

A View of Womanhood for All Cultures in 2010

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A View of Womanhood in America Today

The Shriver Report

In collaboration with the Center for American Progress, Maria Kennedy Shriver (first lady of CA) has recently completed a report called The Shriver Report, "A Woman's Nation Changes Everything." A great deal of data has been collected and assimilated, as well as essays and reports by various people in categories of government, health care, education, business, media, faith-based institutions and more. The material is all related to and spurred on by this current transformational period in our history in which half of all US workers are women. Mothers are the primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners in nearly two-thirds of American families. Unless otherwise stated, the quotes in this section are from the report, which can be found in its entirety at <http://awomansnation.com/index.php>.

Acknowledge and Understand Change!

Suze Orman: "The Shriver Report comes at one of the most transformative times in American history. A time when how a woman functions within the home, the workplace and within her own life will never be the same again. To walk into the future and be as powerful as you are meant to be, you have to understand what has changed, why it has changed and how you have to change so you can be a part of it."

Everyone Get Up to Speed!

In spite of these changes, John Podesta, President and CEO the Center for American Progress, says, "our policy landscape remains stuck in an idealized past, where the typical family was composed of a married-for-life couple with a full-time breadwinner and full-time homemaker who raised the children herself."

The Roots in Women's Liberation

In the 1960's, Betty Friedan's book, The Feminine Mystique, opened the Women's Lib movement, and promoted the idea that women's true fulfillment could come only outside the home with "liberation" from wifely and motherly duties. Maria Shriver says of her own mother, "My mother was indeed a trailblazer for American women.... With all her energy and ingenuity, she didn't buy into the propaganda of her day that women had to be soft and submissive and take a back seat. That took courage back then, because she grew up in a family that expected a lot from the boys and very little from the girls. Women stayed behind the scenes in supporting roles. Not my mother."

Great Diversity and Choices for Women Today

- The report points out that today "women are as diverse as men. They are successful businesswomen, single mothers living below the poverty line, college graduates making their own way, blue-collar wives in two-career families, gay mothers, foster mothers, childless women who've been laid off, women setting up Internet businesses from home, soldiers in combat units overseas."
- "In 2009, women have more choices than they did 40 years ago. They can choose to have kids with a partner, in a traditional marriage or not. They can choose to stay childless, live as single parents, or choose a same-sex partner. They can be like the single mothers who raised a president of the United States and a brand-new Supreme Court justice. They can be like Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin. They can be like Diane Sawyer, Michelle Obama, Sandra Day O'Connor, or like Nancy Pelosi, who spent the first half of her life staying home to raise five children and then went on to become the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Or anything else they can imagine."

- “Women now earn 60 percent of the college degrees awarded each year and fully half of the Ph.D.s and the professional degrees. Almost 40 percent of working women hold managerial and other professional positions.”

Does this come with a cost?

- Shriver adds that a “father told me, ‘It’s role reversal a little bit. I have dinner ready. I do the grocery shopping. I do laundry. She works harder than I ever did.’ And what about his wife? She’s worried about their daughter, because ‘I feel like I’m not there as much for her as I ought to be. I do have some regrets.’ In fact, the men and women who were polled both said they’re concerned about the effect of both parents working and raising children without a stay-at-home parent.”
- Furthermore, the report shows that “Women say they feel increasingly isolated, invisible, stressed, and misunderstood.”
- The cover of a recent *Time* magazine advertises the following report, “The State of the American Woman: A new poll shows why they are more powerful—but less happy.” (October 26, 2009. Article entitled, “What Women Want Now” by Nancy Gibbs, 27-33.)

A View of Womanhood in Religious Institutions Today

Adapt to the Changes!

- In the Shriver Report, Kimberly Morgan and Sally Steenland in the section on Faith say, “Religious institutions today also face a dilemma. They exist in a competitive, mobile marketplace and must adapt to the changing roles and time constraints of women in order to grow—and even to survive.”
- “As more and more demands have been placed on women, many religious institutions have attempted to respond, adapting their beliefs and practices to meet the needs of women and their families. Many have done so out of a sense of mission, connecting theological beliefs in human dignity, equality, and justice with practical support.”
- “Among religious institutions that offer the most programs and services are mega-churches. For many mega-churches, their sense of mission is intimately tied to an entrepreneurial business model whereby they aim to be responsive to their followers—or ‘clients.’”

Some still hold on to “outdated views”

- “Millions of lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women are people of faith—and yet they are not welcomed as participants, members, or leaders in many religious institutions.... Some religious institutions have no public position regarding gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transsexuals participating and joining their congregations, while others declare homosexuality to be a sin.”
- “Given the traditional foundations and centuries-old beliefs of many religious institutions, it isn’t surprising that there remains within them a residue of outdated views that have the veneer of truth. Often these views are unspoken, or even unconscious. But assumptions about the primacy of women’s domestic responsibilities and related beliefs about the spiritual superiority of traditional families, motherhood, and restrictive sexuality can stymie religious institutions from being more creative and supportive in meeting the needs of women today.”
- “White evangelical churches have also found themselves forced to adapt to societal change. Despite their preaching and pronouncements, mothers in these congregations went to work, children went to child care, and husbands and wives got divorced. However, the adaptation by evangelicals was neither easy nor swift. Initial reaction to the feminist movement in the 1970s was harsh. Leaders criticized evangelical feminists who challenged claims that women’s subordination to men within marriage was biblically ordained, and they criticized mothers for working outside the home. As recently as 1998, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a statement declaring that ‘A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband, even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ.’”

- On December 3, at the Parliament of the World's Religions, the world's largest interfaith gathering, Former President Jimmy Carter addressed representatives from 80 nationalities and more than 220 religions. He told the crowd that religion has a vital role to play in ending "the global scourge of discrimination and violence against women." Furthermore, he said, "It is ironic that women are now welcomed into all major professions and other positions of authority, but are branded as inferior and deprived of the equal right to serve God in positions of religious leadership. The plight of abused women is made more acceptable by the mandated subservience of women by religious leaders." (Associate Baptist Press article by Bob Allen, December 9, 2009)

A View of Womanhood in Evangelical Christianity

Two Evangelical Viewpoints

1. The EGALITARIAN viewpoint held by the organization, Christians for Biblical Equality, holds to the view that there should be no distinction between men and women of any sort, whether in the home, in marriage, in the church or in society.
2. A second organization, The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood holds to a COMPLIMENTARIAN viewpoint, which is the tradition viewpoint affirming that Scripture teaches functional distinction in home, church, and society. Two sources for this viewpoint are *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, Piper, John and Wayne Grudem, eds.. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1991, and www.cbmw.org.

Subtly Influenced

Even we, as conservative, traditional Christian women are often influenced by the feminist mindset.

- "We born-again women—unwittingly, perhaps—are being more influenced by the pervading feminist mindset than by the clearly stated Word of God." (Beneth Jones, *In the Best Possible Light*, 15)
- "Because influences are often very subtle, our challenge is to understand how we have been influenced and how we must change." "It is not a matter of 'if' we have been influenced, but 'how much' our ears have been tickled to think in terms of what feminist philosophy dictates. Like water to a fish is feminism to the world in which we live!" (Martha Peace, *Damsels in Distress*, 140)

A View of Womanhood according to God's Word

First, Don't Be Conformed!

The Shriver report provides a thorough and accurate picture of womanhood in American culture today and the changes that have taken place over the past few decades. A common cry among those who have prepared the study is that those who haven't adapted or gotten up to speed with reality need to do so. However, God tells us in Romans 12:2 that we should not be conformed to this ever-changing world and its philosophies, but rather a believer in Jesus Christ ought to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." It is vital that we constantly line up our thinking according to the Word of God. God has communicated to us in His Word a view of womanhood that He established from CREATION.

God Created Men and Women Equal in Essence, Value, and Worth

I. God created two distinct genders

Gen 1:27, "Male and female He created them."

Gen 5:2, "He created them male and female."

Matt 19:4, "And He [Jesus] answered and said, 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female...'"

II. Both were created in the image of God

Gen 1:26, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them..."

Gen 1:27, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Gen 5:1-2, "In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God...He blessed them and named them Man..."

- A. Both are equal in dignity and being
- B. Humans stand supreme as the head and crown of all creation

III. Both were given dominion over the creatures

Gen. 1:26 "let them rule over..."

Gen 1:28, "rule over..."

IV. Both parents are given authority over and responsibility for their children

- A. Children are to heed instruction from both parents
 - Prov 1:8, "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."
 - Prov 6:20, " My son, observe the commandment of your father , and do not forsake the teaching of your mother."
- B. Children are to honor both parents
 - Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; Eph 6:2, "Honor your father and mother."

V. The NT teaches that all believers are one in Christ

Gal. 3:26-29, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

God Created Men and Women with Unique and Distinct Roles

I. God created man with an innate disposition and responsibility to lead in marriage, home, the church, and society—just by virtue of his manhood.

At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships. (Piper, Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood , 36)

- A. Man was created first
 - Gen. 2:7, "The LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."
 - 1 Cor 11:8, "Man does not originate from woman, but woman from man."
 - I Tim. 2:11-13, "For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve."
- B. Man named the woman
 - Gen. 2:22-23, "The man said, '...She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man."

Gen 3:20, “The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.”

- C. Before the creation of woman and before the Fall, God gave man the responsibility to work
1. Gen 2:15, “The LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.”
 2. Continued after the fall, but with toil and sweat (Gen 2:17-19, 23)
- D. Man is called the head of the woman and of the wife
1. 1 Cor. 11:3, “Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, as God is the head of Christ.”
 - The Greek word translated “head” is *kephale*, meaning having “authority over.”
 - Advocates of Egalitarianism try to define *head* as “source.” It is apparent that if the verse is taken in strict parallelism, problems arise with the interpretation “source.”
 - Defining *head* as “having authority over” does not advocate inequality of being. God is said to be the head of Christ, and Christ is not inferior to the Father.
 2. Again, it is rooted in creation
1 Cor. 11:8-9, “Man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; For indeed man was not created for the woman’s sake, but woman for the man’s sake.”
 3. Ephesians 5:23 uses similar terminology, “The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body of which He is the Savior.”
- E. Biblical leadership by the husband is characterized by service and love and is exemplified by Christ
- Eph 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her...”
- Eph 2:28, “So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself...”
- Col 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.”
- 1 Pet 3:7, “You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.”
- F. The leadership in the church is restricted to the man
1. The New Testament is clear that the primary teaching and governing leadership in the church should be by spiritual men with the qualifications to do so. (1 Tim 3:1-7)
 2. 1 Tim. 2:12-13, “I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.”
 3. Egalitarians hold that this prohibition on women is restricted to the women in Paul and Timothy’s day who had possibly been taught false doctrine. The permanence of the command is understood in that Paul again quotes God’s original design from creation.
- G. A Scriptural pattern of men in governing and ruling positions exists
1. Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.
 2. Judges, Priests, Prophets, Kings
 3. Christ chose 12 men for disciples, although women were involved in His life and ministry

4. Authors of Scripture
5. Primary leadership in the church, as mentioned—pastors and deacons

H. Maleness affects relationships with women in general—the responsibility varies according to the type of relationship: acts of defense and protection, a readiness to serve with strength and initiative in leading. “We must reckon with the possibility that in the various spheres of life it is possible that role relationships emerge for men and women that so deeply compromise what a man or woman senses is appropriate for their masculine or feminine personhood that they have to seek a different position. (*Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, 44-45).

II. God created woman with an innate disposition and responsibility to help in marriage, home, the church, and society, just by virtue of her womanhood

At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships. (Piper, RBMW, 46)

- A. The woman was created as a suitable helper
 1. Adam recognized after naming the animals that there was no companion suitable for him.
Gen 2:20, “For Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.”
Gen 2:18, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
 2. Helper—help, support, aid; not a demeaning term; God is a help to His people (Ps. 121).
 3. Suitable—adequate, corresponding to, agreeing to, a counterpart; thus, the woman’s nature corresponds to the man’s, showing equality in being
 4. 1 Cor. 11:9: The woman was created for the man’s sake (not vice versa).
- B. The woman was created from the man
 1. Gen. 2:22-23, “And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.”
 2. 1 Cor. 11:8, “Man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; For indeed man was not created for the woman’s sake, but woman for the man’s sake.”
- C. The pattern of marriage was established and blessed by God
 1. Gen 1:28, “And God blessed them...”
 2. Gen 2:24, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”
 3. Matt 19:4-6, “And He [Jesus] answered and said, Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate.”
(Also Eph 5:31)
 4. Prov 12:4, “An excellent wife is the crown of her husband...”
 5. Prov 18:22, “He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.”
 6. The biblical pattern is that a man takes a wife, not vice versa (Deut 24:1, for example)

D. The command to have children was established

1. Gen 1:28, "God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...'"
2. Continues after the Fall, but with pain (Gen 2:16)
3. NT lists qualities that widows are to have for the church to honor and provide for them one of which is "if she has brought up children." (1 Tim 5:10)
4. Paul says, "I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house..." (1 Tim 5:14)
5. In Titus 2:4, older women are commanded to teach the younger to "love their children"
6. Ps 127:3-4, "Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate."

E. The wife is to be subject to her husband

1. Eph. 5:22, "Be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord."

The basis is in v. 23—the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church.
2. Col 3:18, "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord."
3. 1 Pet 3:1-2, "In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior."
4. *Hypotasso* is the verb for submission (to submit, subject to, subordinate to, arrange under).
5. Submission is a highly misunderstood concept in our day
 - a. A person's significance and worth is not measured by their rung on the ladder. There is always someone higher on the ladder for everyone, male or female.
 - b. Men and women are to submit to governing officials and church leadership.
 - c. Children are to submit to their parents.
 - d. Workers are to submit to their bosses.
6. The greatest example of all is Jesus Christ. We would do well to study, meditate on, and thank God that Jesus, fully God, took upon Himself humanity in complete obedience and submission to the will of the Father that He might provide redemption for sinful mankind.
7. Our refusal to submit to our husbands indicates:
 - A misunderstanding of Scripture, at the very least
 - A disobedient, rebellious heart, not ultimately against our human authorities, but against God Himself who commanded it
 - Pride—we know best or we want our own way

F. Other dispositions the wife should model

1. The wife is to respect her husband (Eph 5:33)
2. The wife should love her husband (Titus 2:4)

G. The woman is to be subject to the male church leadership

1. 1 Tim. 2:11, "A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness."
2. *Hypotasso*
3. 1 Tim. 2:12, "But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet." Also 1 Cor 14:34-35

4. Women should teach in appropriate circumstances (Titus 2, for example)
5. Why are the women not to teach or lead in the church? The created order
1 Tim. 2:13, "For it was Adam who was created, and then Eve."

H. A woman's primary working responsibility is within her HOME—that is her career.

1. Gen. 2:20, created as a help to her husband
2. Prov.14:1, "The wise woman builds her house"
3. Prov. 31 the description of the excellent woman seems to revolve around her home and family. She is one who does her husband good; works with her hands; prepares and provides food; buys a field, plants a vineyard; is hard-working; cares for the poor and needy; clothes her household and herself finely and appropriately; sells the garments and belts she makes; she looks to the ways of her household; she is loved and praised by her husband and children.
4. 1 Tim. 5:14 "keep house"
5. Titus 2:5, "workers at home"

I. A woman affirms male leadership as is appropriate by the relationship

1. "Mature femininity does not express itself in the same way toward every man. A mature woman who is married, for example, does not welcome the same kind of strength and leadership from other men that she welcomes from her husband. But she will affirm and receive and nurture the strength and leadership of men in some form in all her relationships with men." (*Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, 50)
2. "The God-given sense of responsibility for leadership in a mature man will not generally allow him to flourish long under a personal, directive leadership of a female superior. J.I. Packer suggested that 'a situation in which a female boss has a male secretary' puts strain on the humanity of both." (RBMW, 52)

J. Forming a Picture of Womanhood from the Scriptures

NEGATIVELY:

1. The adulterous woman: Prov 2:16-19; 5:3-6; 6:24-26; 7:10-11; 9:13; 30:20
The strange woman; flatters with her words; her lips drip honey; her speech is smoother than oil; the evil woman; smooth tongue; captures with her eyelids; dressed as a harlot; boisterous and rebellious; her feet do not remain at home; a woman of folly; naïve; she says, "I have done no wrong."
2. The contentious woman (a wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes)
Prov 19:13; 21:9; 21:19; 25:24; 27:15-16
A constant dripping of steady rain; better to live in a corner of a roof; better to live in a desert land
3. No discretion: A ring of gold in a swine's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion (Prov 11:22)

POSITIVELY:

4. Gracious: "A gracious woman attains honor." (Prov 11:16)
5. Prudent: "A prudent wife is from the LORD." (Prov 19:14)
6. Excellent, trustworthy to her husband; dignified, wise and kind; fears the Lord (Prov 31)
7. Modest, discreet, not ostentatious; characterized by good works and godliness; receiving instruction quietly and submissively; bearing children; continuing in faith, love, and sanctity with self-restraint (1 Tim 2:9-13)
8. Hope fixed on God; continually praying; reputation for good works; brought up children; shown hospitality; a servant; assisted those in distress; devoted to every good work (Widows, 1 Tim 5:5-10)

9. Desiring marriage; bearing children; assisting widows (1 Tim 5:11-16)
10. Reverent; not gossips; teaching good things; older encouraging the younger, to love husband and children, to be sensible, pure, kind, subject to husband, honoring God's Word (Titus 2:3-5)
11. Exemplary behavior—chaste and respectful, adorning the outward appearance, but also the heart—a gentle, quiet, and submissive spirit; a weaker vessel and honored by her husband (1 Peter 3:1-7)
12. Tabitha was “abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she did continuously (Acts 9:36)
13. Beauty is often spoken of positively in the Bible
 - Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Esther, and Abigail were all described as being very beautiful (Gen 12, 24, 29; Esther 2; 1 Sam 25:3; 2 Sam 14:27)
 - In Ezekiel 16, God describes his lovingkindness to Israel with the picture of clothing a woman with beautiful fabrics, shoes, and jewelry, “you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord GOD.”
 - The excellent woman described in Prov 31 is covered in fine linen and purple
 - God is perfect beauty and we are made in His image
 - AVOID the idea that neglecting your outward appearance is a mark of spirituality
14. Inner beauty is of greater importance
 - Prov 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain; a woman who fears the LORD shall be praised.
 - “Your adornment must not be *merely* external...but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.” (1 Pt 3:3-4)
 - Mary sat at Jesus' feet, and the Lord said to Martha, “only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:42)

SUMMARY: Our picture of womanhood should come from God's Word, not the world. In 2010, we see extremes in both directions—women rejecting the primary roles God has for their lives, as well as women who are not treated as equal, valuable, and worthy in their personhood. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest need, for it changes both men and women, so that they desire to follow His design for their lives.

Recommended Reading List

DeMoss, Nancy Leigh. *Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free.*

Dodds, Elisabeth D. *Marriage to a Difficult Man.* (The Life of Sarah Edwards.)

Duncan, J. Ligon, and Susan Hunt, *Women's Ministry in the Local Church.*

Elliot, Elisabeth. *Let Me Be a Woman.*

Ennis, Pat, and Lisa Tatlock. *Becoming a Woman Who Pleases God.*

Fitzpatrick, Elyse. *Helper By Design.*

Fitzpatrick, Elyse. *Idols of the Heart.*

George, Elizabeth. *A Woman After God's Own Heart.*

George, Elizabeth. *Beautiful in God's Eyes.*

George, Elizabeth. *Loving God With All Your Mind*.

Gruden, Wayne. *Evangelical Feminism and Biblical Truth*.

Hughes, Barbara. *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*.

MacArthur, John. *Different by Design*.

Mack, Wayne A., *Strengthening Your Marriage*.

Mahaney, Carolyn. *Feminine Appeal*.

Mahaney, C.J., *Humility: True Greatness*.

Mahaney, C.J., *Living the Cross-Centered Life: Keeping the Gospel the Main Thing*.

Peace, Martha. *The Excellent Wife*.

Peace, Martha. *Attitudes of a Transformed Heart*.

Peace, Martha. *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman*.

Peace, Martha, *Damsels in Distress: Biblical Solutions for Problems Women Face*.

Piper, Noel. *Treasuring God in our Traditions*.

Piper, John and Wayne Grudem. *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*.

Ray, Charles, *Mrs. C.H. Spurgeon*.

Tripp, Paul David, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*.

Watts, Isaac. *A Guide to Prayer*.

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