

The Androgyny Deception

Part 1

**“Manly Men &
Womanly Women”**

The Androgyny Deception

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

If you guessed that it's something about women, you're right on.

A sobering thought

In the Spirit of Prophecy we find a statement that links the issue of women's rights and women's dress together.

It basically says that those who are favoring a certain movement and a corresponding style of dress might as well leave the church.

That's serious.

What does this mean?

“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}

We need to know the answer!

In light of the women's issues we are facing in our church today, it would be a good idea to take a closer look at history and inspiration regarding these matters.

You owe it to yourself and to God to search this matter out carefully.

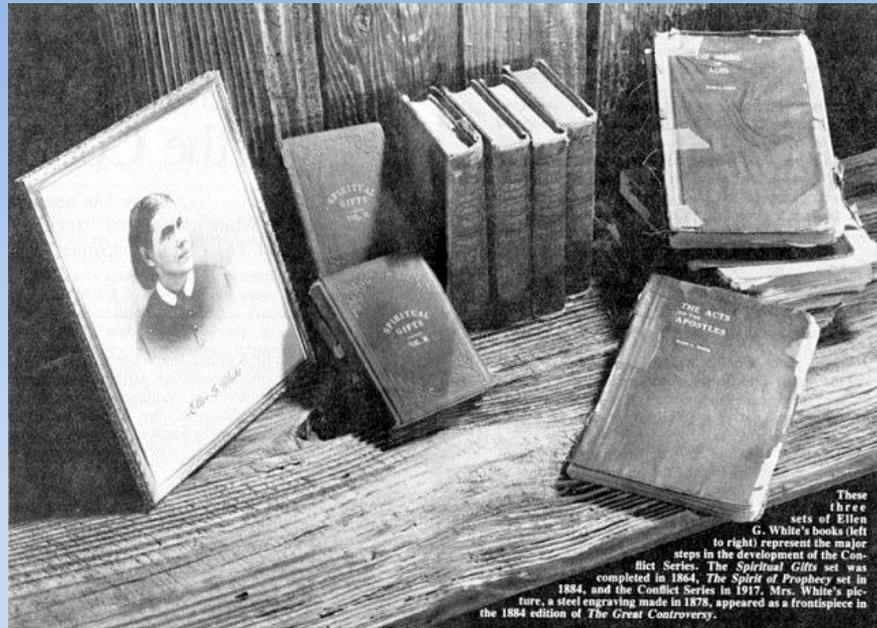
Why? Why? Why?

The common link between these two practices 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?



These three sets of Ellen G. White's books (left to right) represent the major steps in the development of the Conflict Series. The *Spiritual Gifts* set was completed in 1864, *The Spirit of Prophecy* set in 1884, and the Conflict Series in 1917. Mrs. White's picture, a steel engraving made in 1878, appeared as a frontispiece in the 1884 edition of *The Great Controversy*.

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.”

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us:

“The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. . . . To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created, is the great object of life,--the object that underlies every other.” {CE 63.3}



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}*

In training our children, we are laying a foundation that will help them understand God's distinct purpose for them as men or women.

*“While you have the opportunity, lay the foundation for a noble **manhood** and **womanhood**, and your labor will be rewarded a thousand fold.”* {ST, July 1, 1886
par. 6}

What is the result of this godly education?

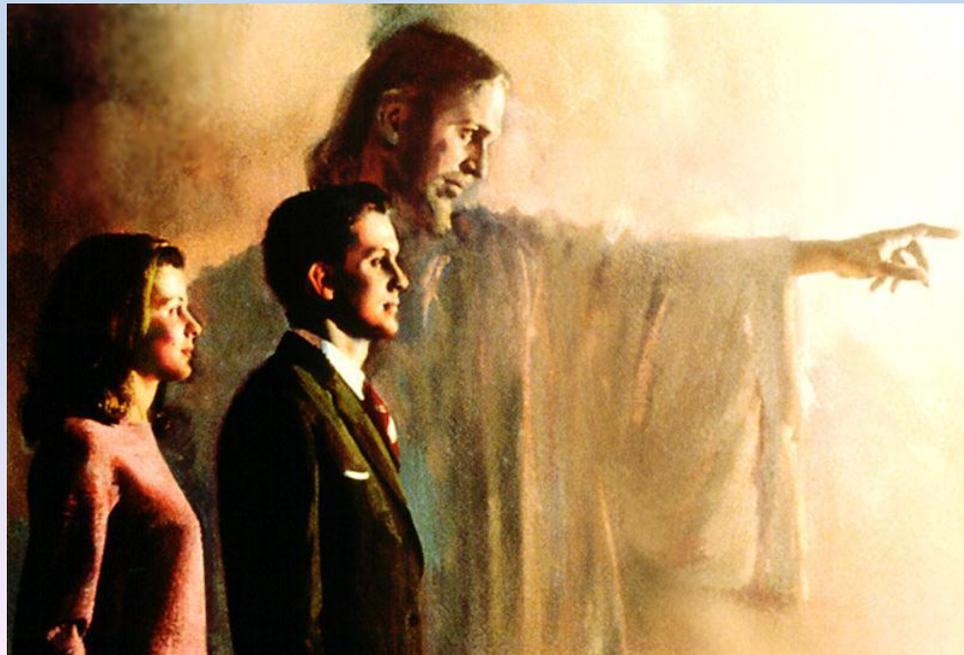
*“If this kind of education had been given to our children, we should today see far less selfishness, far less envy and jealousy; we should have more **manly** young **men** and **womanly** young **women**.”*

{RH, December 9, 1890 par. 9}



That is why, as we are being transformed into Christ's image, men become more manly, and women become more womanly. To reflect Christ completely necessitates fully embracing our distinctive sex as God created us.

God inspired Sister White to instruct His people, over and over again, of the need to develop manly or womanly characters, and to train the youth in the principles of noble manhood or womanhood.





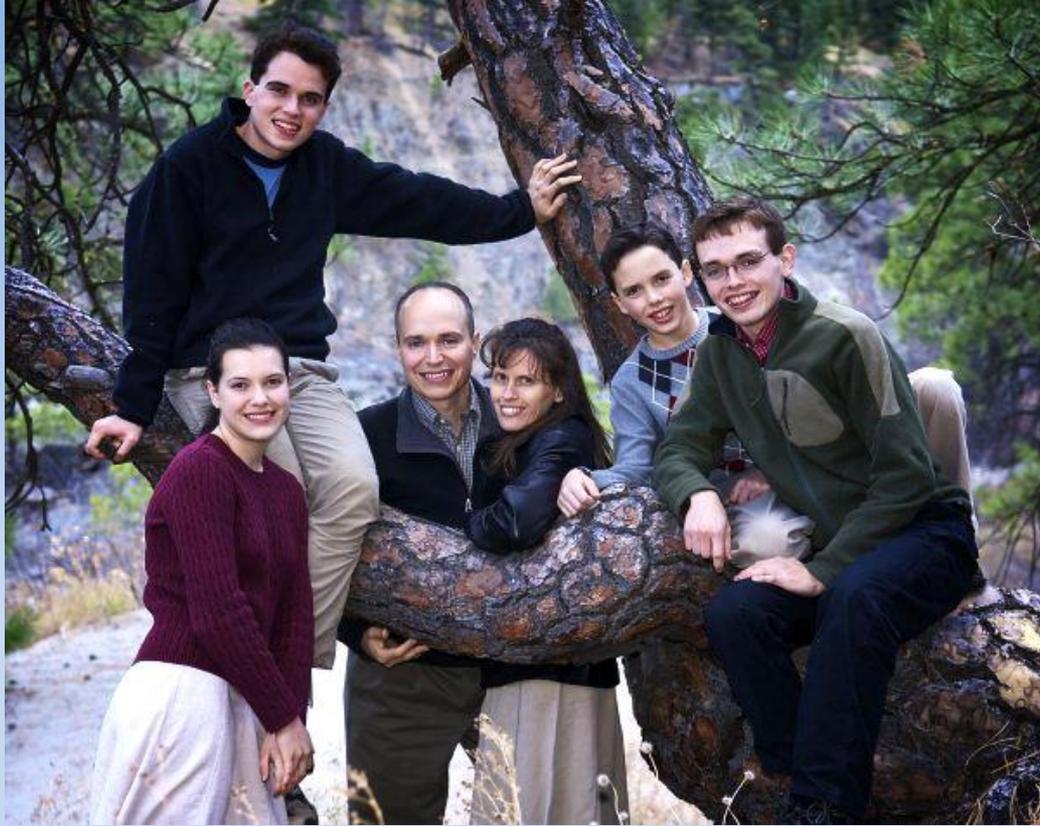
As these manly young men and womanly young women get married, they produce a well-disciplined, godly family. What kind of influence does this kind of family have on the world?



“The most powerful sermon that can be given the unbelieving world in recommendation of our faith is a well-disciplined family.” {PH123 45.1}

A well-disciplined family bespeaks of order, and strong leadership.

The Bible-based principles that lead to the restoration of the image of God in humanity also lead to noble manhood or womanhood, ordered after God's creation plan.



“A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favor of the reality of the Christian religion--an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay.”

{AH 36.2}

The MOST powerful sermon,
the MOST powerful argument that
we can offer to the world is a well-
ordered, well-disciplined Christian
family!

Do we really understand what a
well-ordered, well-disciplined family
looks like? Who is to be in charge of
this home?

We are talking about God's creation order, how He created us as Male and Female in the beginning, and assigned to us our specific roles.

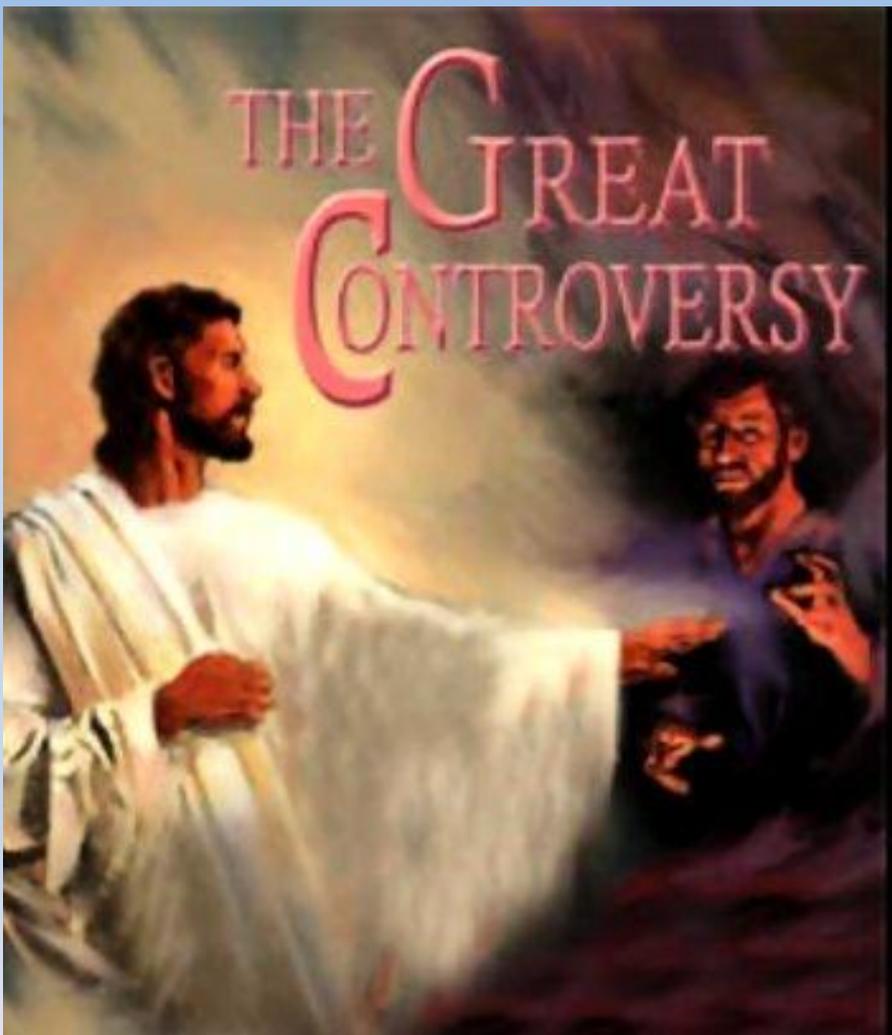
The world cannot improve on God's order.



Why is this point regarding the distinctiveness of the male and female 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.



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.

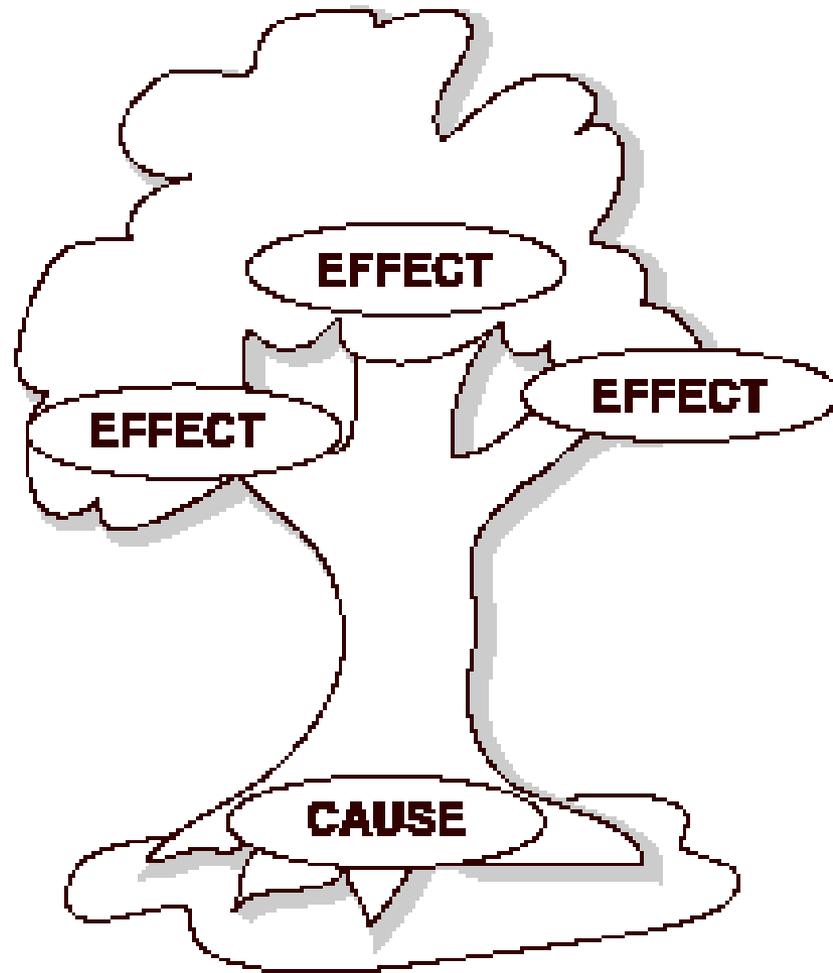
One of Satan's major goals is to destroy the family. He uses various rebellious movements as effective agents to achieve his goals. If he can destroy the family, he can destroy God's authority over humanity.



Are we on guard to keep from being pulled in to Satan's agenda? Sometimes it's difficult to look at ourselves objectively. We tend to compare ourselves with those around us.



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?

Perhaps we need to retrace our steps, and see how we have been led astray by the enemy. God warns us to shun the first beginnings of sin.

“If we would not commit sin, we must shun its very beginnings. Every emotion and desire must be held in subjection to reason and conscience. Every unholy thought must be instantly repelled.”— {5T 177}

But what if these first beginnings of sin began in
a generation prior to us?
Perhaps we need to consider where our parents
and grandparents went astray.



Most of us are familiar with
this quotation:

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men,-- men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

{Ed. 57}



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

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

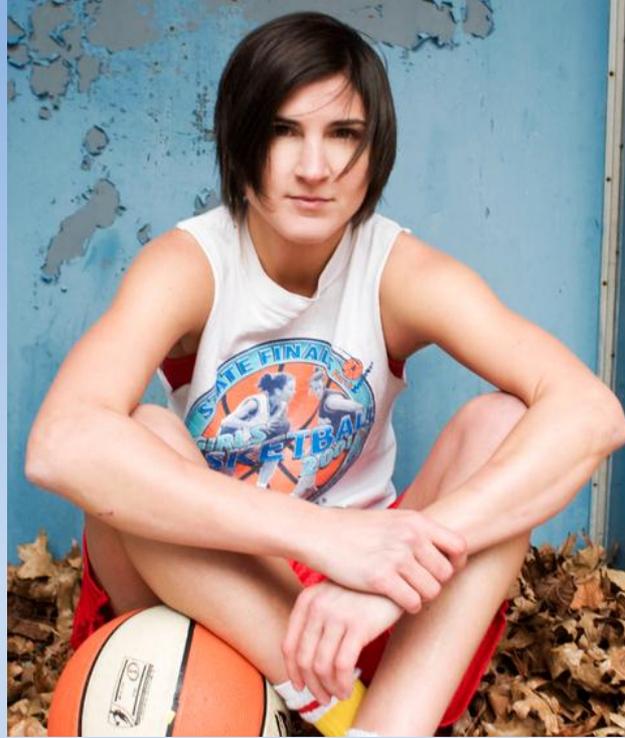


It is clear that God wants His people to understand what it means to be godly men or godly women.





Therefore, it is important for us to understand our God-given roles as males and females, so we may know how God would have us reflect Him according to our specific sex.



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

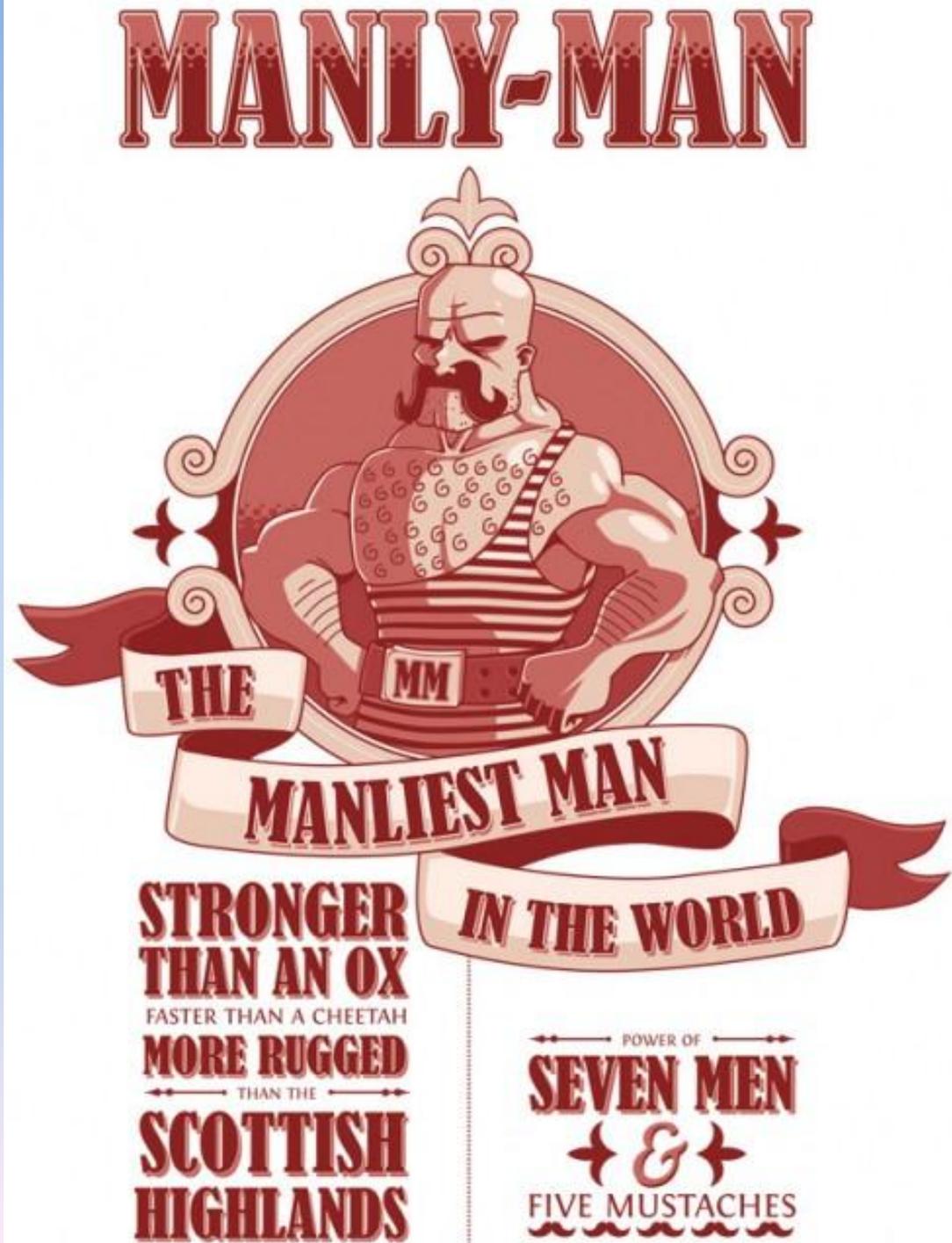
Loves women

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

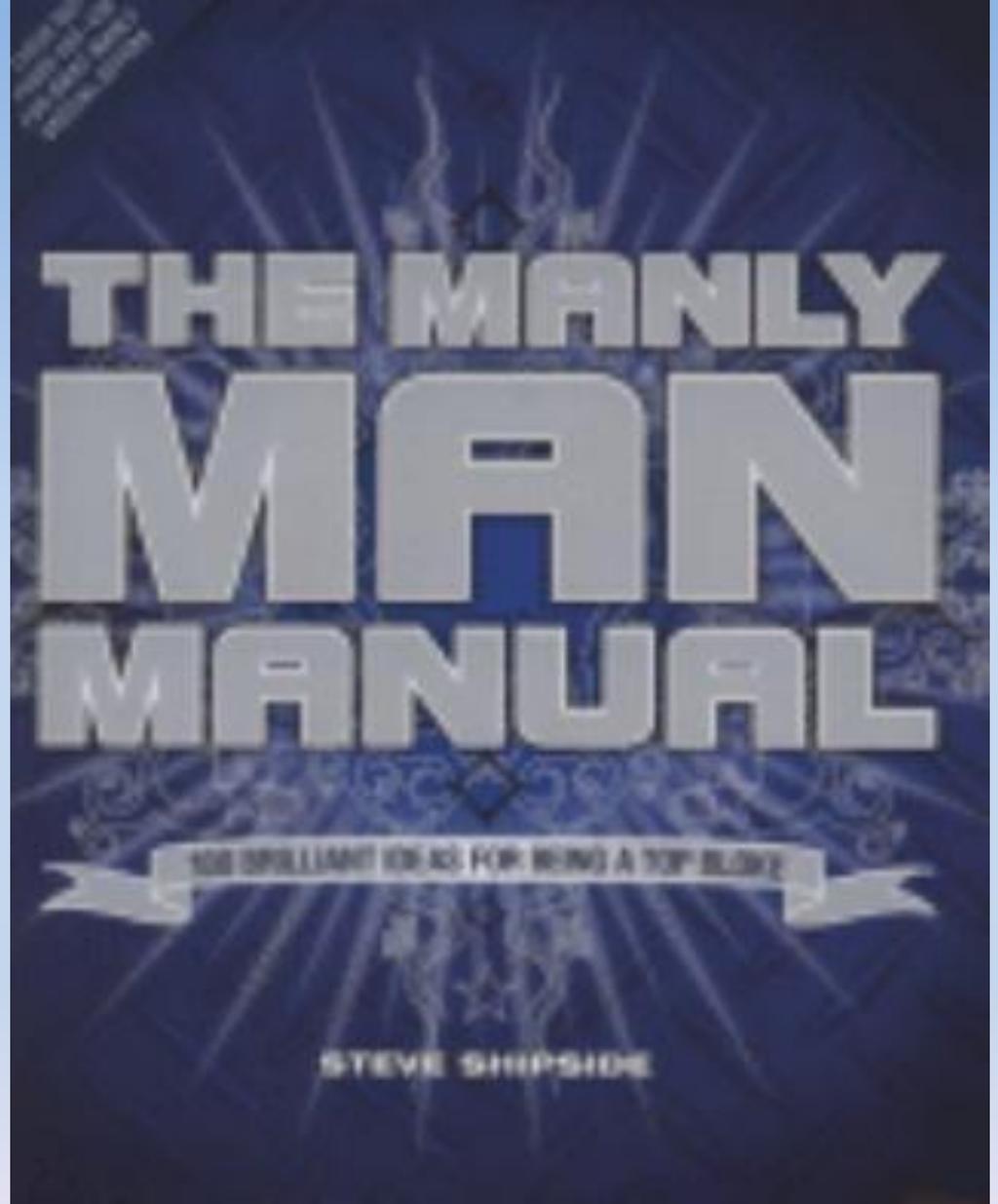
That's not God's idea of a manly man!

Here's a tee shirt design showing society's brainwashing.

Brute strength does not equal manliness in God's eyes.



The advertisement declares: “*The Manly Man Manual* contains all the inspiration you need to be smarter, sexier, more charismatic and endlessly amusing. And, how to drink real ale and place uncanny bets.”



**NOT
Recommended
Reading**

Worldly
masculinity
glorifies sin.



Here's what the world thinks masculine and feminine means:



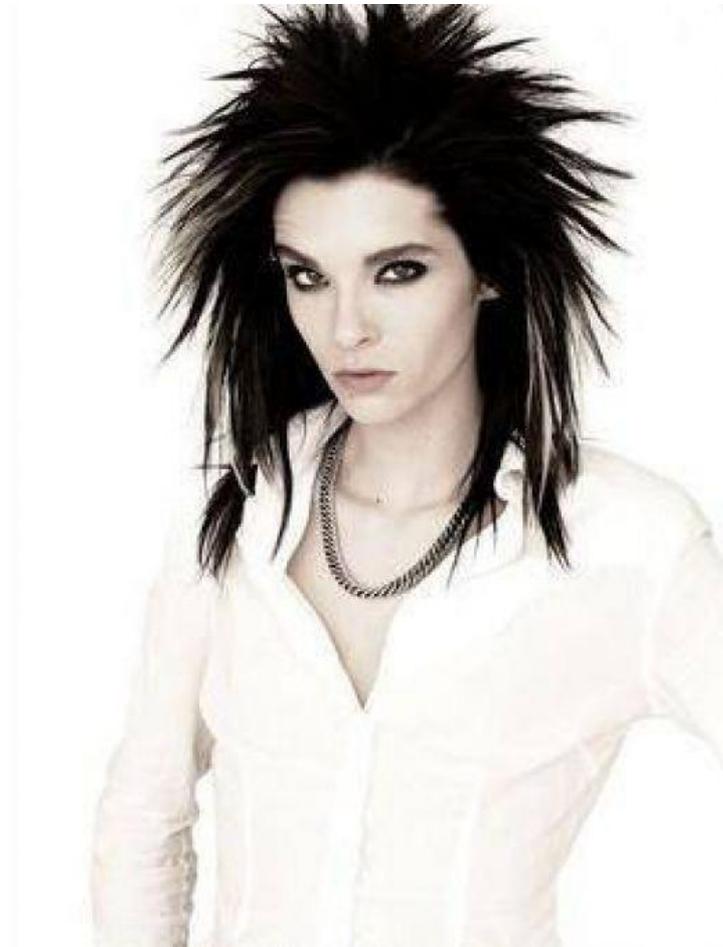
The world thinks
a manly man means macho,
a feminine woman means sexy.



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.

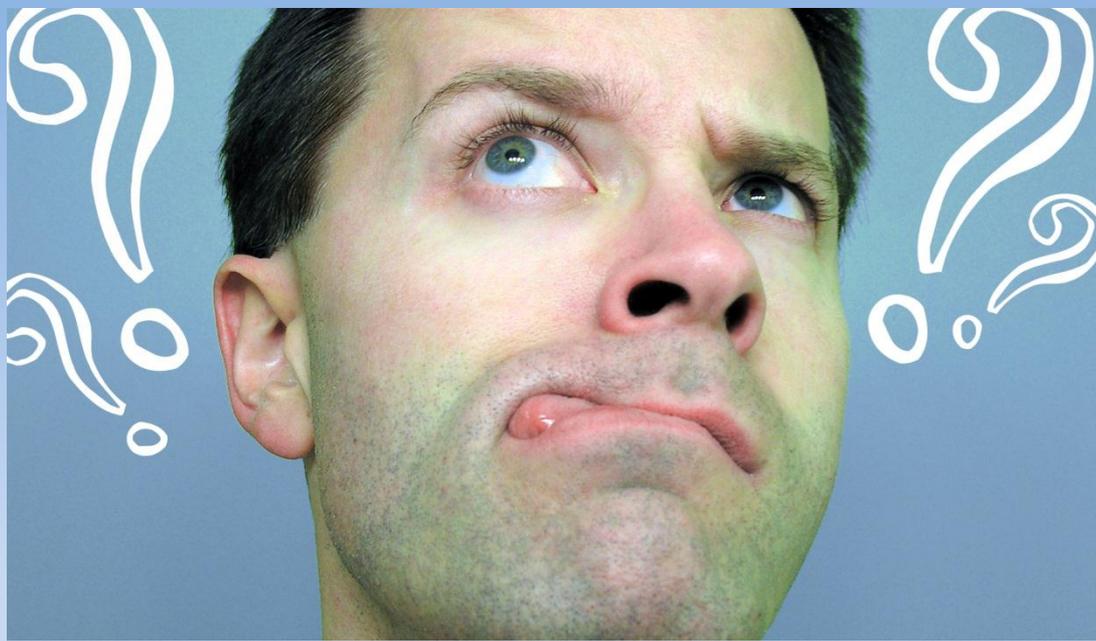


He also provides many unwomanly options for ungodly women, such as being seductive, competitive or superficial.



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

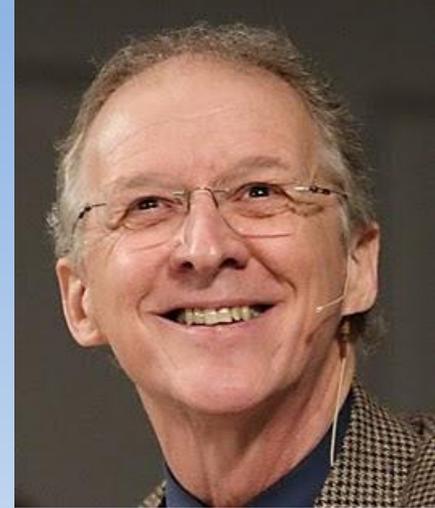




We see how the world has twisted the concept of manhood and womanhood.

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.



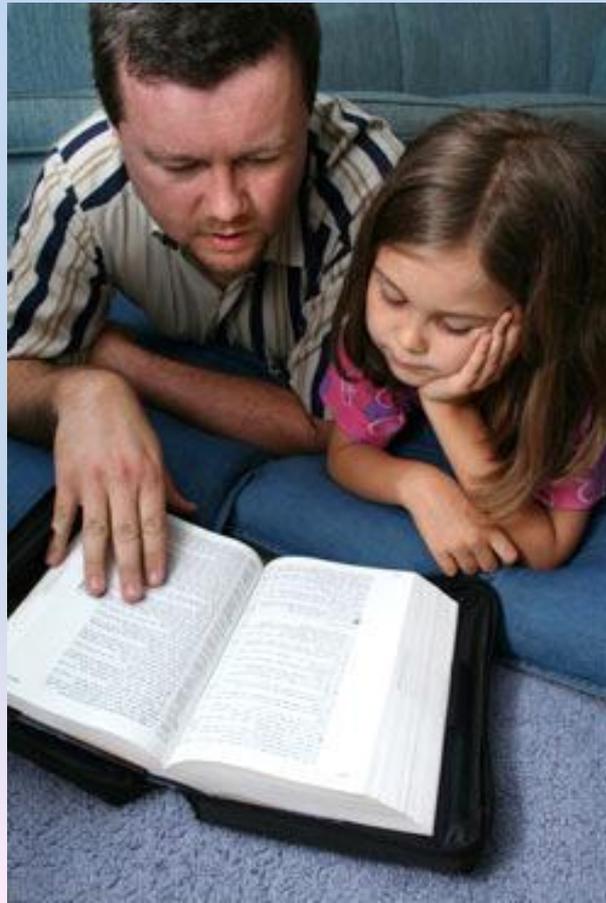
A godly man is not prideful and power hungry. He is humble and gentle, yet courageous and responsible. He accepts God's assignment of being the protector and provider of his family.



From youth, he has prepared himself for the role designated by God to be the head of the home, the house-band pulling it all together. That sense of responsibility will make him industrious, ambitious and honest, even before marriage.



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.



God's idea of true womanhood is the opposite of the world's idea. Vanity, sensuality, the desire to attract attention are sinful character traits. A godly wife is a complement to her husband, submitting to his leadership.



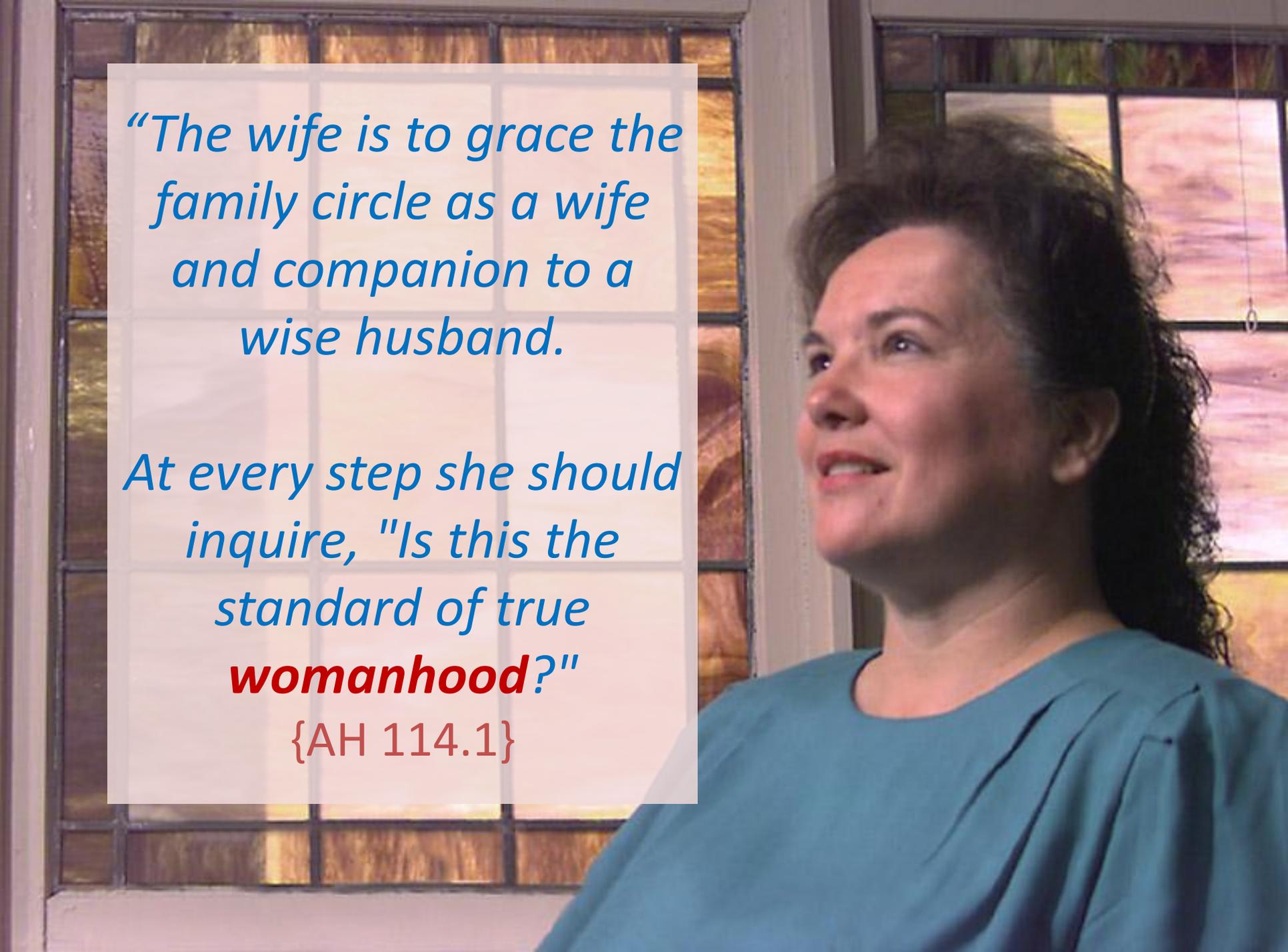
“Wonderful is the mission of the wives and mothers and the younger women workers. If they will, they can exert an influence for good to all around them. By modesty in dress and circumspect deportment they may bear witness to the truth in its simplicity.”

{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}

*For a woman to answer
the question:*

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

*—she must know what
that standard is!*





A godly woman will make diligent study of the Word of God on this topic. As she humbles her heart before God, the Holy Spirit will impart to her a meek and quiet spirit. Everything about her will reflect her godly womanliness: her appearance, her attitudes, her interests, and her demeanor.



The all-pervading principle of godly womanhood will motivate every decision and action. She will treasure the high calling God has given her to be the queen of her home, and the primary teacher and nurturer of her children.



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.



*“Meditation upon holy things will elevate and refine the mind, and will develop Christian **ladies** and **gentlemen.**” {CE 109.1}*



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.





*“In perfecting a Christian character, it is essential to persevere in right doing. I would impress upon our youth the importance of perseverance and energy in the work of character-building. From the earliest years it is necessary to weave into the character principles of stern integrity, that the youth may reach the highest standard of **manhood** and **womanhood**.”*

{MYP 45.1}



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.)

(cont. from previous slide.)

“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.”

“There is nothing that the great deceiver fears so much as that we shall become acquainted with his devices.” {GC 516.3}

The blurring of the distinction between men and women is one of Satan’s most powerful deceptions in these last days!

Almost everyone has fallen for it!



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?



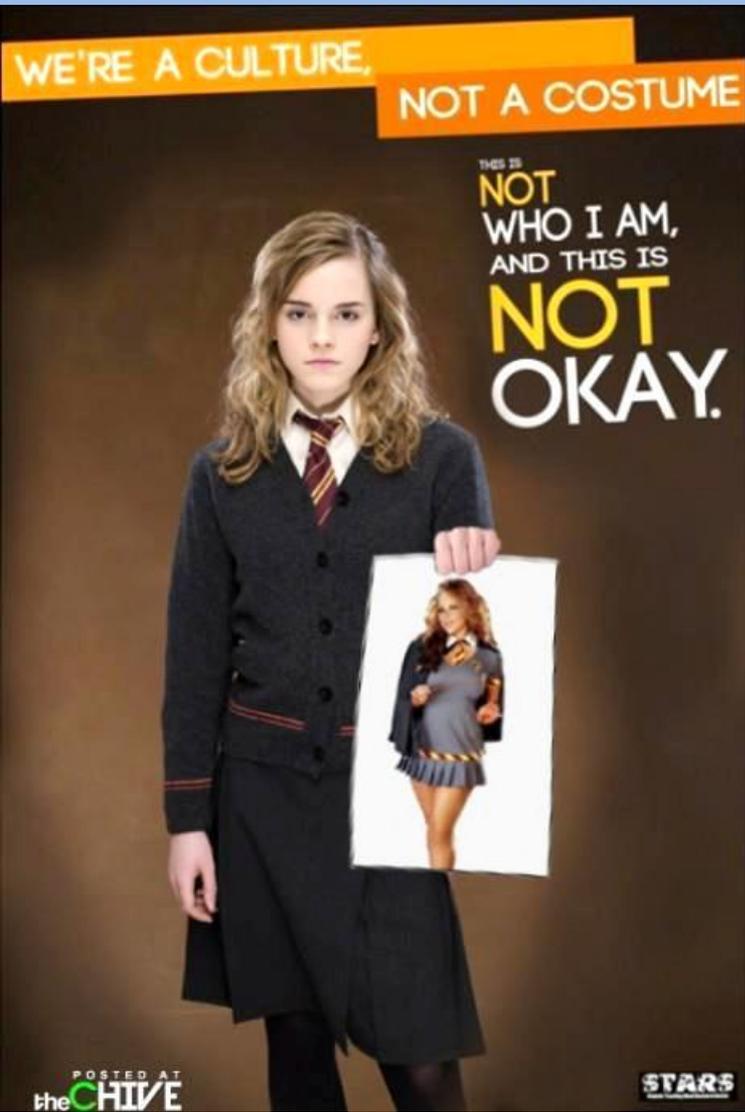
He's still vying for unlawful power. He wants us to join him in his rebellion.

“Our greatest danger lies in our tendency to refuse increased light, and our only safety is to see and understand for ourselves “what saith the Lord.” {ST, April 22, 1889 par. 6}

We are in positive danger if we are not willing to consider God’s will in this matter.

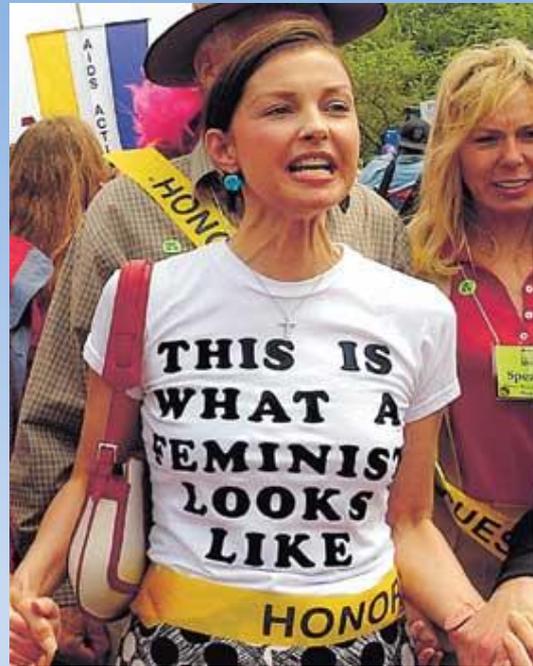
“The prevailing spirit of our time is that of infidelity and apostasy--a spirit of pretended illumination because of a knowledge of the truth, but in reality of the blindest presumption. There is a spirit of opposition to the plain word of God and to the testimony of His Spirit.” {5T 79.1}



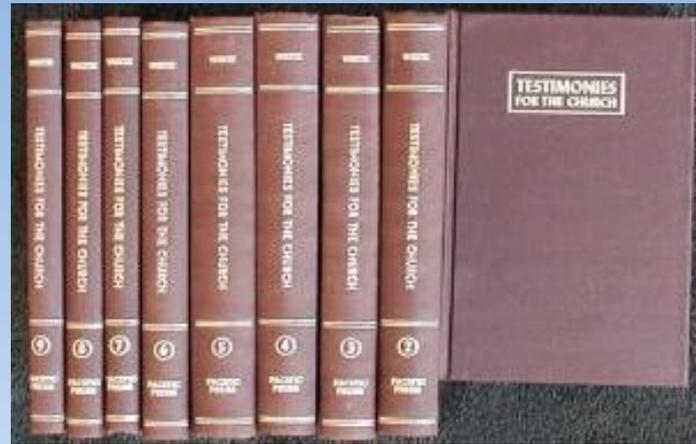


Gender blending is one of Satan's powerful tools for the overturning and overtaking the government of God.

**NOT
Recommended
Reading**



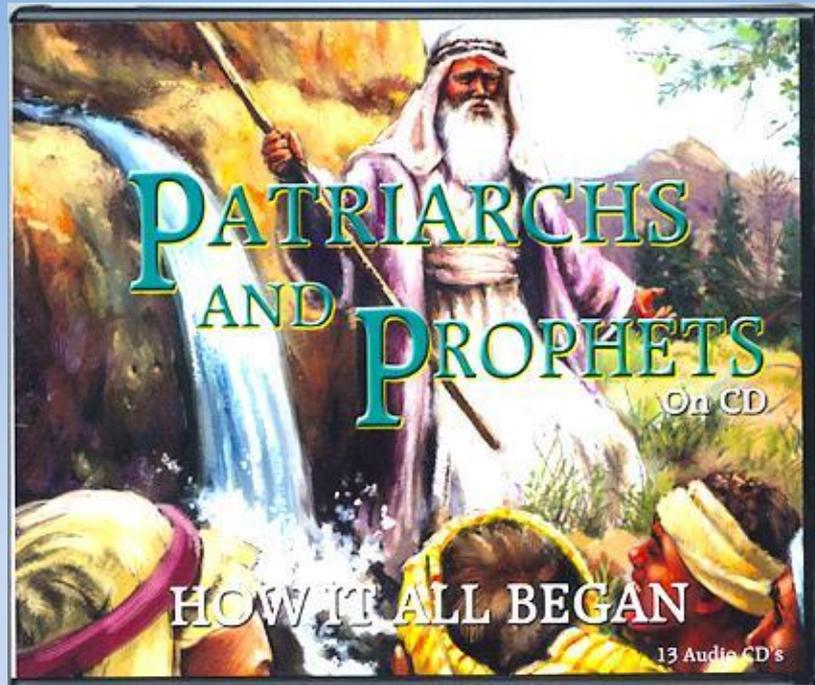
Satan uses the pagan mindset and the godless perversity of society to enlist people in his rebellion.



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}*

We need to consider what God has to say about this matter. Study these chapters:



Genesis 1 - 3

1 Timothy 2

1 Corinthians 11

Ephesians 5

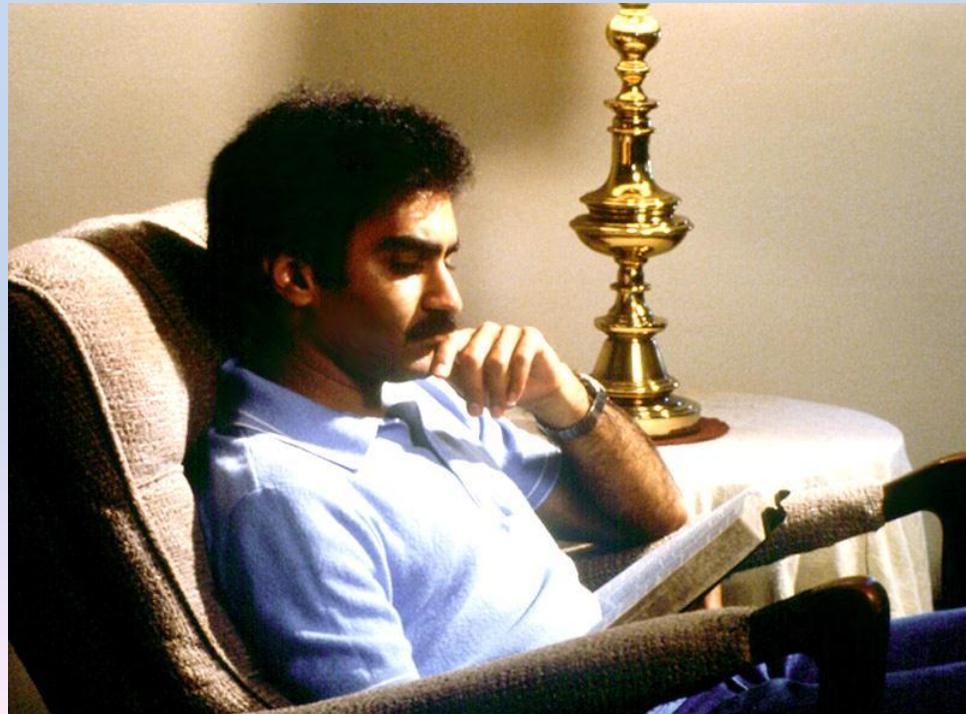
1 Peter 3

What is God's order of government
for humans?

Has He specified who is to be the
head in the home and in the
church?

*“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}*

The man's special role in his household is so important that he is admonished to study his role carefully, so he can carry it out according to God's will.



“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}



What a blessing it is when the father takes his priestly role seriously, and intercedes in behalf of his family! What a testimony to the power of the gospel when a husband cares for his wife as Christ cares for the church!



*“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}



The head of the home, the husband, is also the priest, designating spiritual leadership.

He has the final word.

The wife is to respect his authority.

“The husband is the head of the family, as Christ is the head of the church; and any course which the wife may pursue to lessen his influence and lead him to come down from that dignified, responsible position is displeasing to God.” {1T 307, 308}

It is displeasing to
God if a wife lessens
her husband's
authority as head of
the home in any
way.





If the husband has the
authoritative role of headship,
then what about equality?
Are the husband and wife equal?

Yes, the wife is her husband's
equal.

*“We have an earnest desire that
woman shall fill the position which
God originally designed, as her
husband's equal.”*

{3T 565.2}

The wife is EQUAL to her husband.

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy make that very clear. But equal doesn't mean identical. The Bible never states that men and women have identical ROLES. God defines equality differently than society does!

“She should feel that she is her husband's equal—to stand by his side, she faithful at her post of duty and he at his. Her work in the education of her children is in every respect as elevating and ennobling as any post of duty he may be called to fill, even if it is to be the chief magistrate of the nation.”

{CCh 143.3}



“God Himself gave Adam a companion. He provided ‘an help meet for him’--a helper corresponding to him--one who was fitted to be his companion, and who could be one with him in love and sympathy.”

{LYL 11.2}

*“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.

The wife is not inferior to the husband. They have equal value and equal access to God's grace. Women are assigned a different role, not an inferior role.

The Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy never state that men and women have identical roles.



“The wife is to stand by the side of the husband as his equal, sharing all the responsibilities of life, rendering due respect to him who has selected her for his lifelong companion.”

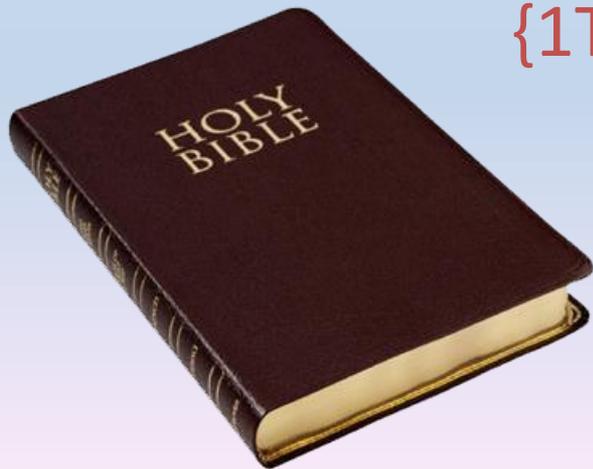
{21MR 214.4}

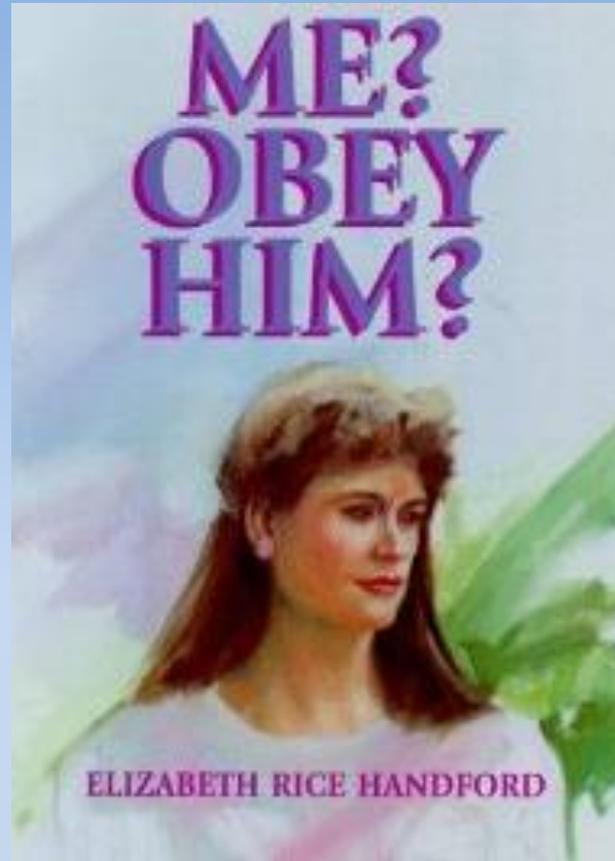
Here we see the difference
between the roles of husband and
wife:

*“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}





Many women shudder at the thought of promising to OBEY their husbands, and they do not include it in their marriage vows. But what does God say?



“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}*



Does this sound like an unfulfilling, menial mission, one to be despised and rejected? Does a powerful career sound more appealing?

What is the highest role in God's eyes?

“There is a work for women that is even more important and elevating than the duties of the king upon his throne. They may mold the minds of their children and shape their characters so that they may be useful in this world and that they may become sons and daughters of God.”

{3T 484.1}

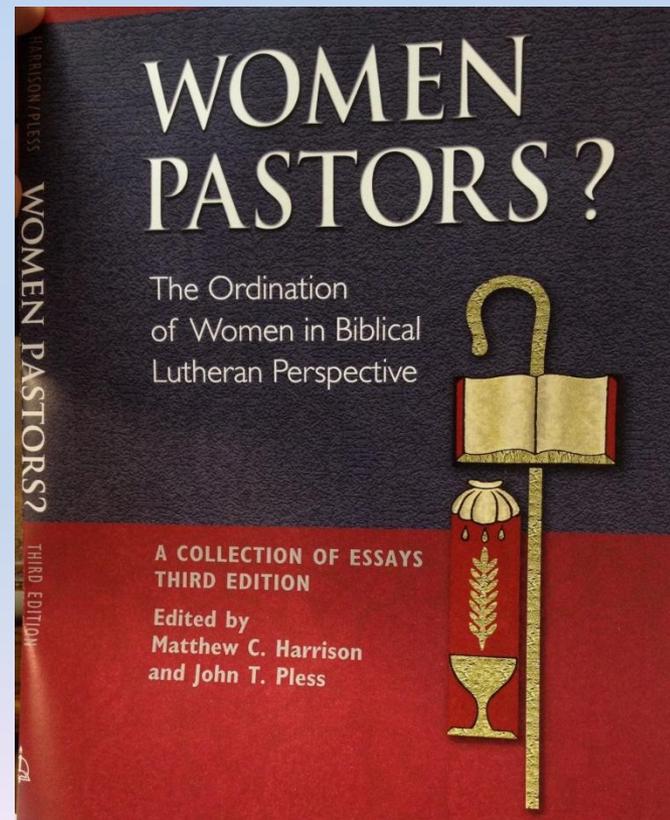
While the wife is her husband's equal, her gender specific mission is actually more sacred than man's.



*“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}

Korah, Dathan and Abiram give us a chilling example of discontentment with their position:

“Korah was not satisfied with his position. He was connected with the service of the tabernacle, yet he desired to be exalted to the priesthood. . . . They became ambitious for still higher office, that they might obtain greater influence with the congregation.” {1SP 296.1}

Korah, Dathan and Abiram asserted their rights for equality. They declared that Moses and Aaron had no more right to be leaders than they did, for Moses and Aaron were

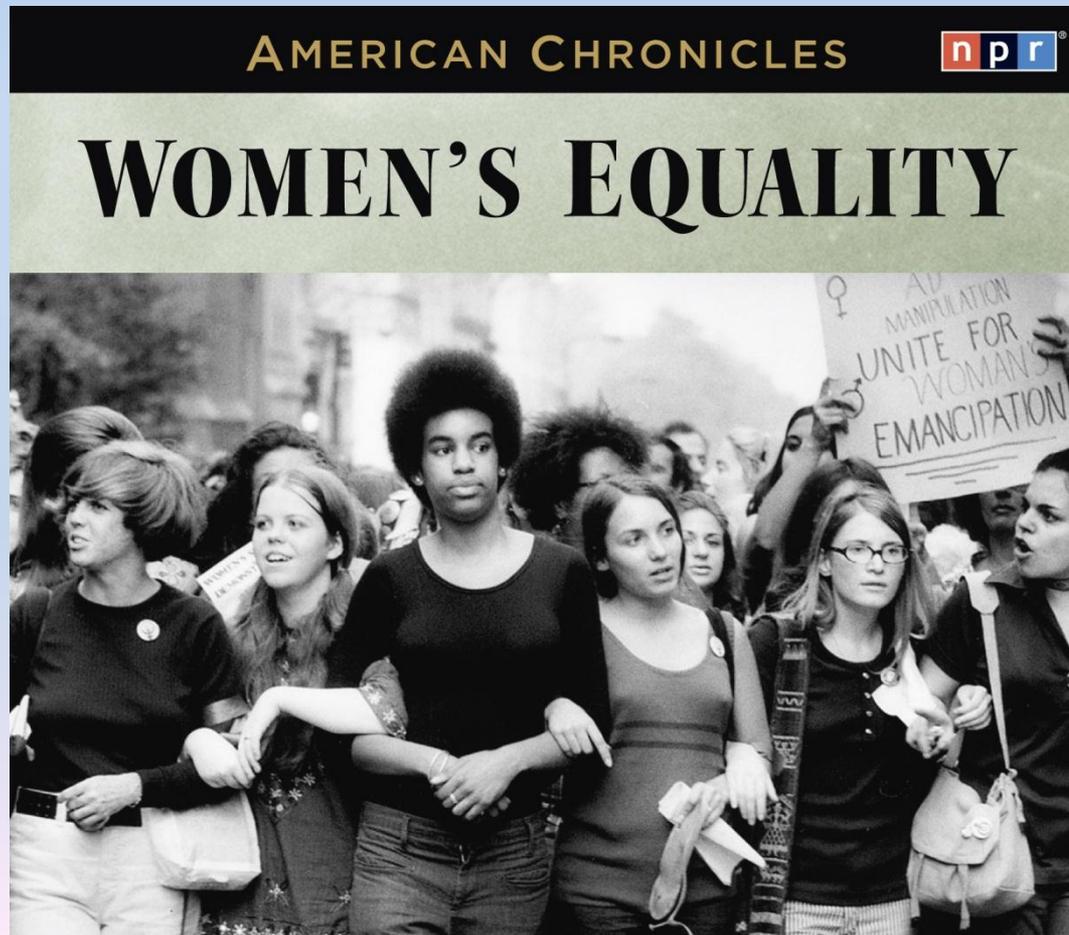
“no more holy than the people, who were equally favored with God's peculiar presence and protection.” {1SP 297.1}

Was not their demand similar to the demand for women's equal rights that we hear today?

When God gives us an assignment, should not we trust Him enough to know it's for our very best good?

An unauthorized assignment, without the blessing of God, can never bring us the sense of fulfillment for which we long.

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>



The poster features a central graphic of a woman silhouette holding a cluster of icons representing various aspects of gender equality: a lightbulb, a graduation cap, a person with a gear, a medical cross, a female symbol, a person with a gear, a person with a gear, and a calendar. Below this is the text 'Gender equality now.' in large, bold letters, with 'now.' in red. Underneath is the tagline 'Accelerating the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals' and the UNIFEM logo.

Gender equality now.

Accelerating the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNIFEM

- 1 Making Change Happen**
Actions Necessary to Accelerate the Achievement of all Millennium Development Goals
- 2 The Unfinished Agenda**
Balance Sheet of Progress and Backlogs on Gender Equality
- 3 What Does It Cost?**
Putting a Price Tag on Gender Equality
- 4 The Tragic Reality of Violence**
Facing the Facts of Violence Against Women and the Millennium Development Goals
- 5 New Aid Agenda**
Making Aid Effectiveness Work for Gender Equality
- 6 Meet the New Director**
Inés Albert, UNIFEM Executive Director, on gender and the Millennium Development Goals
- 7 Book Launch**
About Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009

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.”

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}

Instead of being content in her God-given role, many push their way into a role God never intended for her, and thus they miss out on the opportunity to work in the greatest mission field—her home.



“If married men go into the work, leaving their wives to care for the children at home, the wife and mother is doing fully as great and important a work as the husband and father. The husband in the open missionary field may receive the honors of men, while the home toiler may receive no earthly credit for her labor. But [she is] one of the greatest missionaries in the world.” {5T 594.2}



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}

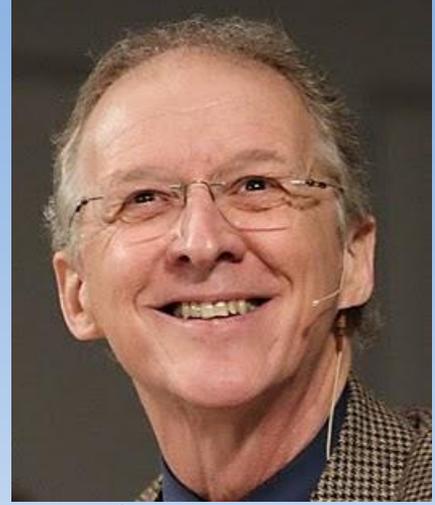
The home is a model of the church.

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.



John Piper puts it this way:

“If I were to put my finger on one devastating sin today, it would not be the so-called women’s movement, but the lack of spiritual leadership by men at home and in the church. The spiritual aimlessness and weakness and lethargy and loss of nerve among men is the major issue, not the upsurge of interest in women’s ministries.”

Manhood and Womanhood Defined by the Bible.

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

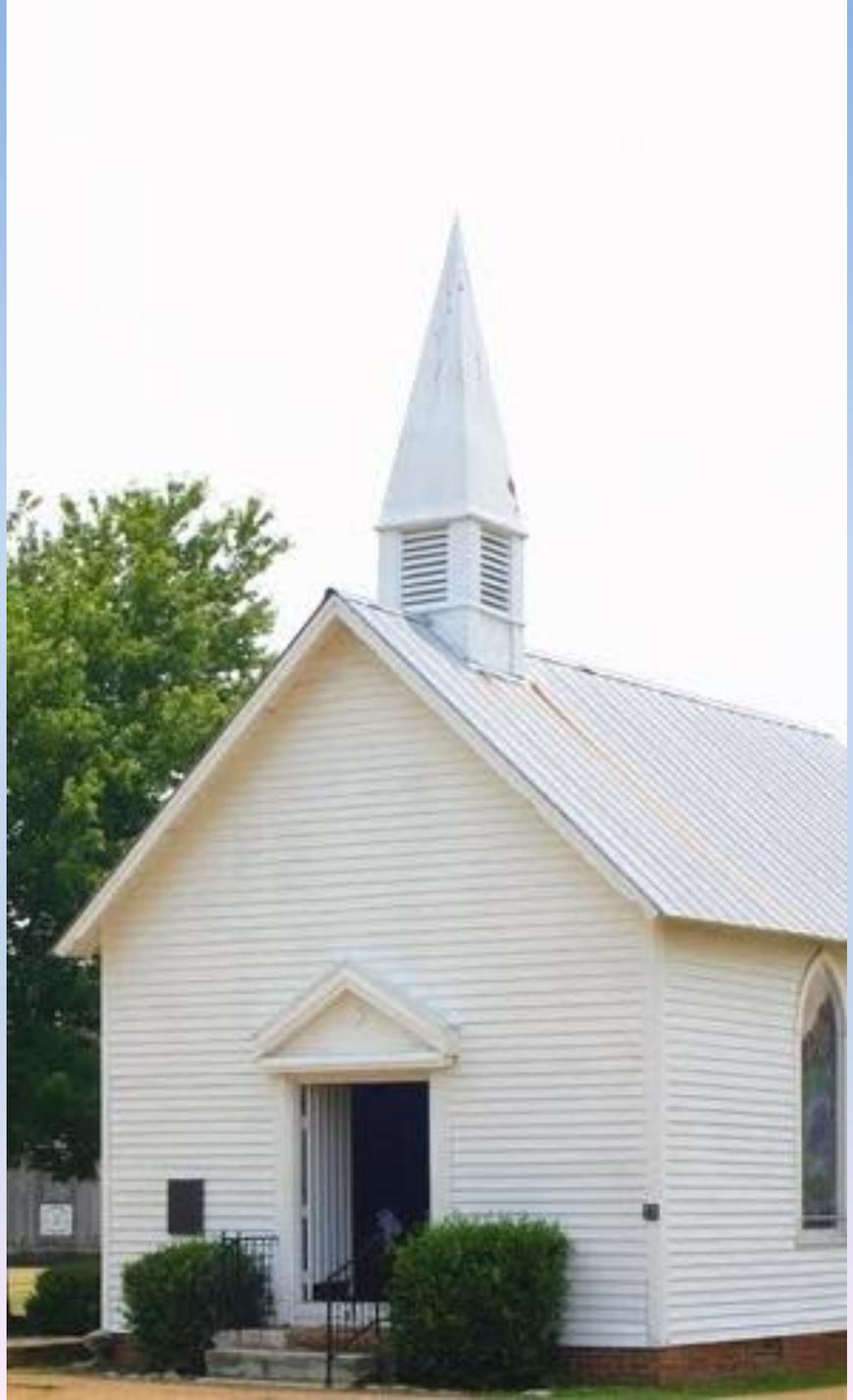


Just as the patriarchal rule spread to the extended family, so the principle of the headship of the husband spreads to the church family. The same rules govern both.



“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}





Pastors should be housebands = husbands



“Those whom the Lord intrusts with his work 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 whole concept of God-assigned roles of authority and leadership is a lesson we all must learn. All of us are ultimately under God's authority. Even Christ submitted to His Father's authority. It is not demeaning to submit to authority. But it certainly is rebellious to defy God-ordained authority.

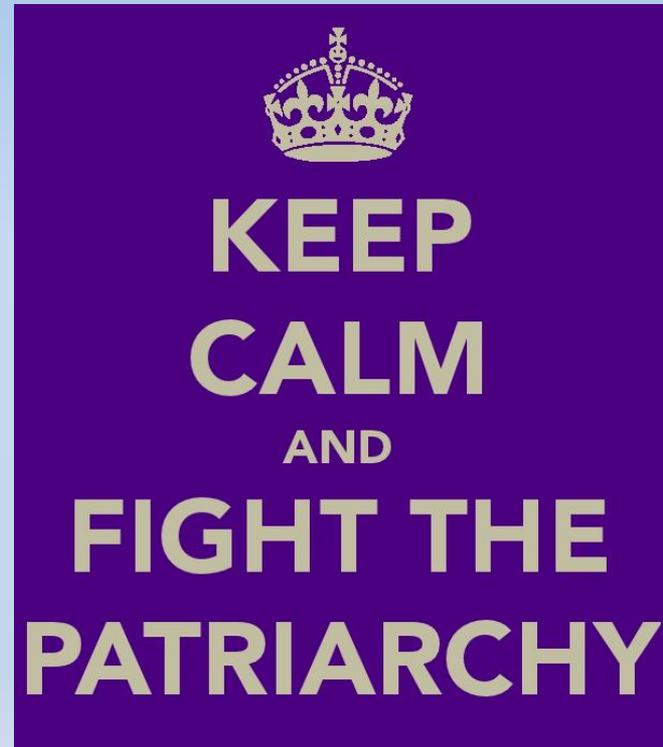
Instead of complementary harmony, it leads to competitive disharmony.



Why is the mission that God has assigned women so distasteful to many? The “equal rights” agenda of feminism has led some women to think that they need identical roles as men in order to feel fulfilled.

The feminist movement is pushing for the “equality” of roles for men and women. This does not mean equal in value and worth, as the gospel teaches. It means equal, as in identical. Identical roles for men and women means that there are no specialized roles for either sex.

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.

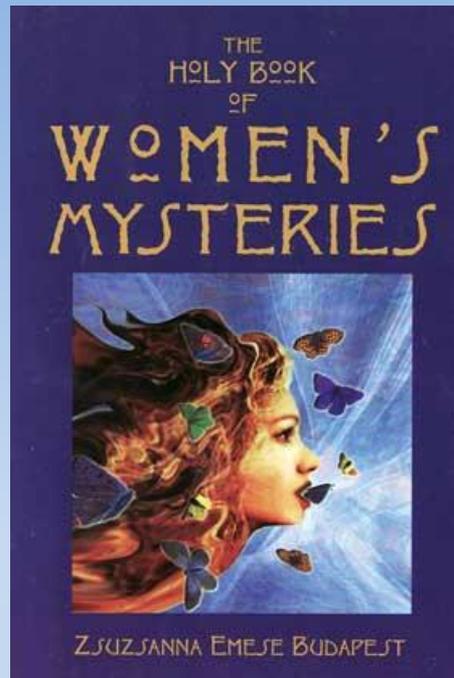


Patriarchy is seen as a great evil,
which needs to be eradicated.



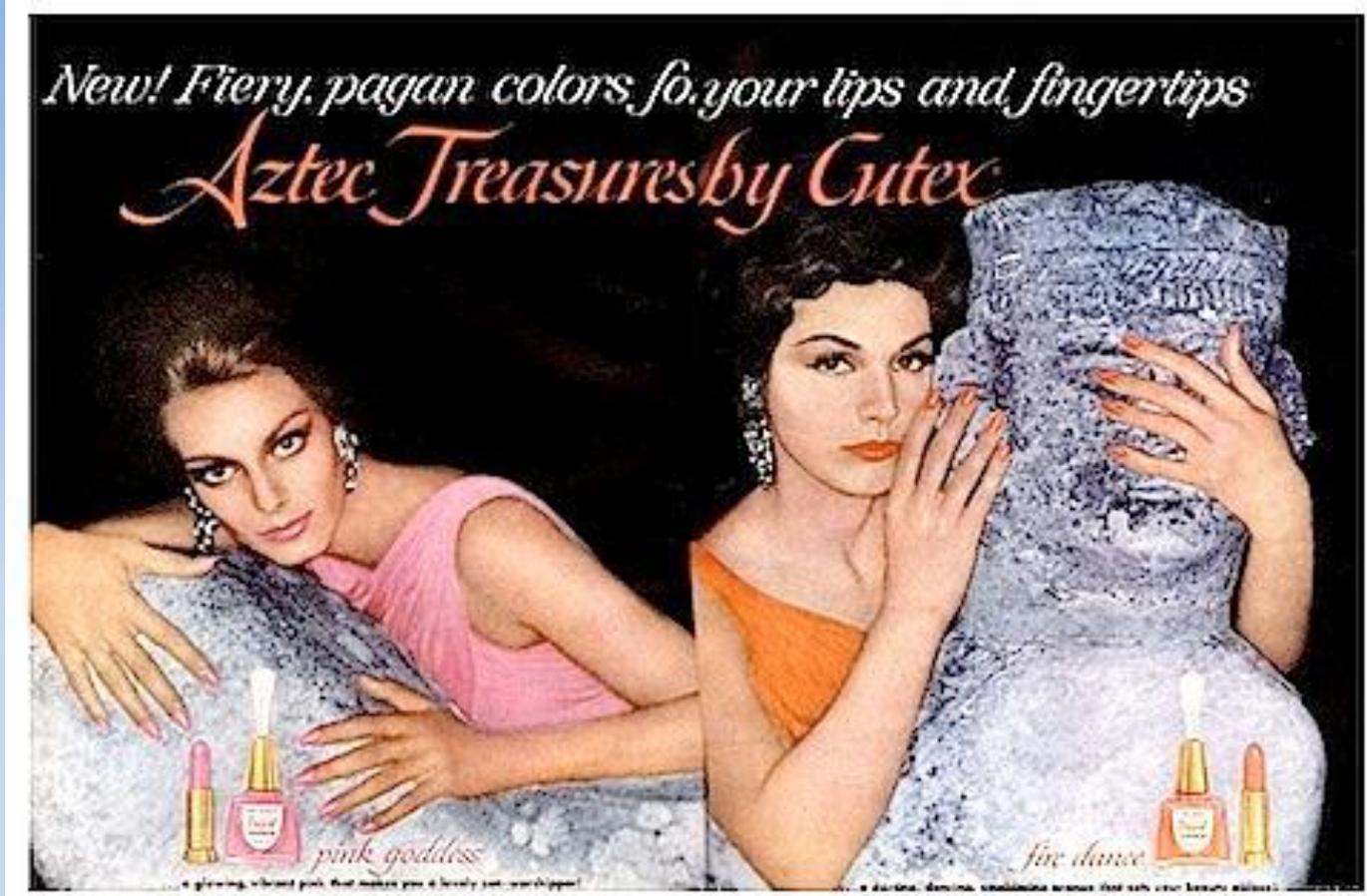
This line of thinking has come into many churches as a push for women's ordination. In the ordination of women, spiritual authority is assumed by females.





**NOT
Recommended
Reading**

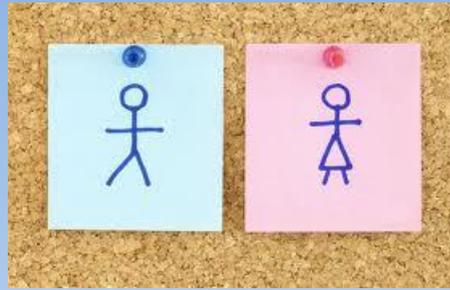
When the patriarchal system is removed, the inroads of paganism become pervasive in society.



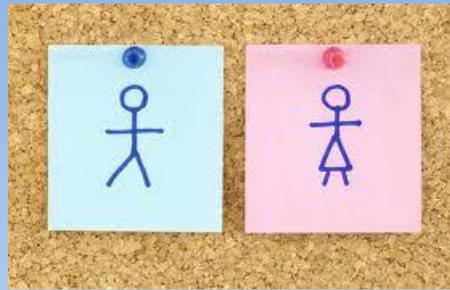
God's creation order is necessary to protect us from the pagan ideologies all around us! see {PP 141.2}

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.



But, we have a beautiful promise from God that should give us hope.

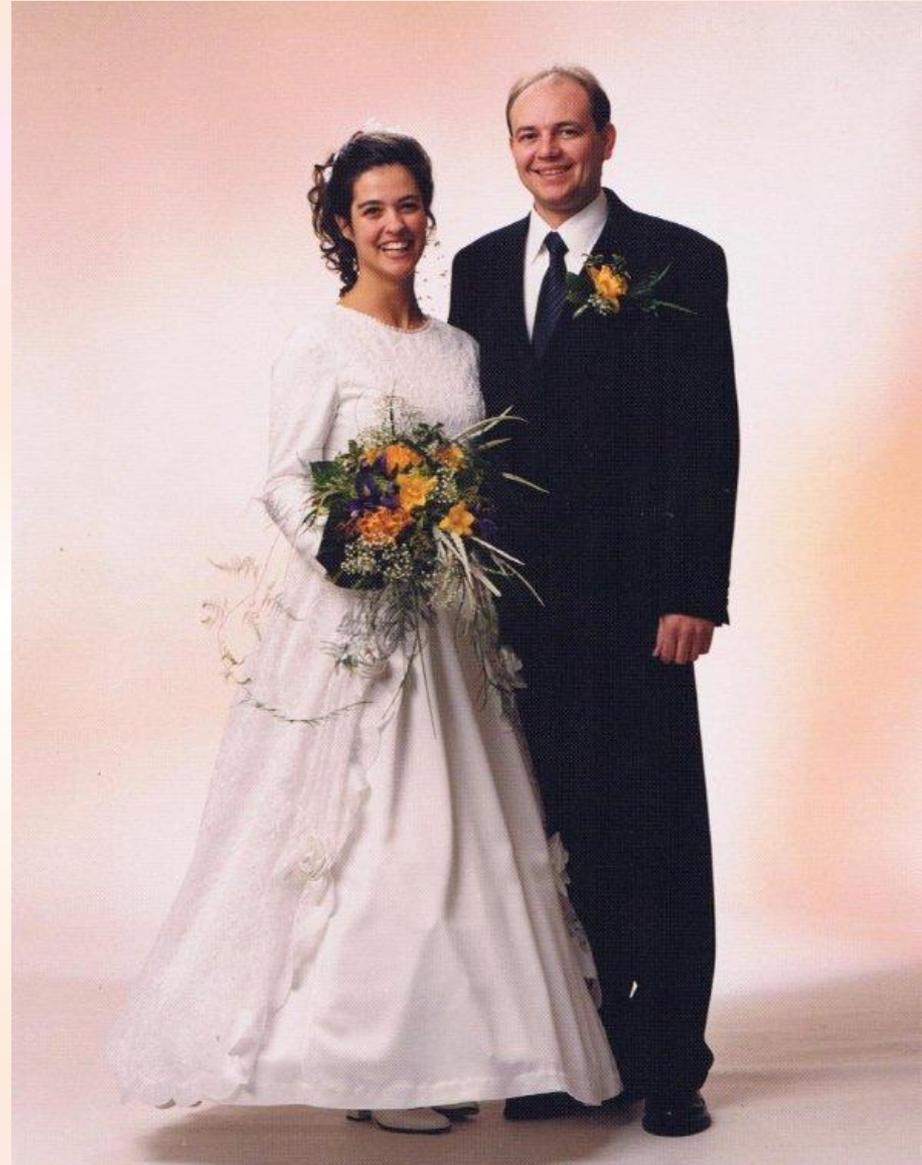
***“Manliness, womanliness--
sanctified, purified, refined,
ennobled--we have the promise of
receiving.”*** {1SM 88.3}

Love One Another!

Let us ever keep in mind that God is a God of love, and He gives us His love for one another.

We must have tender compassion for those caught up in deception, and pray earnestly that they will be able to escape from Satan's snares.

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