A Question For the Brave



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Have we any Christian man or woman willing to write an essay on the subject of the relationship between men and women, in this modern age, when most people reject what the bible has to say on the subject.

Write A Paper

The purpose of the this essay is for you to write a paper on the subject of the biblical patten for the relationship of the man and woman, in a Christ Church, and in marriage.

Reason For The Question

The reason for asking you to wrote about this subject is because I have found that so very few Christians accept the biblical view, so clearly taught in scripture, as to the order that God wishes for man and woman, in a marriage and in the church. It is believe that this has come about due to a lack of the fear of the lord, and confidence in scripture, and man thinking he knows better than what is written. That the way of a fallen world has a great effect upon a Christian than he of she realises and these values or family order have been disregarded, leaving us in a poorer state.

My Hopes

It is my hope that you men, who have been in prison for may years and have been able to read the scriptures for your selves, without the influence of the Christian world that has let these truths slip, will able to see clearly what the scriptures have to say on this subject, so that when you leave prison you will be able to clearly teach the churches what the bible has to say on this subject.

I Faced This Problem

I was faced with this question after I had turned away form God in 1991 for a period of 3 years, and went my own way, and after falling into open sin, adultery and many sinful ways. When I came to my senses, and realising how far I had fallen, I returned to the Lord in faith and repentance, and seeking to follow the Lord again in every way I could. I was very sensitive to whet the

bible taught on many subjects. I write about this in my book, 'The Fall, Desperation and Recovery'. (CLICK TO VIEW)

On returning to seek Christian church fellowship, I was shocked to find 6 elders in a Church at Warsash, Hampshire, in the UK, were intent to appoint women elders in the church. When I pointed out to them this was a serious error I was told to virtually leave the church, as they were the elders and they knew best, and in their view it was wrong of me to respond in the way I did, to their conduct and intended practice. It was then I wrote may answer to my own question in my book my book, 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, Or Does the Lord Jesus want a woman to be an Elder in His Church.? (CLICK TO VIEW),

Which you can read after you have written your own conclusion and study from your study.

Question put To Lucas Dangaton at the NBPTI

This question was put to Lucas Dangaton, the head pastor of New Bilibid Prison Theological Institute with a view for his inmate pastors to write on the subject, as they were being trained for the ministry of preaching the gospel to the outside world, upon leaving prison. See Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, Chapter 17 An Assignment for the Teacher, (CLICK TO VIEW THIS REQUEST)

Sadly Lucas declined to ask his men and students to do this as he was supported financially by women Religious Volunteers, and he did not want to upset them, as they were his only the source of his income.

Old Catholic Views

It could be, and it may be, that the Old Catholic's views on the man and woman relationships may have some mileage. It would be a shame to discard every vestige of good, which has been cultivated over many years among Christians, even though the Roman Catholic Church may be so wrong in many other issues.

Christians and Moral Values

The moral values, which serve to bring stability to marriages and society, have always been those biblical views expressing the Christian moral views of the relationship between the man and women, children and parents and society and the law of the land. These moral values are taught in the bible. They are the head of Christ is God, Christ is the head of the man and the man is the head of the women. These statements are not exclusive to the Roman Catholic Church but to all Christians who maintain that the bible is the Word of God.

Christ And His Church

The bible informs us that God designed the marriage relationship, to reflect the eternal relationship between Christ and his Church (Christ and His Bride). Sexual purity, i.e. no sex before marriage, fidelity in marriage, Marriage for life all of these are values are held by all Christians.

The Curse In The Garden

That the "curse" which God pronounced upon Eve in the beginning was, "and thy desire shall be towards thy husband but he shall rule over thee", is in fact the conflict found in every relationship between man and women.

The women, as pronounced by God, under this curse will always seek to rule over her husband- it is natural to her because she is so very different to the make up of a the man. The man also made in the image of God and under the curse will find this conflict mysterious at times and very hard. He must learn to rule over her, in love, otherwise the marriage will be far from harmonious, not being as God so designed marriage to be.

In a successful marriage the scripture will be fulfilled, which expresses the effects of gospel truth, 'that In that day the wolf will lay down with the lamb". Guess whom the wolf and lamb may represent.

Do Not Follow This World

The position and role of the women, in the sociality of the Church, is also expressed in the bible and the church should reflect this moral and working principle to the world, as a great light in this current generation, as an example. The church should not follow a fallen world way of things but rather be its leader.

Argue Your Case

This essay should argue that a departure from the bible format, which defines clearly the roles and moral codes for church members and family life is a sure fore runner of sorrow to our children and children's children.

No Divorce

This is why Jesus admits no divorce (except in the case of adultery and then divorce is not a must) because he wishes the Man to be as He is. He will never put his wife away. He redeemed his bride, gave his life for her to cover all her wayward ways. This he did demonstrating his love to her in actions. Under the Law of Moses they did not have this light and had hardness of heart- we have the Love of Christ to constrain us)

Honour and Obey

She, the women, or the church, in return responds naturally (only through and due to His redeeming grace) and willing says "I do- I will love honour and obey you.

Traditional Marriage Vows always included the Woman to acknowledge they would honour and Obey their husband and the man was to Love his wife, as Christ loved the Church. Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II made such a vow at he wedding in 1947, before she became Queen and Princess Diana was the fist woman not to do so. The has caused a recent controversy, and caustic responses, in a resent see the Face-book posing on the subject. (CLICK TO VIEW)

Dysfunctional Families

Out side of this rule of Christ a marriage cannot be as God designed it to be. In marriage children are to learn those necessary things such as obedience to parents, for the make up of good society and its laws. Children need both parents to raise them up. Those children raised in dysfunctional families (due to unresolved conflicts between separated parents) suffer. When children suffer, society suffers. In fact we will all suffer and have to live with the consequences of our actions.

It Is Maintained By Some

It is maintained, by some, that a women ruling as an Elder in a Church is contrary to the will and wish of our Lord Jesus Christ and runs against the grain of scripture. Just like fornication. Homo- sexuality and lesbian relationships run against the grain of the image of God invested in man from the beginning.

Other Deny It

Others maintain that the curse in the Garden of Eden has been broken and we now have a new order for Men and Women, as they are equal and can rule as Elders in the Church. That is provided they have the gifts and qualifications to so rule.

Purpose Of This Essay

The purpose of this essay is to prepare our Trojan Warriors, for the world out side of New Bilibid Prison.

In the world you will find you have tribulation (difficulties though being a Christian) but in the church, as you will find when you leave prison, you will find great trouble over this issue. Be however of good cheer however our Lord Jesus has over come the world. And be thankful He is head of His Church.

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Assignment Chapter 17 Appendix 02

An Assignment for the Teachers

Women Elders

The problem of women elders and pastora's as they are called in the Philippines is high lighted in the follow history.

This story is told in my book Before The Cock Crows (CLICK TO VIEW),

In which I tell our my experience working as a missionary to the jails in the Philippines. My brother Michael and I had worked with converted inmate within New Bilibid prison form a Teacher Training College in order to equip qualified men to teach and preach the gospel on their release from prison in their own towns cites and villages. An Assignment for our teacher's at the New Bilibid Teacher Training College was set out as follows. New Bilibid, (Maximum) Prison Teacher Training College

Essay Assignment

This assignment question has been put to our teachers and trainers in New Bilibid Prison as these teach the gospel to hundred of inmates in the "The Big House". New Bilibid Prison houses over 23,500 inmates in three compounds, Minimum, Medium and Maximum Compounds. There are over 1300 men on "Death row" awaiting death by lethal injection. Twenty-two of these men are our "Trojan Warriors".

Our "Trojan Warriors" are preparing to take the gospel to the rest of the prisons in the Philippines (All 1506 district and city jails). Our first man, who has been set apart and was set aside to go to his own city in Baguio to preach the gospel on release from prison in August 2002 is pastor William C. Poloc. His will work closely with our President Rev. Lucas P. Dungatan in the ministry taking the Gospel to prisons in the Philippines in order to, "Set the captives free". His testimony is number 62 in our book Trojan Warriors.

The reason for the question was because both my brother and I had been converted from crime to Christ, we were both were former criminals and had experience the salvation, which comes through Jesus Christ, by believing all what the scripture had written about him and his gospel. We both felt these inmates, some notorious criminals, had now the opportunity not only to learn themselves from the scriptures themselves first hand, and now just like Michael and I had done would be able to pass on their learning, without the influence of the fallen Christian culture in the secular society and what was in the prison.

Assignment Question

Does the Lord Jesus Christ wish women to rule as elders in His Church?

Your are required to answer this question in an essay format in 2000 words.

Prelude To The Question and Why

Church history and the world of Christianity is changing. It is believed that the Church should be as a great light to the society in which she lives, to give clear moral guidelines to its people. A Church functioning correctly should help the society rise from poverty and so prosper in every way.

When the Philippines are mentioned to some having a western mind the picture of beautiful women and sunshine comes to mind. It is internationally known and believed by some people that a Philippine wife is the desire of a Western man. This because of her cultural up bringing. It is generally believed the Filipino culture has developed in such a way that the women have good attitude towards the man (her husband), which lends itself to a successful marriage.

On the other hand it has been argued that this cultural phenomenon must be changed because it has left the women vulnerable and open to abuse and exploitation. Strict laws have been passed and enforced to prevent marriages between Philippine women and foreign men. It is argued by some that such laws have been found necessary in order to protect their women and society from abuse. The effect is that these laws prevent the natural migration of Philippine women to other countries should they marry a foreigner.

It is known how ever, by some, that it is poverty that has robbed and damaged the Philippine Culture [1]. The argument goes on to maintain that it is the Catholic religion, which is the cause of the problem, as it breads poverty. So if we get rid of the Catholic Religion we get rid of poverty.

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A Reflection

Sadly to say the men did not carry out the assignment and Rev. Lucas Dangatan wrote asking me not to mention anything about the role of women elders etc. in our book "Trojan Warriors" as he did not wish to offend lady pastors and elders who were religious volunteers in the prison and on whom they relied for their financial support. Otherwise they might buy the book. They had many Pastora's (Women Pastors-Elders) and religious volunteers (RVO's) working in New Bilibid Prison. It was a shame that the love of money and the fear of men (women) spoiled their view of Christian true and I was this fact that proved their hearts desire and which I write about in, "Before the Cock Crows", and my new book, "Mission To The Philippines", and now in this book, May, Mary Quite Contrary or alternatively Does The Lord Jesus Want Women to Rule As Elders In His Church?

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