

Women Theology

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Editorial

Woman!

*After many rough drafts
Emerged the Magnum Opus!
The zenith of God's creative extravaganza!*

*Blessed and jubilant was she
With a lion's share of Divinity!
Poets sang praises of her face
That could launch a thousand ships!*

*Neither the affection of a daughter
Nor the care of a sister
Neither the passion of a girlfriend
Nor the warmth of a fiancée*

*Neither the dedication of a wife
Nor the divinity of a mother
Neither the blessings of a grandma
Nor the blessedness of a grand nanny*

*Will ever meet a worthy contender
Down here on earth or in heavens for sure!
Soft like a feather but tough like a diamond
Quenching like water but fierce like fire*

*Naughty like children and chirping like birds
Charming like nymphs and melodious like harps
Sweeter than honey, yet can sting like honeybees
Woman is amazing, yes, God's masterpiece!*

Yet...

*In reality
Using many
Taboos and bans
Shackles and fetters
In captivity she was kept
And oblivious of her blessings
Gradually she doubted her self-worth*

Theories...
Philosophies...
Numerous movements...
The blame game continues...

Yet...
Her sigh says it all...
Equality remains a mirage...
History is teeming with 'his stories'...
Victories and spilling of innocent blood...
Who will recall and recount 'her stories'...
Which are all stories of tears and toil...

Feminism...
Wave after wave...
One, two and three...
How many more yet to come?

To protect her rightful inheritance and birthrights...
Should she always be on guard and wage war...
Should she always keep fighting...
For rights at her workplace...
Her right of contract...
Her property rights...
Her voting rights...
For equality...
And so on...

A change...
A new vision...
A new attitude...
Is all what is needed...
Is all that is envisaged...
By the editor and these authors...

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