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Christianity Denigrates Women

Selected Scriptures

Apology Accepted Series

Life Change: We enjoy and exercise equality and unity before God.

“Wir alle Deutsche sind.”

Women & men are made to enjoy equality and unity.

This is grounded in the Trinity.

Gen 2:24
Deu 6:4

This is established at creation.

Gen 2:18

The rubber meets the road at the point of roles:

In the home.

Eph 5:22-33

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– Rebecca McLaughlin, “Confessions of a Reluctant Complementarian”

The rubber meets the road at the point of roles:

In the churches.

1 Tim 2-3; Titus 2

Why is there so much male/female conflict?

Many ignore Jesus’ complete acceptance of females.

Many misapprehend the historical context.

Many confuse biblical roles with cultural ones.

Some misuse scripture to cover abuse.

Some use abuse as an excuse to warp scripture.

What can we do?

Remember who we are.
Do not twist scripture.
Fulfill our various roles with joy.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands. One hand holds an open book with white pages and a dark cover. The other hand holds a white ceramic coffee cup. The background is blurred.

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



courtesy banknotes; Makes one want to play COD Cold War.

These are a few of the records of Stasi attacks on West Germany.



This wall protects us from the moral decay of the West!





courtesy sputniknews

How can you work & play together so well when you have been programmed to fight each other and fear each other?



courtesy amorq

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“Wir sind alle Menschen.”

[Veer zind alleh men shen]

We are all human.



Genesis 2

24 This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. CSB

One is not a lonely number after all

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Deut 6:4 Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. CSB

Hebrew: אֶחָד ehad = an odd construction, not אֱלֹהִים aleph, the numeral one; ehad instead describes a coming together of multiple components, a unity of different parts



God's unity is described as "ehad" and the concept of unity in marriage is described as "ehad"...Thus, one original intent of marriage is to teach us something about God. – Zachary Payne, "The Trinity and Marriage

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one unit safely flying the jet



courtesy Daily Mirror

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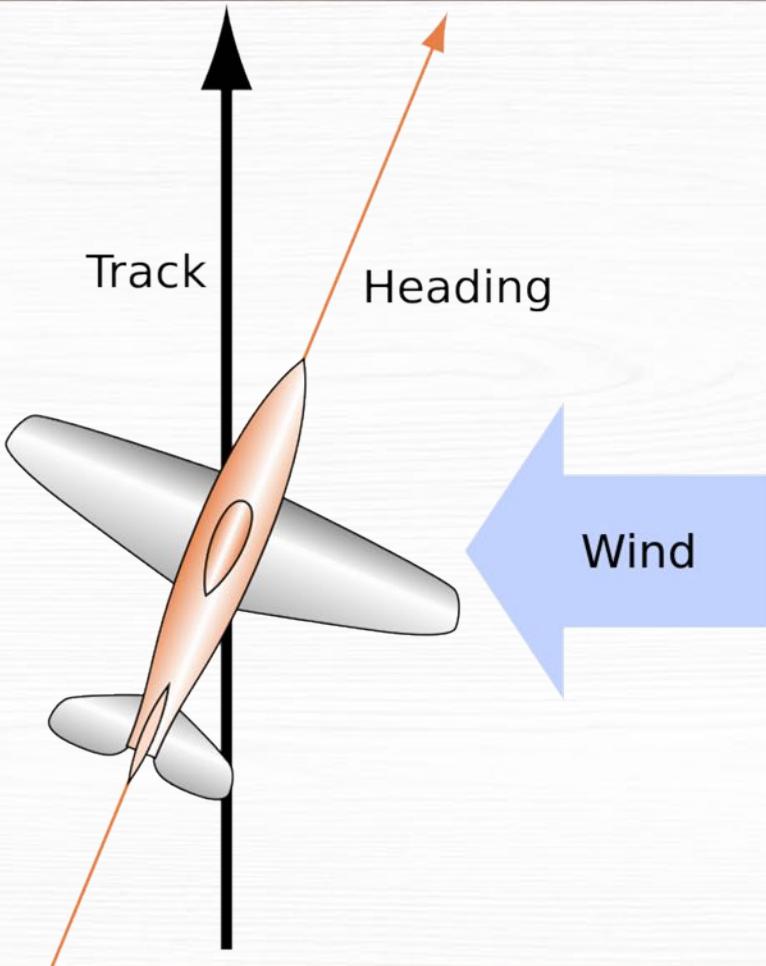
**Captain:
ultimately
accountable**

**First Officer:
navigation
& ops**



courtesy Daily Mirror

What good is a First Officer who doesn't share that information? What good is a Captain who won't listen? They will not end up anywhere near their planned destination.



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courtesy icebreakerideas

The leaders
always cheat
for you girls.



courtesy yummymummy [sounds like a dating site for ancient Egyptians]



courtesy Baker

Hey, hon. I
noticed the
trash was full.



“Almost always. Before we were married, we tried to say we would each do everything. You know, no roles.” Her voice dropped into a lower, shame-full tone, “But it’s impossible to pull off. Especially after I got pregnant, some organization became necessary.”



Ephesians 5

**22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord,
23 because the husband is the head of the wife as
Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the
body. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also
wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the
church and gave himself for her ²⁶ to make her holy,
cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.**

Ephesians 5

27 He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. **28** In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, **30** since we are members of his body.

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³¹ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. [Genesis 2] ³² This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband. CSB

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courtesy MGM

How can we
do these hard
things?



Ephesians 6

**¹⁰ Finally,
be strengthened
by the Lord and
by his vast strength.**

CSB

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Rebecca McLaughlin: I was an undergraduate at Cambridge when I first encountered Ephesians 5:22. I'd come from an academically driven, equality-oriented, single-sex high-school; I was now studying in a majority-male college; and I was repulsed. “Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord.” You've got to be kidding me.

I felt this verse was [harmful] to my witness. I was offering my friends a radical narrative of power inversion, in which the creator God laid down his life, in which the poor out-classed the rich, in which outcasts became family. The gospel was a consuming fire of love-across-difference to burn up racial injustice and socioeconomic exploitation. And yet here was this horrifying verse promoting the subjugation of women. Jesus had elevated women to an equal status with men. Paul, it seemed, had pushed them back down.

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Then I turned my attention to the command to husbands. “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25). How did Christ love the church? By dying on the cross; by giving himself, naked and bleeding, to suffer for her; by putting her needs above his own; by giving everything for her. I asked myself how I would feel if this was the command to wives: Wives, love your husbands to the point of death, putting his needs above yours, and sacrificing yourself for him?

If the gospel is true, none of us come to the table with rights. The only way in is flat on your face. If I want to hold onto my fundamental right to self-determination, I must reject the message of Jesus, because he calls me to submit completely to him: to deny myself and take up my cross and follow him (Luke 9:23).

– Rebecca McLaughlin, “Confessions of a Reluctant Complementarian”



Church roles

1 Timothy 2:12 I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man^{CSB}

Titus 2:3 They [more mature women] are to teach what is good,⁴ so that they may encourage the young women^{CSB}

1 Timothy 3:2 An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife [mias gunaikos andros; a one-woman kind of man]^{CSB}

**The big idea I grasp – all
are human before God.
I understand the roles
in home & church. But
why is there so much
male/female conflict
among Christians?**



John 4

³ He left Judea and went again to Galilee. ⁴ He had to travel through Samaria; ⁵ so he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

"Give me a drink," Jesus said to her, ⁸ because his disciples had gone into town to buy food.

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⁹ “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” she asked him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.

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#1 – God said He would use Abraham and his offspring to bless all the world. Everyone trusting YHWH would be accepted into the covenant of grace.

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#1 – The covenant of grace

#2 – Eternal salvation

#3 – This unsavory person is offered eternal life.

1 Peter 3

7 Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing them honor as coheirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. CSB

The Babylon Bee

Sometimes you men get into arguments with your wife. (Haha! Noob!) To help you navigate these difficult talks, be sure to follow these expert arguing tips from the marriage experts at The Bee.

- Use cold, hard reason meticulously explained and re-explained: Using logic and reason in an argument with your wife will help her immediately understand how ridiculous she's being. Problem solved!



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- Use cold, hard reason meticulously explained/re-explained**
- Ask her if she's on her period: Then just tell her lovingly that you know this is just because of the lady hormones and won't hold it against her.**

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- Helpfully suggest she calm down: Sometimes, wives forget to calm down. One helpful reminder and all tempers will dissipate! You're a genius!

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- Helpfully suggest she calm down.
- Remind her that the thing she just said sounds like something her mother would say.
Also remind her that your mother never talks to you like this.

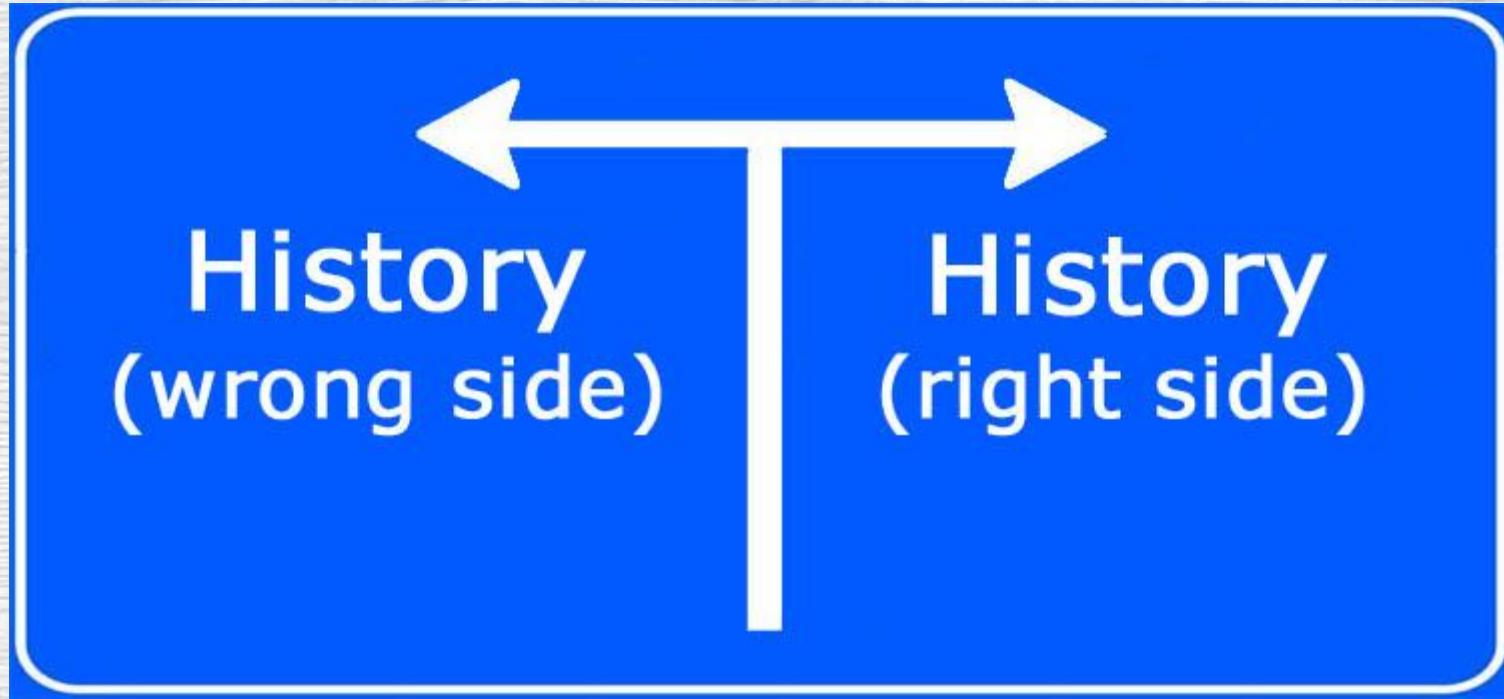


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- Bring in all the kids and ask them to vote on who is right: This will also help you figure out which kids are on your side and which ones you need to keep an eye on.

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He only cut off the
tip of his earlobe.

myth

Females were no better than slaves in the Roman world; in fact, many male slaves were better off.

A Jewish man got up every day and said, “Thank God I am not a Gentile and thank God I am not a woman.”

fact

Roman women could: divorce on demand; abort at will; inherit property; own a business; receive back dowry & pension at divorce.

That ‘Jewish man’ quote comes from the Middle Ages and there is no evidence it was common, much less spoken in the 1st c.



courtesy truthproject



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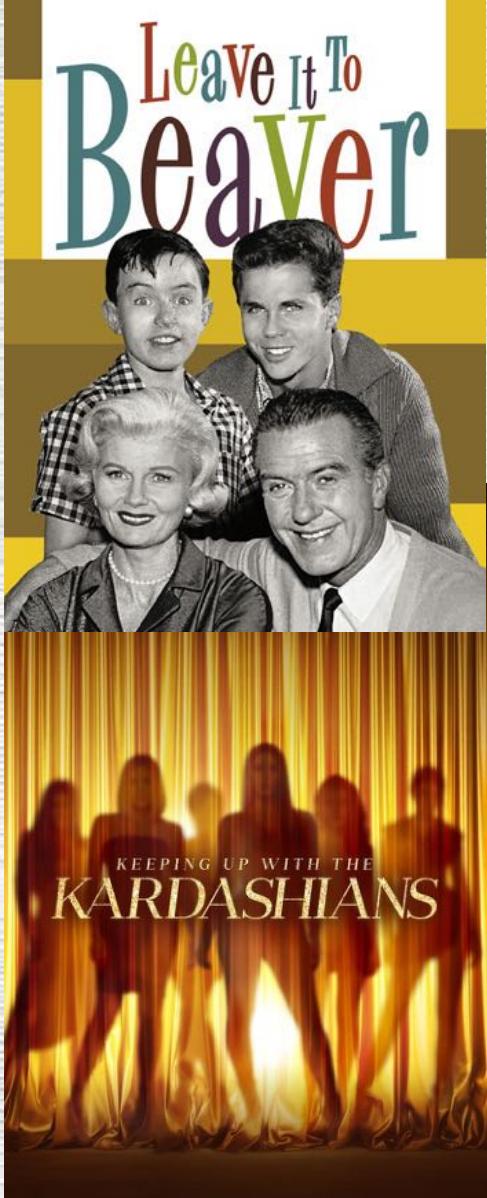


courtesy familylifeshare



courtesy CBS

- A man is not emasculated if his wife works and he does other productive things like stay home with kids.
- A woman is not lesser if she chooses to stay home and directly run that enterprise instead of taking a job outside the home.
- A man does not have a scriptural right to rape his wife.
- A woman does not have the biblical right to command her husband sleep on the couch.



courtesy Viacom; Hulu; Tyndale

Ephesians 5 grounds our roles in marriage not on gendered psychology but on Christ-centered theology. – Rebecca McLaughlin, “Confessions of a Reluctant Complementarian”



Why is there so much female/male conflict even among Christians?

- ignoring Jesus' complete acceptance of females**
- misconstruing historical context**
- confusing the very few biblical roles with the very many, ever-changing cultural ones**



courtesy Newsweek



courtesy [sheknows](#)



courtesy tulsaanger



The Bible says to obey the laws of our country [Rom 13], and this is the law. We love you unconditionally, and that love includes holding you to what is right.

Those who practice abuse must be loved enough to be told truth and held accountable. All victims – female, male, falsely accused, abused – all must be loved and cared for in Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands is often critiqued as a mandate for spousal abuse. Tragically, it has sometimes been used that way. But the command to husbands makes this reading impossible. How much more easily could an abuser twist a verse calling his wife to suffer for him, to give herself up for him, to die for him? And yet that is the command to Christian husbands – not wives, and not just in Ephesians 5 (where the command comes three times in v.25, 28, and 33), but also in Colossians 3:19. – Rebecca McLaughlin, “Confessions of a Reluctant Complementarian”

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**because some
males have
abused females**

**scripture must
be slanted to
show**

**roles are to be
removed from
scripture**

**the victim (if
female) always
believed**

**men are not to be
trusted**

**females are
always right**

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[Veer zind alleh men shen]

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**This is how our
neighbor saw us.**



courtesy cardcow

**Is there any way I
could pay you guys
to watch my kids?
Your influence
would be the best.
Much better than
day care.**



courtesy parents; Note: we still know and love those 3 kids (now an engineer, a doctor, and a pro soccer player).



**Remember
who we are!**

**Do not slant
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**Fulfill our
roles with joy!**

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