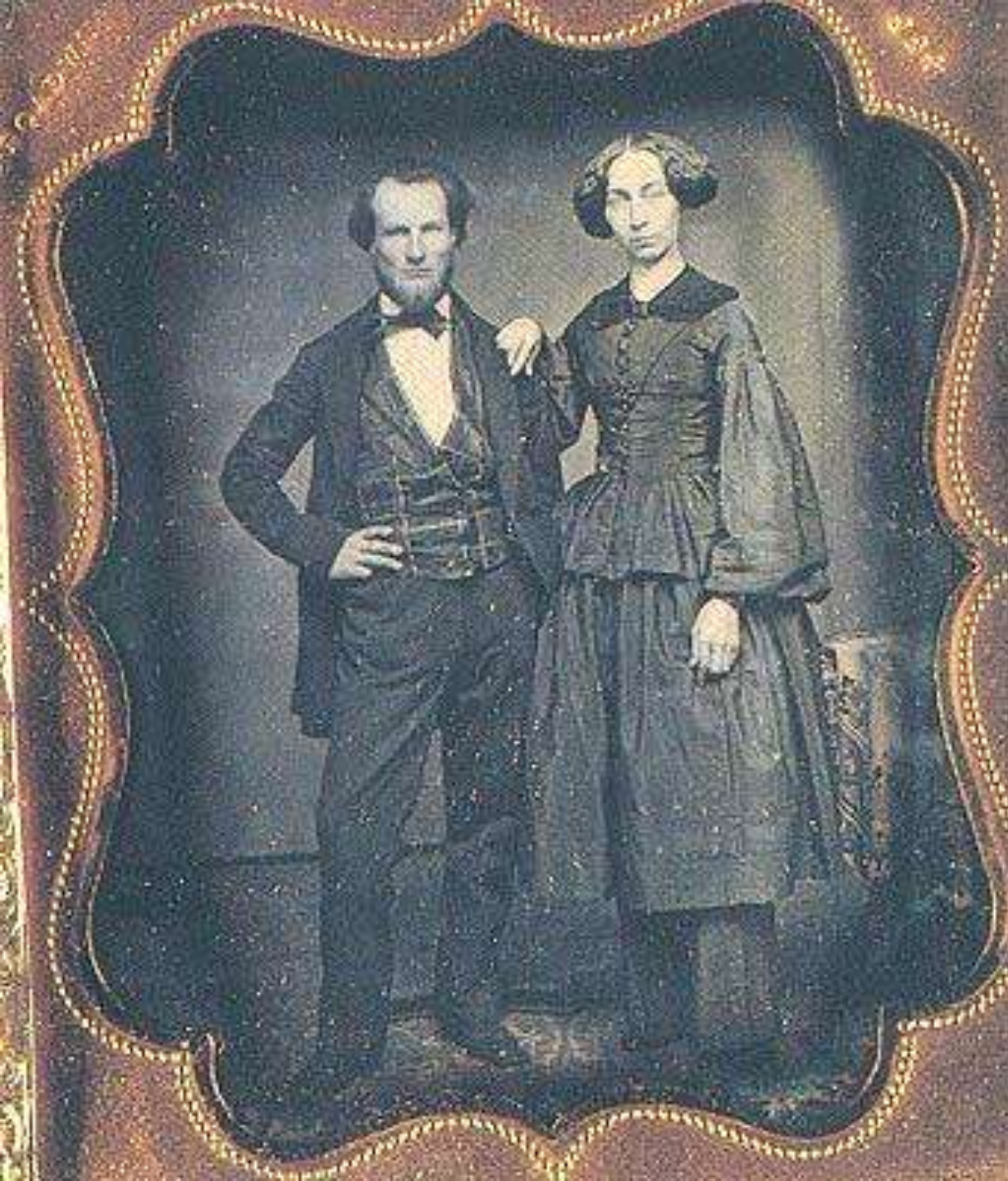
This particular style, designed by Amelia Bloomer, consisted of pants under a short dress.

There were various styles.

This knee-length dress over pants outfit was called the “American Costume.”



THE BLOOMER COSTUME.

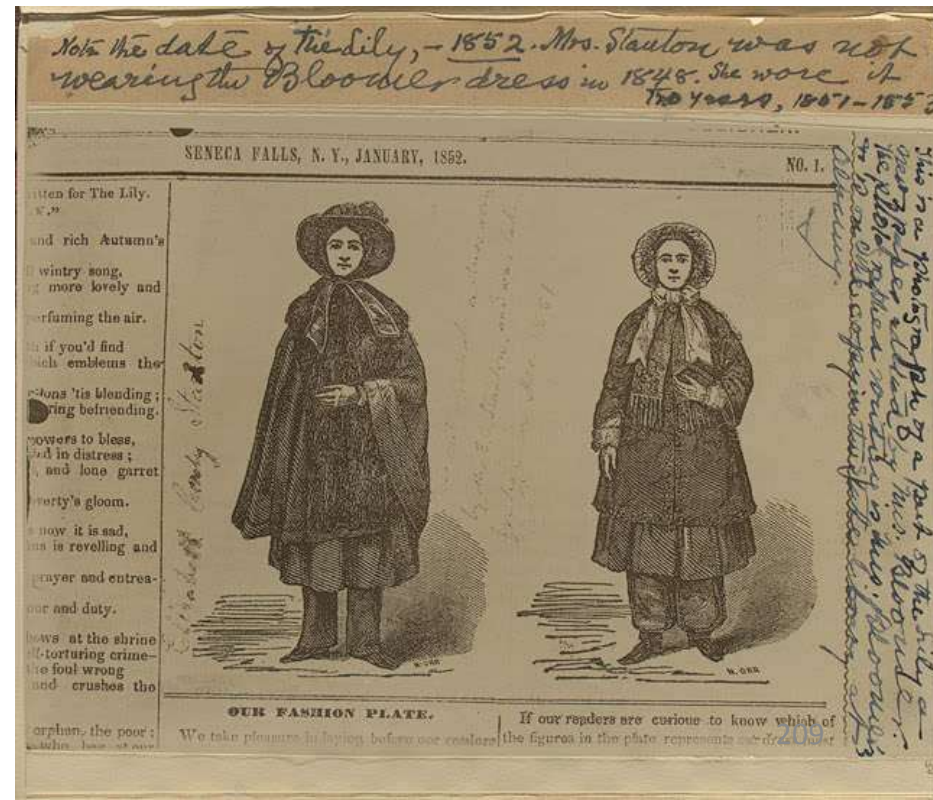


**The
“American
Costume” was
worn by
women who
rebelled
against the
Bible principle
that “the head
of the woman
is the man.” 1
Corinthians
11:3**

These rebellious woman were spiritualists.

“Spiritualists believed individuals could serve as vehicles of truth because each embodied the laws of nature in his or her being. Such individualism laid the foundation for Spiritualism's rejection of male headship over women.”

—From “Radical Spirits: Spiritualism And Women's Rights In Nineteenth-Century America” written by Ann Brauden





“The most elementary motive behind the women’s rights movement of the mid 1800’s was an effort to disrupt traditional patriarchy. The desire to wear trousers was most certainly couched in a bitter war against male authority in both society and church.” (see

<http://oldlandmark.wordpress.com/2006/04/>)



**Their spiritualistic beliefs led them to
defy the Word of God.**

The Bible says:

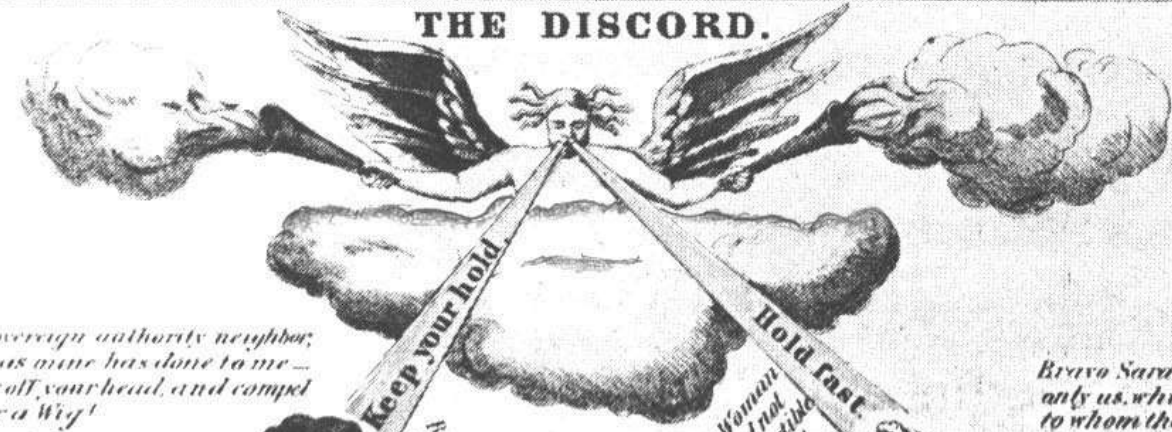
Deuteronomy 22:5: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."





Amelia Bloomer, in an angry response to a sermon referring to Deuteronomy 22:5, stated: “It matters not to us what Moses had to say to the men and women of his time about what they should wear . . .”

THE DISCORD.



*Fight courageous for sovereign authority neighbor;
at your wife 'll do to you, as mine has done to me —
She 'll pull your hair off your head, and compel
you to wear a Wig!*

Keep your hold.

Hold fast.

*Rather die than let
my wife have my pants.
I must ought always to
be the ruler!*

*Sam, help me! Woman
is born to rule and a real
creature, called men!*

*Bravo Sarah! Stick to them, it is
only us, which ought to rule and
to whom the pants fit the best.*



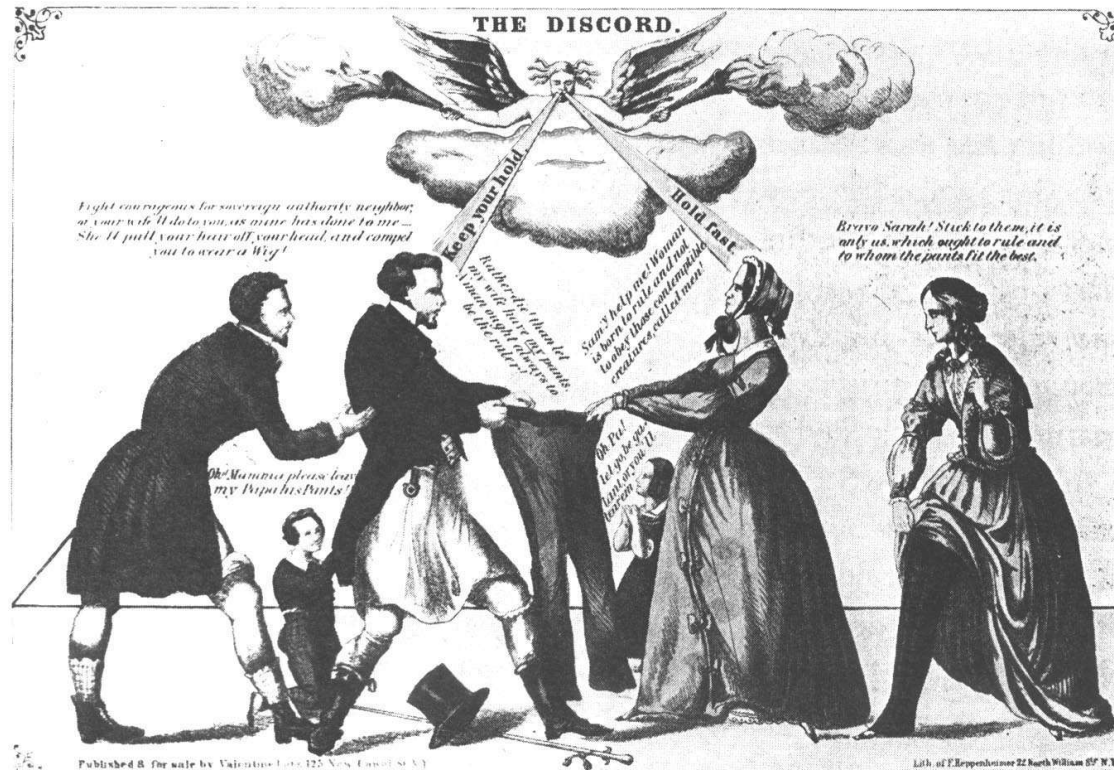
*Oh Mamma please leave
my Papa his Pants!*

*Oh Paul!
let go be you
harm or you 'll
tear em*

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This 1855 cartoon depicts the power struggle over pants.



What are these women saying?

“Woman is born to rule, and not to obey those contemptible creatures called men.”

“It is only us which ought to rule, and to whom the pants fit the best!”



Pants are the symbol of male authority.

<http://kentbrandenburg.blogspot.com/2011/10/god-expects-or-assumes-separate-visible.html>

“Mrs. Bloomer turned the trousers into a UNIFORM OF REBELLION... CHALLENGING the long TRADITION of who in the family wore the PANTS.” -- taken from "Panati's Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things" by Charles Panati





Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a women's rights leader, spiritualist and advocate of the American Costume. She spoke and wrote strongly against the biblical headship of men.



Mrs. Stanton wrote, "When women understand that governments and religions are human inventions; that bibles, prayer-books, catechisms, and encyclical letters are all emanations from the brains of man, they will no longer be oppressed by the injunctions that come to them with the divine authority of 'Thus sayeth the Lord.' "

Elizabeth Cady
STANTON



“The Bible and the Church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of women’s emancipation.”
--Elizabeth Cady-Stanton

The promoters of the “American Costume” considered the Bible and the Church as standing in the way of their goals.



Notice the defiance, as Amelia Bloomer, a spiritualist, declared: “We shall no longer be answerable to the laws of God or man, no longer be subject to punishment for breaking them.”

Ellen White spoke out against the "American Costume" as well as the rebellious spirit of the women's rights advocates. Their attitude was totally incompatible with Seventh-day Adventist beliefs.



EGW: "Those who feel called out to join the movement in favor of woman's rights and the so-called dress reform [American costume] might as well sever all connection with the third angel's message." {1T 457.3}



This is the only quotation by Ellen G. White where she makes a judgment regarding the women's rights movement. Clearly, she speaks **most strongly against it**. And she adds the element of the gender blurring outfit.

These are the 2 practices referred to in the first Presentation on The Androgyny Deception.

- **Joining the Women's Rights Movement**
- **Accepting clothing that blurred the male/female distinction.**

Both of these activities are **contrary** to the principles of Seventh-day Adventism.

The message was clear that this style of dress (the American Costume or Bloomer Costume) was not approved by the Lord. Ellen White also called it “the so-called reform dress.”



EGW: "The spirit which attends the one [women's rights movement] cannot be in harmony with the other [Seventh-day Adventism]. "
{1T 457.3}



EGW: "God would not have His people adopt the so-called reform dress [American Costume]. It is immodest apparel, wholly unfitted for the modest, humble followers of Christ."
{1T 457.1}



EGW: "The Scriptures are plain upon the relations and rights of men and women. Spiritualists have, to quite an extent, adopted this singular mode of dress [American Costume]."
{1T 457.3}

Let's find out what was so wrong about the American Costume.



At its worst, the American Costume was too masculine. This prompted Ellen White to write:

"There is an increasing tendency to have women in their dress and appearance as near like the other sex as possible and to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it abomination." {CG 427.2}



She stated that this style disregarded God's special directions to have a **"plain distinction between the dress of men and women."**

The distinction between men and women was plainly that men wore pants and women wore dresses. When more than a few inches of pants were showing, the pants became a focal point of the outfit, which blurred the distinction between men's and women's clothing.



Thus, the American Costume was masculine, not only in the style of the dress, but because of the amount of the pant leg that was revealed.

The short dress [American Costume] that came about to the knee and above the knee was declared to be immodest.



When the first rebellious ladies put on the "short" dress over their bloomers, the dresses came approximately to the knee. Within a short while, the dresses got shorter, until finally some were about half way from the hips to the knee. Most of the pictures we have show the knee length dress.



This is Dr. Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, lecturer, and editor of The Sibyl: the official newsletter of the National Dress Reform Association (NDRA)

She dedicated her life to women's rights: "I registered a vow that I would stand or fall in the battle for women's physical, political and educational freedom and equality."



James & Ellen White first visited "Our Home" in 1863, which was a secular health sanitarium.

EGW: "This is the style and influence of the "American Costume," taught and worn by many at "Our Home," Dansville N. Y." {RH, October 8, 1867 par. 7}

We will show various styles of the American Costume.



EGW: "They have all styles of dress here. (Our Home-Danville) Some are very becoming, if not so short. We shall get patterns from this place and I think we can get out a style of dress more healthful than we now wear and yet not be bloomer or the American costume." {1T 457.2}

One of the problems with the American Costume was that it was too short. This made it look masculine.



EGW: "There is an increasing tendency to have women in their dress and appearance as near like the other sex as possible, and to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it abomination. . . . The foregoing was given me as a reproof to those who are inclined to adopt a style of dress resembling that worn by men;" {1T 457.2}



EGW: “There is still another style of dress which is adopted by a class of so-called dress reformers [American Costume]. They imitate the opposite sex as nearly as possible. They wear the cap, pants, vest, coat, and boots, the last of which is the most sensible part of the costume.” {1T 459.7}



- **The reason we are so carefully reviewing this history of the American Costume and Ellen G. White's comments regarding it, is because it provides us with a very clear interpretation of Deuteronomy 22:5.**



- **We don't have to wonder what God means in this verse. God's prophetess clearly tells us that women who wear clothing similar to men's clothing are an abomination to Him.**
- **That is extremely helpful to all who are seeking God's will in their dress.**

EGW: "I saw that God's order has been reversed, and His special directions disregarded, by those who adopt the American costume. I was referred to Deuteronomy 22:5: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.'" {1T 457.1}





Dr. Harriet N. Austin was a physician at “Our Home” in Danville. Here she is wearing her own design of the American Costume with straight trouser legs.



The pants were revealed from the knee down. Ellen White declared that this outfit was too close to men's wear.

EGW: "We shall never imitate Miss Dr. Austin or Mrs. Dr. York. They dress very much like men." {5MR 380.4}



Dr. Mary Walker started out wearing the regular American Costume, but became increasingly masculine in her attire.



Dr. Mary Walker was proud that she was arrested several times for 'impersonating a man' – she had taken to fully wearing men's clothing, from the top hat, wing collar and bow tie to the pants and shoes.



Mary Tillotson was a spiritualist, and charter member of the National Dress Reform Association; c. 1866-1870. She first adopted a knee length short dress [American Costume] in 1842, then shortened it 12 inches.





The American Costume was popular in the 1850's and early 1860's but lost popularity by the 1870's. In the 1890's the bicycle craze again brought back pants-like outfits into the wardrobes of some American women.

EGW: “Satan is leading them on to be a proverb in the mouth of unbelievers because of their boldness, their lack of reserve and womanly modesty.”
{AH 52.2}

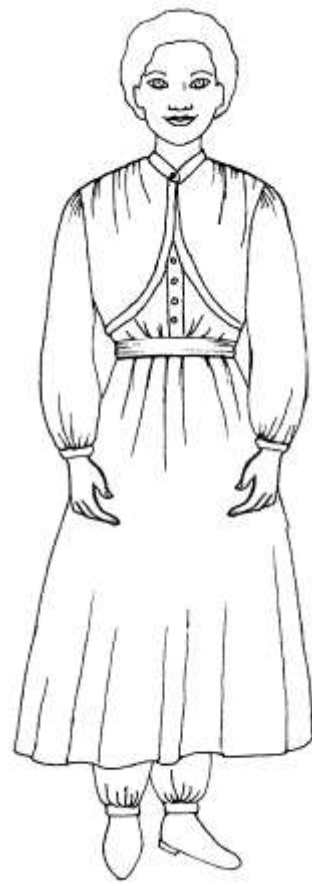


EGW: "With the so-called dress reform there goes a spirit of levity and boldness just in keeping with the dress. Modesty and reserve seem to depart from many as they adopt that style of dress." {1T 457.4}

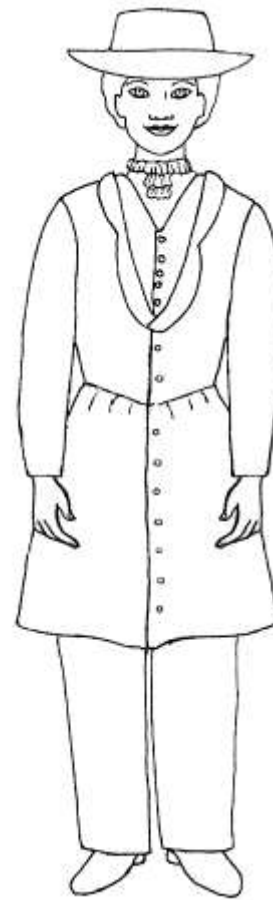


**The Seventh-day
Adventist Reform Dress
was promoted by Ellen
G. White from 1865
until 1881**

SDA Reform Dress

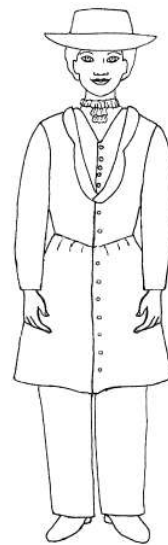


American Costume



As we look at the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Dress, advocated and worn by Ellen G. White, we will see clearly that this dress is designed to be feminine in style, with a longer length than the American Costume.

SDA Reform Dress



American Costume

EGW: "In wide contrast with this modest dress [the Seventh-day Adventist reform dress] is the so-called American costume, resembling very nearly the dress worn by men. It consists of a vest, pants, and a dress resembling a coat and reaching about halfway from the hip to the knee. This dress I have opposed, from what has been shown me as in harmony with the word of God; while the other I have recommended as modest, comfortable, convenient, and healthful." {1T 465.1}

- **Ellen G. White in God's version of the Reform Dress**



Very little of the pants-like undergarment was visible, so that the dress was the main feature, not the pants. It's advantage over the prevailing fashion of the very long dress is that it didn't drag in the dirt, it was looser at the waist, hanging from the shoulders, and it was plain.



- **Thus, it was in full harmony with the 4 basic principles of dress reform that Ellen White advocated:**

- **Modesty**
- **Simplicity**
- **Gender distinction**
- **Healthfulness**



- **EGW-1865: "God would now have His people adopt the reform dress [SDA Reform Dress], not only to distinguish them from the world as His "peculiar people," but because a reform in dress is essential to physical and mental health." {1T 524.2}**

EGW: "The Lord has let light shine, and in His providence a style of dress modest, healthful, and convenient [SDA Reform Dress], has been proposed and adopted by those who were conscientious to follow the light." Testimony to the Church at Battle Creek - 1872, p. 61





EGW: "While none were compelled to adopt the [SDA] reform dress, our people could and should have appreciated its advantages and accepted it as a blessing." {4T 638.5}

The length of the "American Costume" dress compared with Ellen White's SDA Reform Dress

EGW: *"My views were calculated to correct the present fashion, the extreme long dress, trailing upon the ground, and also to correct the extreme short dress [American Costume], reaching about to the knees, [about 20-24 inches above the floor] which is worn by a certain class. I was shown that we should shun both extremes." {1T 464.1}*

The extremes we are to shun are:

- Dragging dresses that sweep the ground
 - Short, knee length dresses

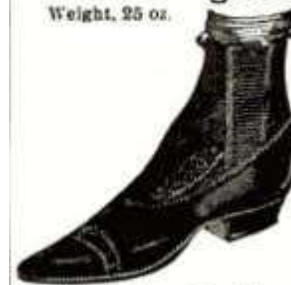
EGW: "By wearing the dress reaching about to the top of a woman's gaiter boot [about 9 inches from the floor] we shall escape the evils of the extreme long dress, and shall also shun the evils and notoriety of the extreme short dress [American Costume]. " {1T 464.1}

Gaiter Boot



Cloth Top Patent Leather Congress.

Weight, 25 oz.



52290 This shoe is really a full dress shoe, made in the very latest style, with cloth top, imitation button, with narrow toe and long perforated tip, making a very graceful and stylish shoe. The stock is Hyles' patent French calf skin, and made up by the most experienced shoe makers in this city; sole put on by the Good-year welt process;

medium, light and flexible, very desirable for party or dress wear. Sizes, 5 to 10. Widths, C, D, and E. Per pair. \$4.75



The Reform Dress Had an Approved Pattern

EGW: "Before putting on the [SDA] reform dress, our sisters should obtain patterns of the pants and sack worn with it." {1T 521}



In 1867, Ellen White wrote:

"I put on the [SDA] reformed dress September, 1865, when I visited Dansville with my sick husband. It was the same length I now wear, and I was distinctly given to understand that it was not the "American Costume." I have worn this style of dress ever since that time, excepting at meetings, in the crowded streets of villages and cities, and when visiting distant relatives. Since I commenced to write No. 11, in January, 1867, I have worn no other than the reformed dress." {RH, October 8, 1867 par. 13}



EGW: "I put on the dress [SDA Reform Dress], in length as near as I had seen and described as I could judge. My sisters in Northern Michigan also adopted it. {RH, October 8, 1867 par. 10}



- A vision given to Ellen White in 1867, confirmed God's approval of the SDA Reform Dress.

EGW: "But three companies of females passed before me, with their dresses as follows with respect to length:" {3SM 277.5}

Wrong



Long, dragging

Wrong



Above Knee length

Right



Few inches from floor

EGW: "The first were of fashionable length, burdening the limbs, impeding the step, sweeping the street and gathering its filth; the evil results of which I have fully stated. This class, who were slaves to fashion, appeared feeble and languid."
{3SM 278.1}



EGW: "The dress of the second class which passed before me was in many respects as it should be. The limbs were well clad. They were free from the burdens which the tyrant Fashion had imposed upon the first class; but had gone to that extreme in the short dress [American Costume] as to disgust and prejudice good people, and destroy in a great measure their own influence." {3SM 278.2}



EGW: “This is the style and influence of the 'American Costume,' taught and worn by many at Our Home, Dansville, New York. It does not reach to the knee. I need not say that this style of dress was shown me to be too short.” {3SM 278.2}



EGW: "A third class passed before me with cheerful countenances, and free, elastic step. Their dress was the length I have described as proper, modest and healthful. It cleared the filth of the street and sidewalk a few inches under all circumstances, such as ascending and descending steps, etc."

{3SM 278.3} -- Review and Herald, October 8, 1867.



God showed Ellen White that we should not wear dragging dresses that sweep the ground. That is too long.

We also should not wear around knee length dresses, even if they have pants under them. That is too short.

Wrong



Long, dragging

Wrong



Above Knee length

Right



Few inches from floor



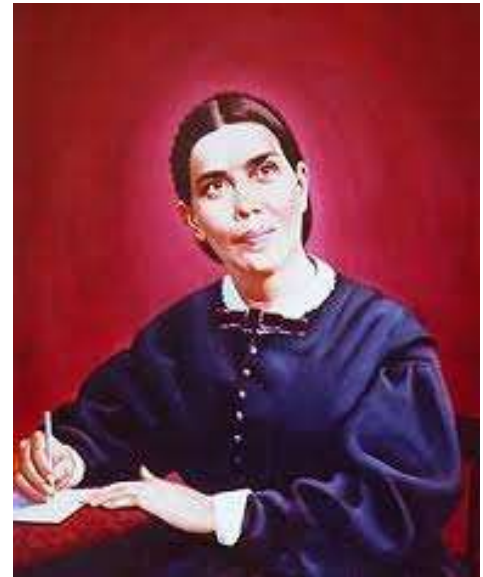
While we cannot know exactly what Ellen White saw in this vision as the acceptable dress to God, we do know that it cleared the ground by a few inches.

The SDA reform dress pattern that was developed averaged 9 inches from the floor.

See {RH, October 8, 1867 par. 10}

The SDA Reform Dress Was Laid Aside in 1881

While the approved SDA Reform Dress received some acceptance from the Seventh-day Adventist sisters, it was not widespread, and serious difficulties developed.

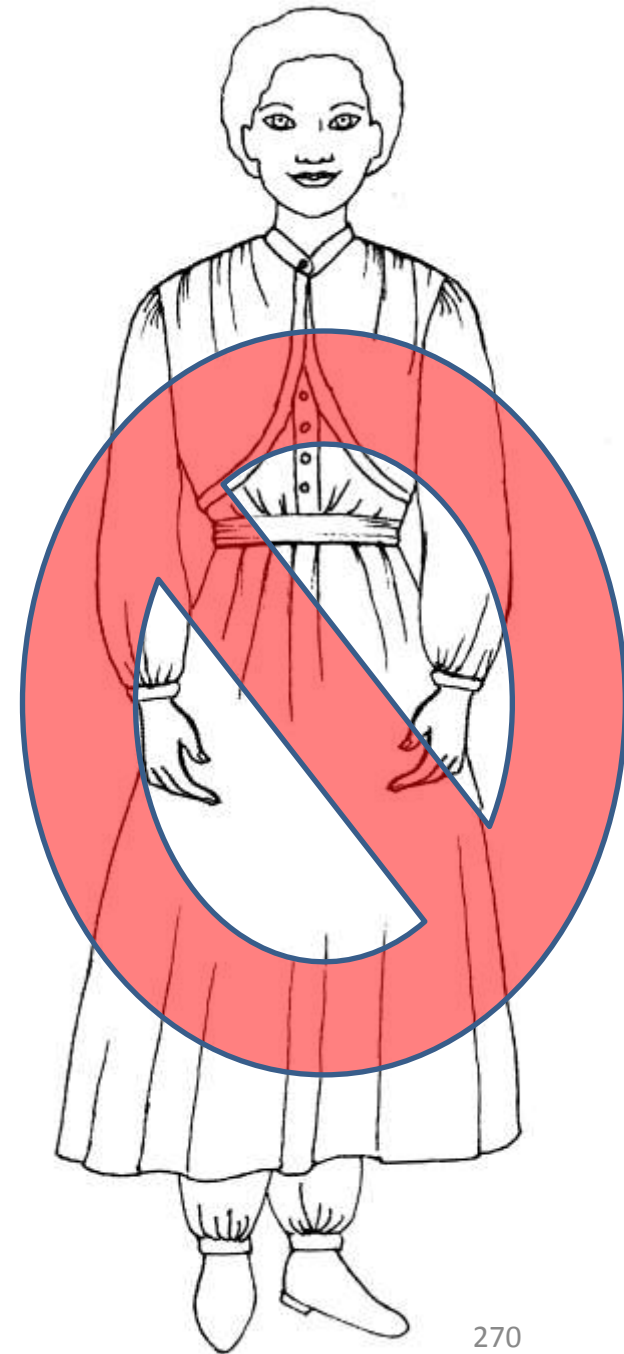


Around 1868 Ellen White said, "As I travel from place to place I find that the [SDA] reform dress is not rightly represented...."

For example, the length on this dress is close to the acceptable length, but the pattern is not according to the SDA reform dress.



- **Lack of uniformity, wrong attitudes--both by those who adopted it and those who resisted it--caused many problems.**
- **Therefore, in 1881, the SDA Reform Dress was no longer advocated.**



- **EGW: "The [SDA] reform dress, which was once advocated, proved a battle at every step." {SpM 91.1, 1885}**
- **The battle was caused by the rebellious hearts of the sisters.**
- **Therefore, our sisters were not encouraged to adopt this style of dress after 1881.**



- **EGW:** "The Lord has not moved upon any of our sisters [after 1881] to adopt the [SDA] reform dress. The difficulties that we once had to meet are not to be brought in again. There was so much resistance among our own people that it was removed from them. It would then have proved a blessing." {5MR 405.1} 1885



Because of the rebellion against God's dress reform, which, at 9 inches above the floor, was called "the short dress," EGW counseled:
"...do not again introduce the short dress and pants [SDA Reform Dress] unless you have the Word of the Lord for it." {SpM 92.2} 1895

**Sixteen years
later, she wrote:**

**EGW: "The Lord
has not indicated
that it is the duty
of our sisters to
go back to the
[SDA] reform
dress." {1MR 33.2}
1897**





- **A Less Objectionable Style of Dress was Advocated in 1881**

EGW: "As our sisters would not generally accept the [SDA] Reform Dress as it should be worn, another, less objectionable style is now presented. It is free from needless trimmings, free from the looped-up, tied back overskirts. It consists of a plain sack or loose-fitting basque, [bodice] and skirt, the latter short enough to avoid the mud and filth of the streets." {4T 640.1}



EGW: “The material should be free from large plaids and figures, and plain in color. The same attention should be given to the clothing of the limbs as with the short dress [SDA Reform Dress].” {4T 640.1}



(This health principle of covering the limbs should not be ignored!)

The style of dress now advocated by God's prophetess is as follows:

- It was to be a simple, unadorned dress of modest length.
- But there was no specific pattern or style to follow.
- It was to be longer than the SDA Reform Dress, reaching closer to the ankle.
- The limbs were to be covered.



EGW: "The dress of our people should be made most simple. The skirt and sacque or sac [a modest bodice that covers the upper part of a woman's body, feminine jacket] I have mentioned, may be used,-- not just that pattern and nothing else should be established; but a simple style, as was represented in that dress. {1MR 33.1}



EGW: "Some have supposed that the very pattern given was the pattern that all were to adopt. This is not so. But something as simple as this would be the best we could adopt under the circumstances. No one precise style has been given me as the exact rule to guide all in their dress. . . .The Lord has not indicated that it is the duty of our sisters to go back to the [SDA] reform dress. Simple dresses should be worn. Try your talent, my sisters, in this essential reform." Letter 19, 1897, pp 2, 3. (To Brother J. H. Haughey, July 4, 1897.) {1MR 33.2} {HL 119.1} {3SM 254.3}

Lessons From the Past

God guided Ellen White to call for a dress reform, that corrected the errors of the prevailing fashion, but also guarded against the extreme fashion of the American Costume. The Seventh-day Adventist reform dress was laid aside because of the lack of acceptance and uniformity among the Seventh-day Adventist sisters. We can learn from this experience what is acceptable to God, and what is not acceptable to Him.

By the early 1890's, the prevailing fashion was coming more into line with God's principles on dress--modesty, femininity, and healthfulness. It was a "more sensible style of dress." It didn't drag on the ground, it didn't require corsets, and it wasn't so heavy, but hung from the shoulders. Extravagance was still an issue, but God's daughters were counseled to leave off the extra trimmings, and dress with simplicity.



EGW: "But the more sensible style of dress now being adopted does not embrace the objectionable features. The fashionable part may be discarded, and should be by all who will read the Word of God." {SpM 91. 1}



We can understand why Elle White made the following statement when we consider how some of the prevailing fashions actually provided a style of dress that could be worn while still upholding God's standards.



EGW: "If the world introduce a modest, convenient, and healthful mode of dress, which is in accordance with the Bible, it will not change our relation to God or to the world to adopt such a style of dress." {CG 414.3}





We can learn from the experiences of the past that, regardless of the prevailing fashions, God wants His daughters to dress modestly, femininely, simply and healthfully. We need to reject those areas that are not in compliance, making sure we uphold God's principles.

In our next presentation, we will be considering how the fashions have developed from the 1870's to our present time.



End of Part 3

The Androgyny

Deception

Part 4

“Androgyny Today”

This is the continuation of our study on fashions that tend to blur the distinction between men and women.



We have seen how, in the mid-1800's, spiritualistic, women's rights advocates wore knee length or shorter dresses over pants. We read that Ellen G. White declared that this was an abomination to God because it violated Deuteronomy 22:5. It was too close to men's wear. She prophesied that this practice would cause confusion and great increase of crime. Let's continue on from where we left off.

We will be looking at the progression of fashion from 1870 to our current day



The five decades from 1870-1910 were tending toward a more healthful style of dress. No more hoops, no more dragging dresses, no more heavy weight on the hips, no more corsets.



Skirts not dragging, waists not compressed.

1870

1880

1890

1900

1910



1920



1930



1940



1950

The next four decades made startling changes to the hemlines. Pants and tailored suits were becoming popular in the 1950's.



1960



1970



1980



1990

Pant suits, mini skirts, bell bottoms, unisex styles became popular in the next four decades.

Over the years, Satan used fashion to promote rising hemlines. This was a violation of the principles of health and modesty. It tended to cause the exposed legs to become chilled.



1930 Fashion Show

If you look at photographs of our SDA sisters over the years, you will notice that their hemlines rose correspondingly to the world's.



At first the stockings were thick. Then they became thinner, until today, bare legs under knee length skirts are common.

With the legs exposed, with only a thin covering, women have suffered with cold legs for decades.



When Satan introduced a fashion that would keep the legs warm—pants on women, it seemed logical and sensible to accept it. Satan seeks to “correct” a wrong fashion by introducing another wrong fashion.

In the 1950's, women were not allowed to wear pants at our Seventh-day Adventist schools and camp meetings.



After the 1960s, when most SDA young ladies wore miniskirts, church leaders accepted pants on women as a more “modest” alternative to miniskirts.

Satan's strategy is quite clever.

In this depiction of the history of dress from 1400-2000, you will notice women had on long dresses for 5 centuries, until after 1900.



1400



1500



1600



1700



1800



1920



1950



1960



2000

Then, for 6 decades fashion raised the hemlines.
Mini skirts gave way to pants after the 1960's.



1400



1500



1600



1700



1800



1920



1950



1960



2000

How much does fashion influence what we wear?



Let's talk about one of the most influential fashion designers in the last 60 years. Yves Saint Laurent. It is said of him:

“Yves Saint Laurent reigns as one of the most influential and inspired designers in the world. He was the father of modern fashion and last of the great French couturiers.

“When he was beginning his career in the late 1950s, women and their lives were about to change. He opened doors with his mild and always elegant gender-bending, putting women in pants and safari looks.



“In the next two decades he revolutionized women's fashion, pioneering mini dresses, the trouser suit and le smoking, the square shouldered tuxedo for women. Yves Saint Laurent changed the way women dress more than they know. But his most *enduring legacy* is so *pervasive* as to seem almost unremarkable: pants... He led a decadent social life, and was plagued with depression, alcoholism and drugs. He also broke ground as one of the first homosexual men to gain sufficient power and celebrity that he did not have to deny his sexuality.”



**Did Yves Saint Laurent influence the way Seventh-day Adventist women dress? For those following the fashions of the world, the answer is—
ABSOLUTELY.**



Would God have His daughters choose what they wear based on the influence of a godless fashion designer who intentionally blurred the distinction between men's and women's clothing?

How can we escape such a pervasive influence?

There is only one way.

EGW: “We are aware that as we speak and write upon the subject of woman's dress we have to stem the current of custom. It is manifest that most women do not think and act in reference to dress from reason and reflection. *They accept, without questioning, that which society and fashion imposes upon them.* Few have the moral courage to wear a dress in opposition to fashion.” {HR, May 1, 1872 par. 2}

We must pray for MORAL COURAGE to stem the current of custom. We must reflect carefully on what we choose to wear, and base it on godly principles, not on worldly fashion.

Have you ever heard this quote:

“They will not be the first to adopt the new styles of dress or the last to lay the old aside”?

Unfortunately, this statement is in our Church Manual. Many people mistakenly believe that it was written by Ellen White.

Thus, they conclude that Ellen White gave approval for our sisters to follow the fashions of the world, just as long as we aren't the first ones to wear it.



Ellen G. White did not write that statement, and it does NOT reflect God's principles. She says quite the opposite:

EGW: “Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God.” {4T 647.2}



We find no encouragement in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy to follow the fashions of the world. Rather, we find strong statements such as these:



“And as soon as any have a desire to imitate the fashions of the world, that they do not immediately subdue, just so soon God ceases to acknowledge them as His children.” {1T 136.1}

The feminist movement, communism, the military and the homosexual agenda have all promoted the removal of the distinction between the sexes.





World War 1



War helped to further Satan's goals of having women wear men's clothing.



World War 2



He used famous people and movie stars to get society used to the idea of women in pants.





Marlene Deitrich cross dressed. God calls cross dressing an abomination.



**From a fashion website:
“Morocco—the Movie that
Changed the Fashion Game.
Unlike the traditional
fashion, this film introduced
‘pants’ and ‘tuxedos’ for
women, which discovered
an amazing hidden beauty of
women.**

**After the film was released in 1930, Pants became
the most sizzling sensation for women. Women
have copied men’s fashion from this film in 1930,
but will a day come when men will copy women’s
fashion?”**



“It was unheard of for women to wear anything other than skirts until the 1930s when actresses Marlene Dietrich and Katharine Hepburn made pants fashionable.” —Fashion Expert

“Coco Chanel . . . stood out in her different, creative ideas, and the fact that she enjoyed wearing men's clothing.”

<http://www.mybfcloset.com/2009/09/rewind-coco-chanel-wore-the-pants-first/>





“Dressing a **woman in men's clothing** was surely a **revolution** with regards to the feminine wardrobe, either a consequence of or maybe even in conjunction with the women's movement of the 1960s.”

<http://www.vogue.it/en/encyclo/fashion/t/pant-suit>

When fashions become popular in the movies, they spread like wildfire. Just about everyone follows along.

How else could women have gone from dresses to pants in such a short time!

Does an Abomination turn into an approved practice just by the passing of years?



**Unisex style
jeans were
popular in the
1970's**

**Many SDA
Christians
followed this
fashion
without
giving it
much
thought.**



Instead of doing what seems right in our own eyes, we need to stop and think about what God wants!





When women started wearing pants, it was considered to be cross dressing. These women were scorned by society.

Now, since the majority of women wear pants, it is no longer thought to be cross dressing. Now, the interest in cross dressing is focused on the men.

Cross dressing has a tantalizing appeal. Many who are not tempted to cross dress are entertained by those who do.



Satan has used the media to promote cross dressing for years. Society has been entertained and amused at this abomination.





Well over 100 major movies featured cross dressing even before the year 2000. It's greatly accelerating now.

Everybody has a secret...
 Duke **wants** Olivia who **likes** Sebastian who is really Viola whose brother is **dating** Monique so she **hates** Olivia who's with Duke to make Sebastian **jealous** who is really Viola who's **crushing** on Duke who thinks she's a guy...



Gender bending started with clothing. The enemy has kept up his unwearied efforts until he has successfully blurred the distinction between men's and women's clothing.



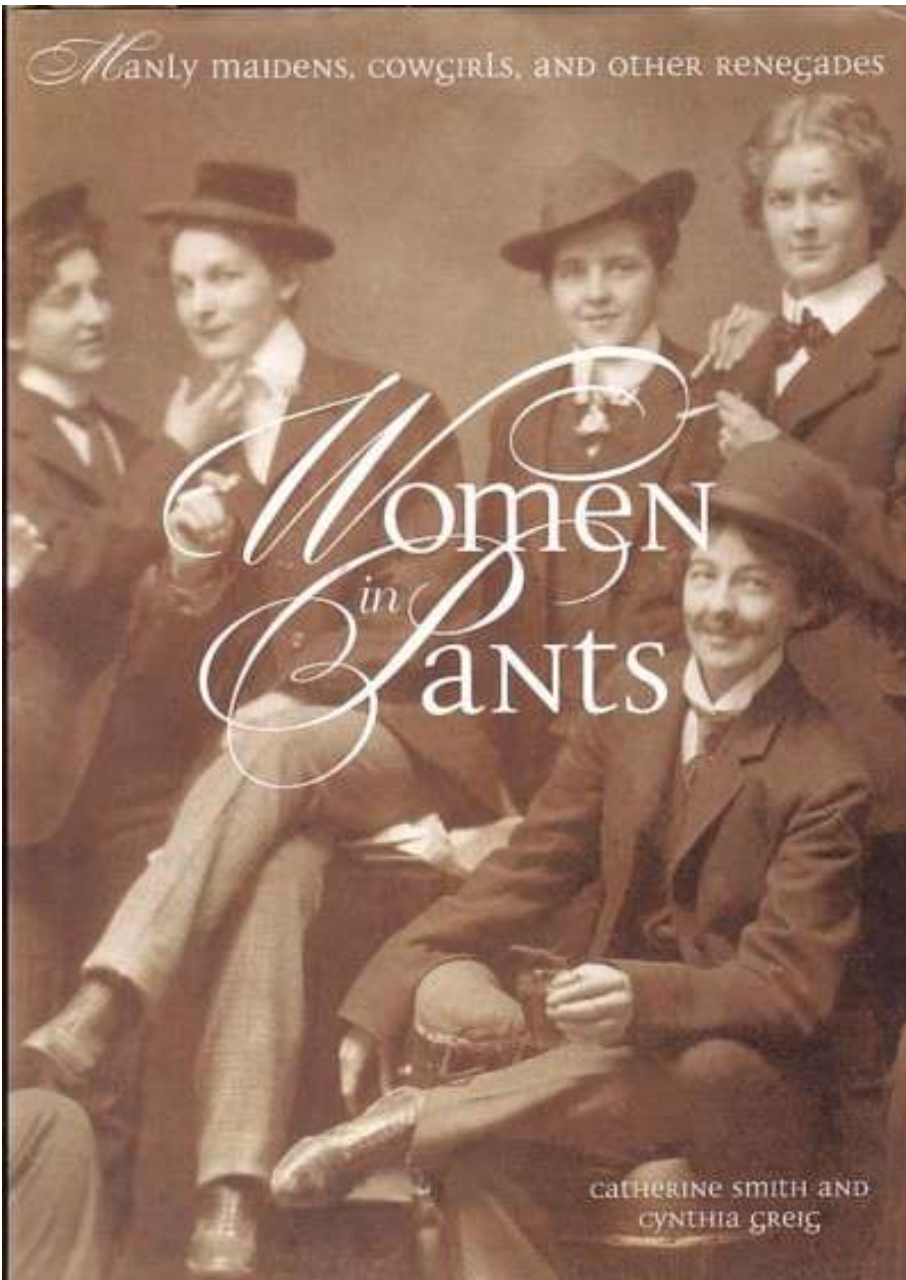


Now we're totally accustomed to seeing women wear men's clothes at work.



Are we following in the footsteps of rebels?

Where is the "plain distinction" between the dress of men and women that God wants us to have?





"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God." Deuteronomy 22:5



The lines of distinction between the dress of men and women have been increasingly blurred. And it's going to get worse!





God's prophetess, in speaking about the American Costume, said, "There is an increasing tendency to have women in their dress and appearance as near like the other sex as possible, and to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it abomination." {1T 457.2}

“Trousers for women were considered "indecent" or "shocking" during the early 1900's and were considered men's attire.”—Mary Jewell, Feminism 101, Examiner.com



**What used to be shocking is now totally acceptable in our society. Where is the line between abomination and God-approved?
Fashion is very confusing these days.**



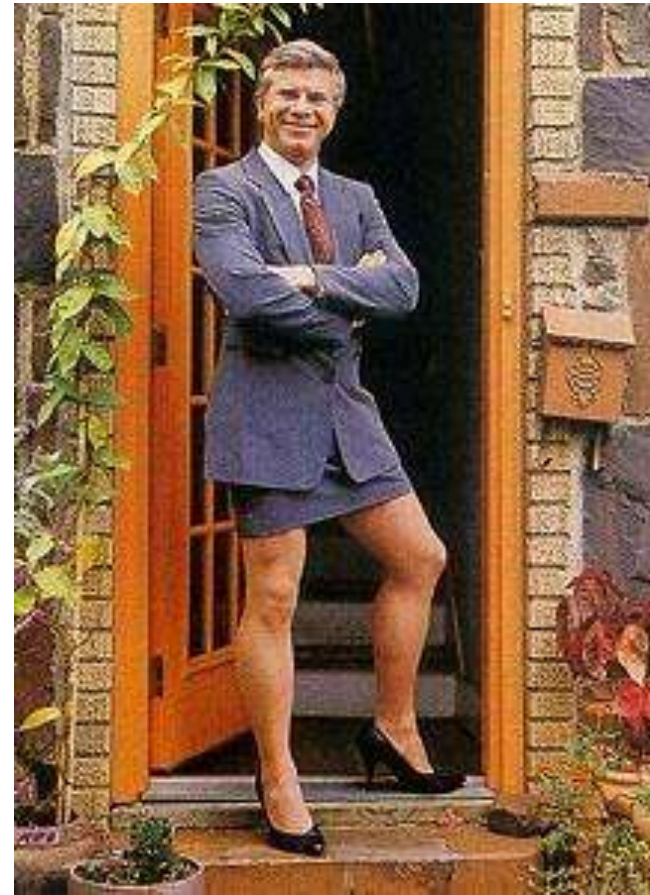
But as if that's not bad enough, now Satan is working on the men, to get them to wear feminine clothing!



Nothing shocks us any more.



Now there are skirts for men!





“Clothes that are a thermometer of social custom tell us that the differences between man and woman are becoming less defined and rigid. With the affirmation of women rights a new androgynous model of being is emerging.”

Equality in Fashions

One blogger writes,

“Men must wear dresses. In fact, I would like to posit the theory that until all men are able to walk about in dresses without fear of mockery, losing their jobs or putting off potential mates, we will not have achieved freedom and equality in our societies. When it comes to clothing at least, women can do anything. But do men have the same equal rights as women do when it comes to clothing choice? Clearly not.”

<http://equalityinfashions.blogspot.com/2012/01/high-heels-for-men-androgyny-man-in.html>

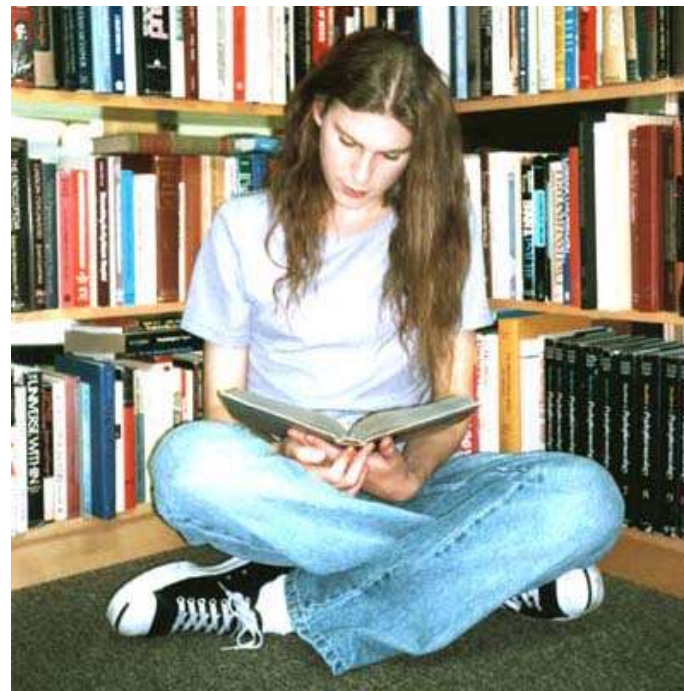
Male cross dressing is the latest rage!



Male cross dressers justify their actions by reasoning, “After all, women wear pants. So why can’t we wear dresses?”



Gender confusion is becoming a real problem.



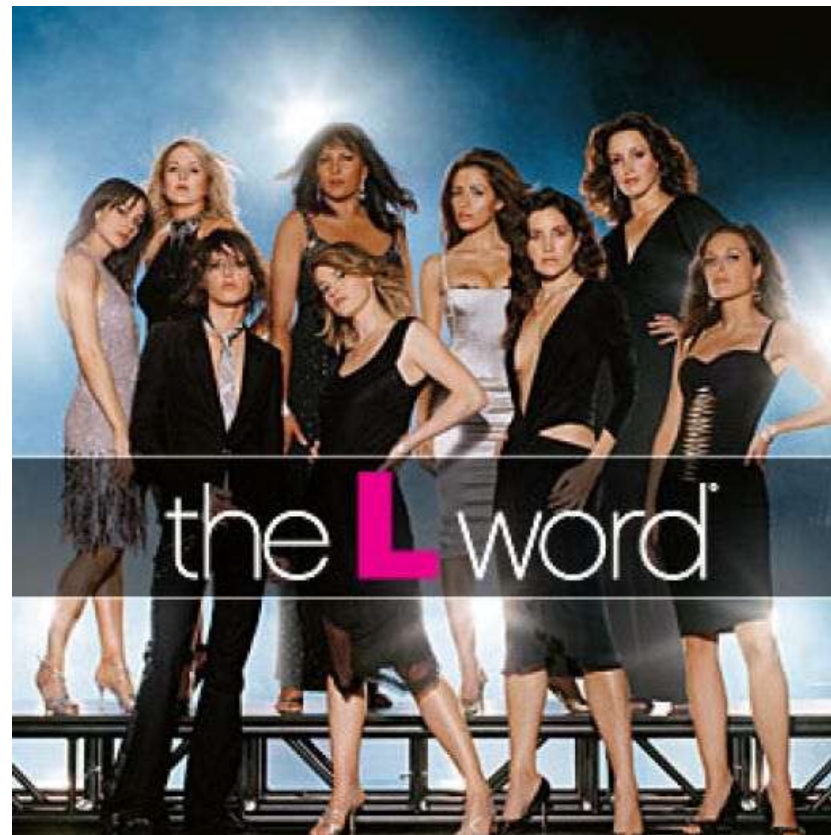
Same-sex marriage is a prominent issue.



Homosexuality is at an all time high!

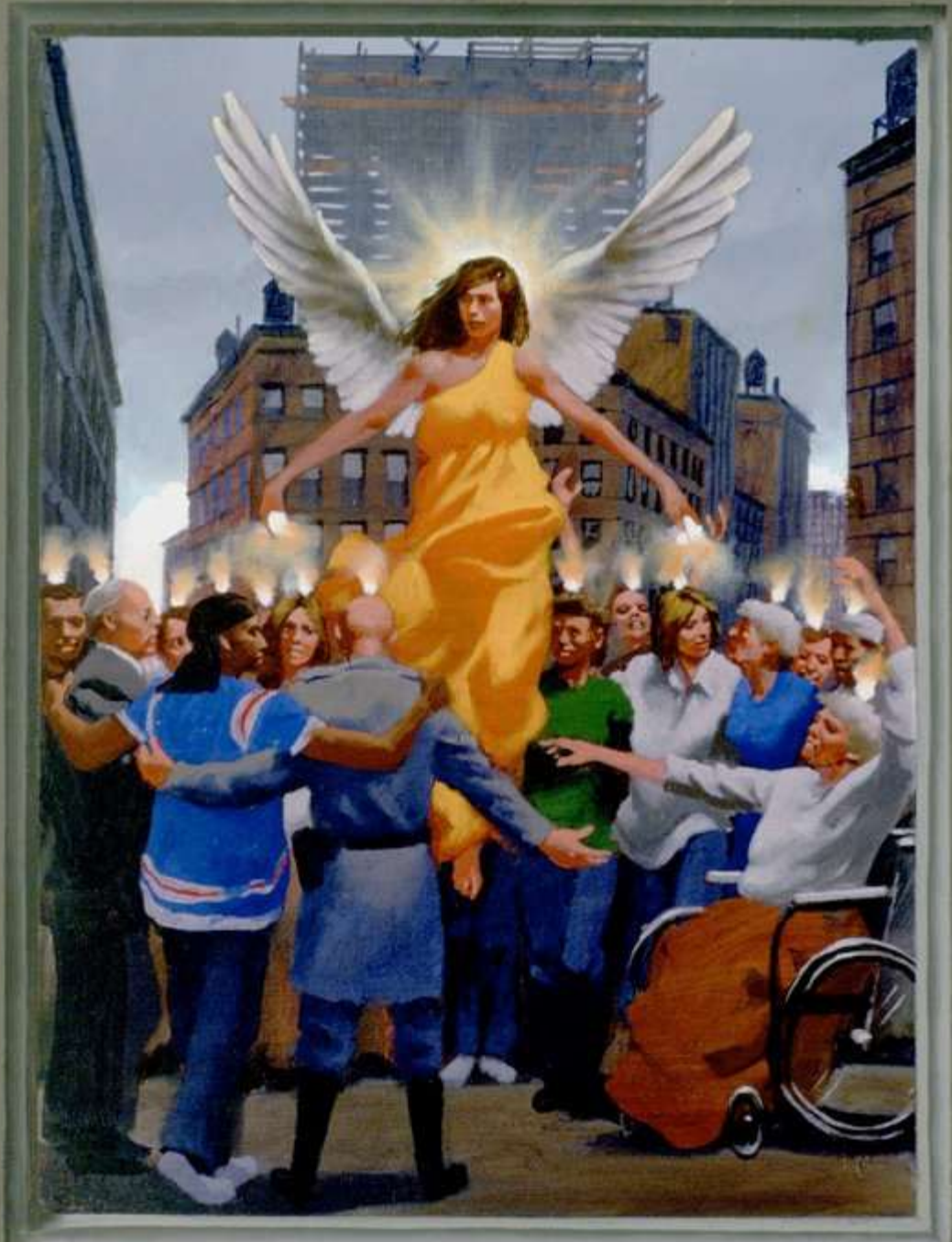


Lesbianism is celebrated!



Friends and relatives join in support of a same-sex commitment ceremony





THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES

The practices that God calls an abomination are exalted by pagans, Wiccans and many feminists to be the highest spiritual attainment.





EGW: “There is no virtue in closing the eyes to these threatening dangers while you are allowing your minds to become infatuated and held in slavery to fashion's claims.”
{HR, June 1, 1877 par. 8}



Now we can see the great wisdom in God's counsel:

“God designed that there should be a *plain distinction* between the dress of men and women, and has considered the matter of sufficient importance to give *explicit directions* in regard to it; for the same dress worn by both sexes would cause confusion and great increase of crime.”

{CG 427.3}

Androgyny = not distinguishable as male or female.

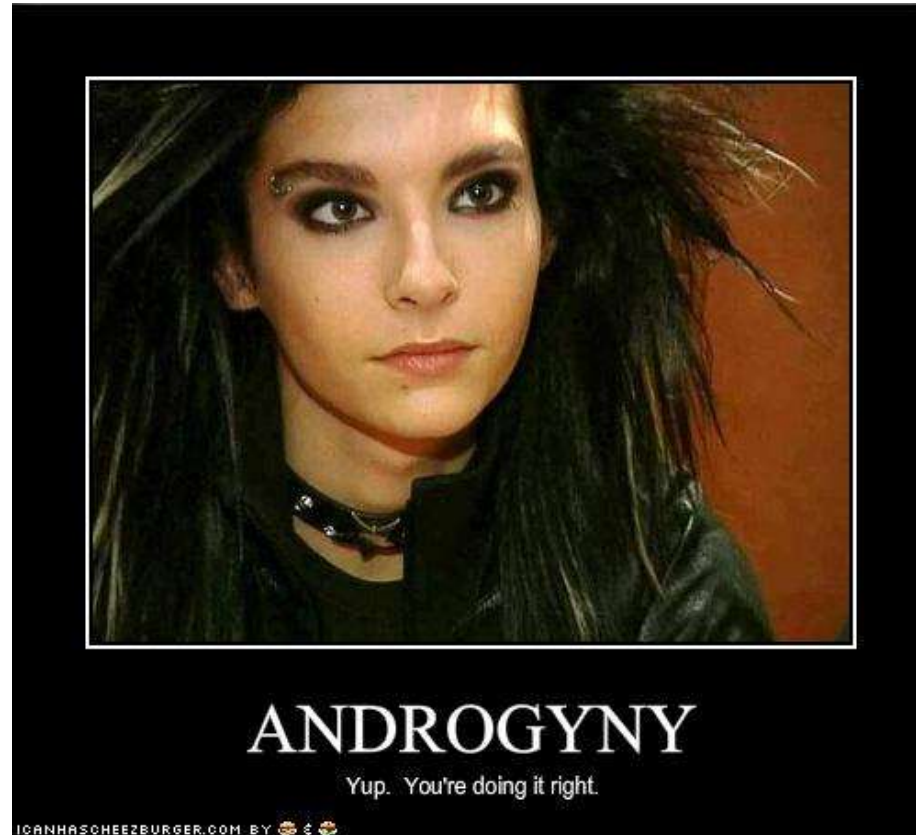
“Androgynous fashion is everywhere these days, so it is important to have a clear understanding of this current trend.”—fashion designer, 2012



Androgynous People - Male or female?



It is Satan's agenda to blur the distinction between the sexes!



Cross dressing delights the devil.

Unisex clothing is created by his design.

Androgyny is his goal. He started with the clothing.

**By
participating in
any aspect of
his rebellion,
we are
furthering his
agenda.**

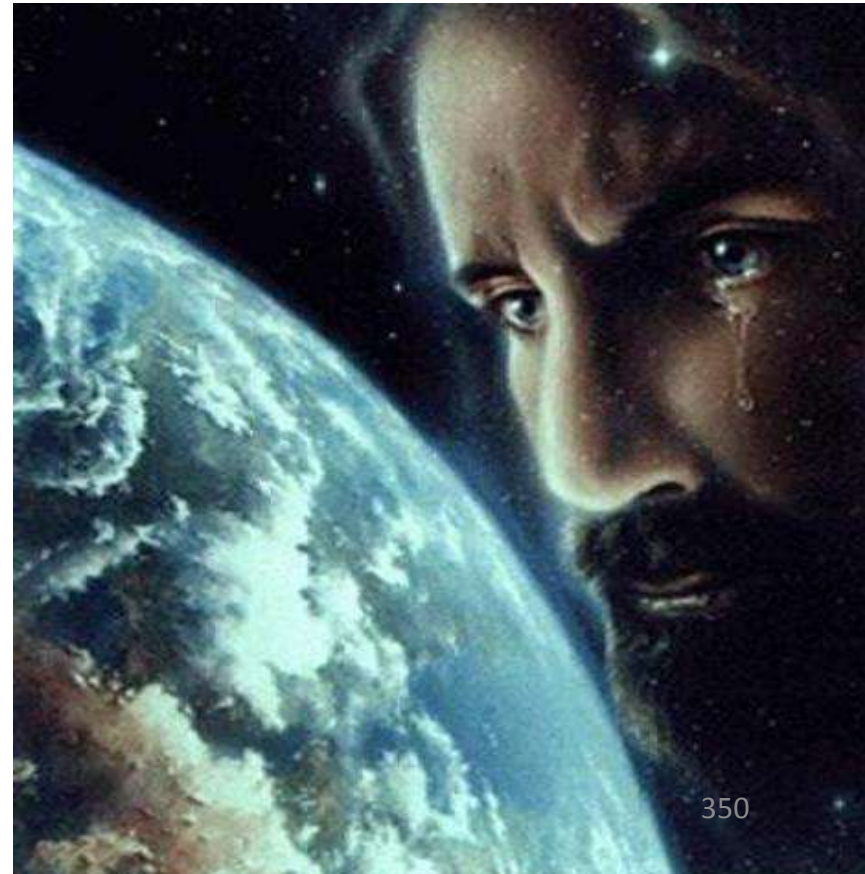


We need to become alert and aware of the subtle delusion that has been creeping over us for years!



Satan wants to numb us, so we don't even recognize his most blatant attack on our Lord, and His Creatorship.

Androgyny is an Abomination to Jesus. And it's breaking His heart.





“Feminists today celebrate ambiguity, tolerance and androgyny. They refuse to think in terms of “us-them” in regards to men. In this 3rd wave, women seek to erase their femininity and encourage men to abandon masculinity. Women and men become gender neutral.”



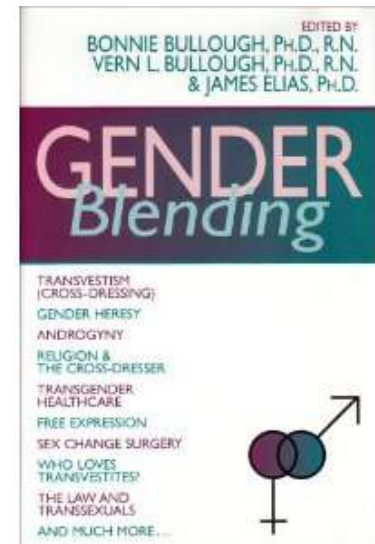
Satan doesn't propose to make everyone sexual deviants or cross dressers. His goal is to so familiarize us with these abominations that we lose the sense of the sinfulness of sin. Those who tolerate and accept sin come to agree with Satan's agenda, which is incompatible with the mind of Christ.

First we abhor,

Then we ignore,

Then we tolerate,

Then we participate!



The association between women's God-ordained role in the home and in the church, and God's desire regarding women's dress are closely connected.





The way a women dresses has a major impact on her willingness to submit to her God-ordained role.

Rebellion against God's order is often first revealed in the dress.





GENDER CONFUSION

We were bombed...twice. What's your excuse?

**Today gender confusion is rapidly increasing.
What paved the way for this mess?**



Have we not followed the fashions of the world in accepting this tendency to dress like the opposite sex?



Here are some of the latest fashions – ladies looking like men . . .



And men looking like ladies.

Androgynous

Debut collection

Coming this Fall



ANDROGYNOUS STYLE



You never know. You just might be...
androgynous

This is spreading quickly. We must be on guard, or we will be swept in.

**How
To's**



Be

ANDROGYNOUS

Here is something very serious to consider:

Many of the fashions that are coming out are termed **androgynous fashions. The fashion designers are using the term “channeling” the fashions. Could they be referring to the **androgynous mindset** that the spirit guides are bringing upon society?**

By wearing these fashions, could we be accepting the influence of the evil spirits that inspire them?

Let's consider what the fashion designers are saying:

A fashion blogger writes:
“I am **channeling the androgynous trend** today and let me tell you, do I feel fierce! I'm intrigued by the juxtaposition of a super feminine silhouette with just a touch of menswear chic - there is **something so fun** about mixing masculine pieces with feminine flair.

<http://www.stylesbyola.com/2012/02/androgyny.html>



“Chanel goes androgynous for women's fall/winter 2011/2012

“Chanel’s Ready to Wear women’s collection for Fall/Winter 2011/2012 is decidedly androgynous with its menswear focus!”

<http://www.examiner.com/slideshow/chanel-goes-androgynous-for-womens-fall-winter-2011-2012>



“Get your swag on ladies because we’re going all manly this season. That’s right, after a few cameo appearances the **androgynous trend** has now made its way into the **forefront of the fashion game** with everyone from Alexa Chung to Kate Moss wearing this look.”

<http://www.shinystyle.tv/2011/06/celebrity-and-designer-trends-androgyny-as-seen-on-alex-chung-emma-watson-and-rihanna.html?pid=7361>





“Androgyny is back in fashion, so man up, ladies

“The most provocative woman may look more like a man.

“Many designers continue to **channel** Yves Saint Laurent's '70s sensibility.”

<http://www.chron.com/life/article/Androgyny-is-back-in-fashion-so-man-up-ladies-2149848.php>



A Look At Modern Day Androgynous Women

“Androgynous fashion is becoming more popular as more women enter the professional workforce and assert themselves in positions of power. Androgynous women are re-defining what it means to appear sexy, fashionable and most importantly comfortable at a time in history where women are taking on and accomplishing more than ever before.”

[http://www.lifescrypt.com/soul/self/well-being/a look at modern day androgynous women.aspx?gclid=CPWRsJWotbECFeUaQgod4RUAow&trans=1&du=1&ef_id=zopQCK6lsMEAAASL%3a20120725170714%3as](http://www.lifescrypt.com/soul/self/well-being/a%20look%20at%20modern%20day%20androgynous%20women.aspx?gclid=CPWRsJWotbECFeUaQgod4RUAow&trans=1&du=1&ef_id=zopQCK6lsMEAAASL%3a20120725170714%3as)

“Androgynous fashion blurs traditional rules of style”



Bo Breda says: “While women began adopting menswear into their wardrobes early in the 20th century, men only recently began experimenting with the markers of traditional women’s fashion.” “You have the idea of, ‘Let’s get the man out of the pants.’”

<http://insite.artinstitutes.edu/androgynous-fashion-blurs-traditional-rules-of-style-21858.aspx>



We need to ask ourselves the serious question, Do we as SDA women dress similar to men?



**Are we being led into the
androgyny deception without
even realizing it?**



“The truth is, a woman wearing jeans is something much bigger than simply the wardrobe choice of a single individual. Either consciously or unconsciously, it is a **symbol of conformity with the modern utopian ideal**, which is based on the flawed premise that there is **no ultimate difference between men and women.**”

EGW: “It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone.” {GC 584}

Has not the theory of androgyny become an idol?



**Ezekiel 14:6; Repent,
and turn *yourselves*
from your idols; and
turn away your faces
from all your
abominations.**

**God's heart is
breaking because of
the abominations
and idolatry in our
midst today.**



**How do you think God feels
when we trivialize something that
pains Him to the depths of His
heart?**





Godly women who refuse to follow the feminist agenda, and choose to wear modest, feminine clothing, show that they are in submission to God's rules of male headship.

Is it not time to conscientiously oppose Satan's gender blurring agenda?



EGW: “We are to reveal our faith in our dress.” {YI, April 27, 1909 par. 7}



EGW: “The very dress will be a recommendation of the truth to unbelievers. It will be a sermon in itself.”
{RH, May 30, 1871 par. 10}



EGW: “The distance is widening between Christ and his people, and lessening between them and the world. The marks of distinction between Christ's professed people and the world, have almost disappeared. They follow after the abominations of the nations around them, as did ancient Israel.” {RH, June 25, 1861 par. 26}



Do these girls look like they're looking for Jesus to come?

If Seventh-day Adventist women had followed God's counsel regarding dress, would we now be dealing with the demand for identical roles for women?

Is this not the result of the Creeping Compromise?

One downward step leads to the next.





Does it really make sense to oppose the feminist agenda of women's ordination if we have accepted the feminist agenda of blurring the distinction between men and women's clothing?

These two issues are inseparable.



Isn't it time for Seventh-day Adventist women to take a stand in making a plain distinction between the dress of men and women?





Many of us are in need of repentance regarding our past choices. We may need to apologize to our children whom we have wrongly influenced.



Is it not time for us to listen to the voice of His Holy Spirit, who is calling us away from the abominations of the world?



Today, it is not difficult to find clothing that is pleasing to God. It is not a huge sacrifice to follow His will in how we dress. But it does take moral courage, and the willingness to go against the tide of fashion.

**What God wants is our hearts.
He is willing to teach us what
He wants us to wear if we will
go to Him and ask Him!**



**EGW: "When they really
desire an article of dress,
or some ornament or
convenience, do they lay
the matter before the Lord
in prayer to know if his
Spirit would sanction
this..." {RH, December 6, 1881}**



**Whatever God asks
us to do, He
provides the
strength to
perform. And He
adds a rich
blessing besides!**

**Our testimony of
His goodness will
radiate from our
lives.**



EGW: "Even the style of the apparel will express the truth of the gospel. Their dress bears its testimony to their own family, to the church and the world, that they are being purified from vanity and selfishness. They demonstrate that they are not idolaters." {6MR 161.1}



EGW: “We should not give a semblance of excuse to any for patterning after the worldly, changing fashions of this corrupt age.”

--Lt 7, 1894. {PaM 63.4}



EGW: “Many who profess to believe the Testimonies live in neglect of the light given. The dress reform is treated by some with great indifference and by others with contempt, because there is a cross attached to it. For this cross I thank God. It is just what we need to distinguish and separate God's commandment-keeping people from the world. The dress reform answers to us as did the ribbon of blue to ancient Israel.” --Lt 7, 1894. {PaM 63.4}



God will give us strength to walk in the light, even if no one around us joins us.

We cannot safely follow anyone but Jesus.



God never asks anything of us that is not in our own best interest.



Please know, dear sister, that no one is judging or condemning you. This is a call from the heart of God to seriously consider this matter, and study it out for yourself.



There are many who can testify to the goodness of God as they walk in the light He has given regarding our dress.



**There is
JOY in
following
Jesus!**



**May God help us to
return to His principles
as given in His inspired
testimonies!**



May God bless you!

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