

'The narrative of Adam and Eve in Genesis is a perfect example of misogyny.' Is it really?!

Firstly, some believe the Bible contains much misogyny throughout, such as the statement in question displays. At times the supposed misogyny is explicitly people sinning (Judges 20:5), however some have claimed the writers carried misogynistic views, even though scripture clearly states the Bible is written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through willing vessels (2 Timothy 3:16).

Secondly, to examine the statement in question, the Word of God states that "one's life reflects the heart" (Proverbs 27:19B), therefore the important aspect of examining this statement is examining the heart of the one making it and seeing whether it is in alignment with the heart a Christian is called by God to have.

Thirdly, the literal definition of the word misogyny is woman hating. It originates from the Greek words 'misos' meaning hate and 'gune' meaning women. The meaning of the word misogyny used in the statement in question intertwined with the nature of God which is love is incompatible. This either makes God a liar or feminist believers blasphemers, at least those who agree with the statement in question. The use of the term blasphemer is appropriate regarding these types of believers as they are speaking irreverently about God, His nature, His Word and His name.



Fourthly, we are shown throughout scripture that God places His name above Himself. Proverbs 22:1 states, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold". This reminds us that an honorable man can be trusted by the testimony of others, which in turn results in him having an honorable name. Blaspheming the name of God is a serious cause for concern as believers as God's name is His credibility, thus providing grounds of confusion for unbelievers regarding the contradictions in a believer's faith who believe God to be a misogynist.

Fifthly, a claim such as this results in claiming God is a misogynist, contradictory to God's nature being love shown throughout the Bible. We are warned throughout the New Testament of 'Christians' who operate in the flesh and the New Testament teaches us to look at the fruits of the individuals, resulting in identifying whether they lack some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-17). A fruit which is lacking in those with the view that God is a misogynist are faithfulness to God, His nature, His Word, and Jesus' work (Galatians 5:22-26). Furthermore, the fruit of self-control is lacking as it is portrayed through them coming to the decision that God is a misogynist, explicitly proving they are working in their flesh, which we are told not to do in the New Testament. This is raising the issue of those who 'cherry pick' scriptures to support their views to align with what appeases their flesh, once again, we are told not to do this, according to the Word of God (Romans 12:2). 'Cherry picking' scriptures is an issue as this makes people misunderstand the word of God as well as misconstruing the Word of God, consequently blaspheming the name of God (Deuteronomy 5:11).



Lastly, alongside this, the argument in the statement under question is made irrelevant when a study which compares other texts mentioning Adam and Eve is carried out. 1 Timothy 2:14 states "And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner." (NIV). This is profound as it reveals Adam willingly sinned, while Eve was deceived into it. Adam's role given him by God as the protector and having failed to do this resulted in Eve's deception. The point is there is no form of misogyny in the discourse of Adam and Eve, it is evidently a man-made concept. Additionally, this proves the believers in Christ who agree with the statement in question are operating in their flesh, which Christians are called not to do as Romans 8:4 (NIV) states that the righteous "do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" and of course the righteous are those who "have been justified through faith" in Christ (Romans 5:1) (NIV).



The Bible is not meant to be taken literally, silly!

WRONG!

Next time some 'cherry picking' Christian tells you it's a matter of interpretation quote the following passage:

BUT KNOW THIS FIRST OF ALL, THAT NO PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE IS A MATTER OF ONE'S OWN INTERPRETATION FOR NO PROPHECY WAS EVER MADE BY AN ACT OF HUMAN WILL, BUT MEN MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SPOKE FROM GOD.

2 PETER 1:20-21

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