

“the institution of marriage is the chief of vehicle for the perpetuation of the oppression of women, it is through the role of wife that the subjugation of women is maintained.”

Marlene Dixon

“feminist theology must create a new textual base, a new canon. For feminist theology cannot be done from the existing base of the Christian Bible.”

Rosemary Radford Reuther

“by the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God.”

Gloria Steinem

Radical Feminism: Perceptions

- ✓ Change in the perception of the ideal woman
- ✓ Change in the perception of the ideal church
- ✓ Change in the perception of the ideal home
- ✓ Change in the perception of the ideal character

Radical Feminism: Misconceptions

- Christianity is oppressive to females
- American society used to follow biblical ideals
- Equality of the sexes means they are the same

“I advocate a vision of utopia in which gender polarization like androcentrism has been so completely dismantled that except for a narrowly biological context like reproduction the distinction between male and female no longer organizes either the culture or the psyche”

Sandra Lipsitz Bem

“the tendency today is to stress the equality of men and women by minimizing the unique significance of our maleness and femaleness 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 . The consequence of this confusion is not a free and happy harmony among gender free persons relating on the basis of abstract competencies the consequence rather is more divorce, more homosexuality, more distress and suicide that come with a loss of God-given identity.”

John Piper