



# How Satan's Hate of Women Stained the Church

It Began in the Garden. The Greeks Legitimized it. It Grew into 'Theology' with the Church Fathers. It Continues Today.

**'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.'**

Genesis 3:15

## The Greeks:

- **Women are those who fell prey to their irrational, emotional side, and are therefore incapable of reason and making rational choices...moreover as irrational beings, woman may not always know what they really want, and so it is the man's domain to decide for them.**

**Plato**, 428 BC - Influenced Socrates, Aristotle.

- **The courage of a man is shown in his ability to command. The courage of a woman is found in obeying.**

**Aristotle**, 384-322 BC - Determined more than any other Greek thinker, the orientation and content of intellectual history.

## The Church Fathers:

- **Because of you we are punished by death...because of you, women, the Son of God had to die.**

**Tertullian**, 160-225 AD - Early Church Father, wide influence.

- **By herself woman is not of the image of God. The man, on the other hand, alone, is the image of God.**

**Saint Augustine**, 354-430 AD - His books are still influential in the history of Christian thought.

- **Woman is a temple built over a sewer. It is contrary to the order of nature and of the law for women to speak in a gathering.**

**Saint Jerome**, 347 - Major father of the church. Translated the Bible into Latin (Vulgate), deliberately mistranslated scriptures on women.

- **There is no gown or garment that worse becomes a woman than when she would be wise.**

**Martin Luther**, 1483-1546 - Father of the Protestant Reformation. Influenced translation of the King James Bible into English.

## **The Church Fathers (continued):**

- **All women are born that they may acknowledge themselves as inferior to the male.**

**John Calvin**, 1509-1564 - Influential Christian theologian.  
Principal developer of the Doctrine of Predestination.

- **You would not let an eleven-year-old child stand up in a meeting and talk. Then why should you allow a woman to speak in a meeting?**

A statement made in a Christian conference in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## **A Final Word from Jane Hansen Hoyt:**

The place where the Church has lived is too small. We have not reflected the full image of God or begun to live as the spotless Bride for which Jesus will return. However, God is making ready a glorious Bride, and we are part of it. He is changing and expanding and purifying the Church, setting His house in order. He is bringing forth in the earth a people who will arise in His strength, His power, His authority, such as we have never seen in all of history.

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