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***The poet Robert Graves' use of material from classical sources has been contentious to scholars for many years, with a number of classicists baulking at his interpretation of myth and his novelization of history, and questioning its academic value. This collection of essays provides the latest scholarship on Graves' historical fiction (for example in I, Claudius and Count Belisarius) and his use of mythical figures in his poetry, as well as an examination of his controversial retelling of the Greek Myths. The essays explore Graves' unique perspective and expand our understanding of his works within their original context, while at the same time considering their relevance in how we comprehend the ancient world. Daughters of Anowa provides an analysis of the lives of African women today from an African woman's own perspective. It is a study of the influence of culture and religion - particularly of traditional African cultures and Christianity - on African women's lives. Mercy Amba Oduyoye illustrates how myths, proverbs, and folk tales (called "folktalk") operate in the socialization of young women, working to preserve the norms of the community. Daughters of Anowa reveals how global patriarchy manifests itself in these social structures, in both patrilineal and matrilineal communities. Organized as a narrative in three cycles, Daughters of Anowa demonstrates how folktalk alienates women from power, discourages individuality and encourages conformity. It also considers the possibilities for the future. Oduyoye posits that change will come about only when the daughters of Anowa (the mythic representative of Africa itself) confront the realities of culture and religion in perpetuating patriarchal oppression and work to realize***

***the goal of a new woman in a new Africa. Document from the year 2021 in the subject Sociology - Religion, grade: 1.0, Kwame Nkrumah University, language: English, abstract: This article seeks "to expose the falseness or hollowness" of a millennia-old ideology. I intend to critique what I have described, with a modicum of poetic licence, as the father of the postmodern evil Demon known as patriarchy by turning on its head, an op-ed by Cardinal Wilfrid Napier entitled "Patriarchy is not the source of all evil" which got my scribal juices flowing. I explore the origins of patriarchy going back to about four millennia ago in Mesopotamia in the Ancient Near East and show that patriarchy in both religion and society is the source of the post-modern evils of domination, colonisation, and othering others, suppressing and dehumanising them, especially if these others are women, simply because men can pee while standing. This has been the case since at least four millennia ago if not earlier. Patriarchy is not limited to domination of women. In fact, it began at the time of the shift from homo sapiens being hunter-gatherers to sedentary agriculturalists when gender roles begun to be defined. Men specialised in bringing home the bacon as warriors and bread winners while women focused on child rearing. Patriarchy is now so steeped in religion and society that men are unlikely to relinquish it any time soon because it is in the interests of the menfolk to perpetuate it. Soon after the elf-like President Frederick Chiluba came into power in a landslide election win in 1991, he was heard to remark to close aides, one of whom I know, "Power is sweet." I have employed two lenses to examine the evil of patriarchy: critical theory and ideology. I take cognizance of the***

***phenomenon of patriarchy being so pernicious and widely accepted, even revered ideology that it needs to be critiqued and debunked. This book makes a compelling case for a matriarchal Bronze Age Crete. It is acknowledged that the preeminent deity was a Female Divine, and that women played a major role in Cretan society, but there is a lively, ongoing debate regarding the centrality of women in Bronze Age Crete. a gap in the scholarly literature which this book seeks to fill. This title was first published in 2000: An examination of the potential for Chinese ecological agriculture providing a basis for sustainable development in the Chinese countryside. Richard Sanders involves primary research in seven villages and four countries in China that have adopted ecological agriculture. He examines the concept of sustainable development generally and analyses China's political-economic policies towards the countryside since 1949, the impacts on the environment and the state of China's environmental protection. The study addresses three main questions: 1. Is Chinese ecological agriculture worth adopting - specifically does CEA promise a form of sustainable rural development? 2. To the extent that it does, what are the social, political and economic conditions in the Chinese countryside which most favour its extension? 3. To the extent that these conditions are restrictive, what can the Chinese authorities do to make them less so and thus encourage its extension? The study concludes that the CEA, despite certain difficulties and problems, holds out the prospect of a more sustainable future for the rural economy than more usual forms of activity in the Chinese countryside. It finds that the conditions for adopting CEA are restrictive***

***and that while the Chinese government is in favour of extending CEA it must reconsider questions of land management and ownership and assess long-term needs. Why, from Reagan to George Bush, have fundamentalists in religion and in law (originalists) exercised such political power and influence in the United States? Why has the Republican Party forged an ideology of judicial appointments (originalism) hostile to abortion and gay rights? Why and how did Barack Obama distinguish himself among Democratic candidates not only by his opposition to the Iraq war but by his opposition to originalism? This book argues that fundamentalism in both religion and law threatens democratic values and draws its appeal from a patriarchal psychology still alive in our personal and political lives and at threat from the constitutional developments since the 1960s. The argument analyzes this psychology (based on traumatic loss in intimate life) and resistance to it (based on the love of equals). Obama's resistance to originalism arises from his developmental history as a democratic, as opposed to patriarchal, man who resists the patriarchal demands on men and women that originalism enforces - in particular, the patriarchal love laws that tell people who and how and how much they may love. This is the first book by a Malawian woman theologian. First released in 1997 it won an honorable mention in the Noma Award for Publishing in Africa in 1998 and is now updated here with a new introduction by the author. The study traces the struggles and contribution of Chewa women to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Amongst the topics are female mediumships in traditional religion, post-missionary developments in Chigwirizano, womens***

***attempts to achieve some public manifestation of their personal relationship to God in open ministry, and the current women's organisation in Nkhoma Synod. Dr. Isabel Apawo Phiri is in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Malawi. This book explores the intimate marital relationships of Indonesian Muslim married women. As well as describing and analysing their sexual relationships, the book also investigates how Islam influences discourses of sexuality in Indonesia, and in particular how Islamic teachings affect Muslim married women's perceptions and behaviour in their sexual relationships with their husbands. Based on extensive original research, the book reveals that Muslim women perceive marriage as a social, cultural, and religious obligation that they need to fulfil; that they realise that finding an ideal marriage partner is complicated, with some having the opportunity for a long courtship and others barely knowing their partner prior to marriage; and that there is a strong tendency, with some exceptions, for women to consider a sexual relationship in marriage as their duty and their husband's right. Religious and cultural discourses justify and support this view and consider refusal a sin (dosa) or taboo (pamali). Both discourses emphasise obedience towards husbands in marriage. First Published in 1987. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. Kathryn Joyce's fascinating introduction to the world of the patriarchy movement and Quiverfull families examines the twenty-first-century women and men who proclaim self-sacrifice and submission as model virtues of womanhood—and as modes of warfare on behalf of Christ. Here, women live within stringently enforced doctrines of***

*wifely submission and male headship, and live by the Quiverfull philosophy of letting God give them as many children as possible so as to win the religion and culture wars through demographic means. From the Trade Paperback edition. Issue Two of Women in Islam includes investigations of social issues, profiles of inspiring women, book and film reviews, poetry, and opinion pieces. The theme of the dossier, The Female Body: A Contested Land, focuses on womens bodies, including articles on FGM, sexual harassment, and how art can challenge repressive social norms. Another section focuses on masculinity and the ways men can support women in the struggle for equality. Other highlights include profiles of Somali singer and politician Saado Ali Warsame, an analysis of Sudans discriminatory legal system, and a portrait of a Muslim society in Sumatra where religion and matriarchal traditions coexist. This book reveals how conventional anthropology has consistently imposed European ideas of the "natural" nuclear family, women as passive object, and class differences on a continent with a long history of women with power doing things differently. Amadiume argues for an end to anthropology and calls instead for a social history of Africa, by Africans. You are inevitably the sum of the past, of those distant voices and events that still resonate in your behavior and beliefs today. If you do not understand how this came about you cannot fully understand yourself or the traditions to which you were born. Journey back to the time of the Ancient Matriarchial Order and discover how its rituals inspired patriarchy, authoritarianism, and the era of the supernatural hero. Learn how sexuality and the grisly rite of human sacrifice are at the core of Western*

*religions and how barbarians were responsible for the major advances of Western civilization. Find out what qualities females must have to succeed as women and why our feminist ethos is based on popular misconceptions, how gender stereotyping creates greater injustices to males, why selfishness is vital to the development of conscience, why morality must be subjective, and more. According to the myth of matriarchal prehistory, men and women lived together peacefully before recorded history. Society was centered around women, with their mysterious life-giving powers, and they were honored as incarnations and priestesses of the Great Goddess. Then a transformation occurred, and men thereafter dominated society. Given the universality of patriarchy in recorded history, this vision is understandably appealing for many women. But does it have any basis in fact? And as a myth, does it work for the good of women? Cynthia Eller traces the emergence of the feminist matriarchal myth, explicates its functions, and examines the evidence for and against a matriarchal prehistory. Finally, she explains why this vision of peaceful, woman-centered prehistory is something feminists should be wary of. Candomblé is an Afro-Brazilian religion with major counterparts in Nigeria, Benin, Haiti, Cuba, Trinidad and the US, utilising sacrificial rituals and spirit possession to persuade the gods to empower and defend their followers. Mary Stuart has intrigued people since her birth. The significance of the life of Mary, Queen of Scots, though, does not rest simply in the dramatic events of her life: rather, Mary's significance lies in her contemporaries' reaction to her. As a Catholic, a woman and a monarch in sixteenth century Europe, the debates surrounding Mary's life,*



*reign, and imprisonment reveal a world in flux whose members attempted to solve the crises of religion, nationhood, authority, and gender that confronted them. This landmark book on feminist political theology is back in print. Focusing on Ireland, it provides a startling account of the decline of matriarchal power in Western civilization and analyzes its implications for today's women and today's Catholic Here, archaeologically documented, is the story of the religion of the Goddess. Under her, women's roles were far more prominent than in patriarchal Judeo-Christian cultures. Stone describes this ancient system and, with its disintegration, the decline in women's status. "In their groundbreaking feminist dystopian novels, Nnedi Okorafor and Octavia Butler redefine what it means to be religious. Okorafor's novel, Who Fears Death and Butler's novels, Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents use the dystopian genre to expose how patriarchy and Christianity have benefited one another for a millennium. Patriarchy is built into the framework of Christianity, but it becomes only more powerful as language gets muddled and confused. When this happens, men are able to abuse and subjugate women under the pretense that it is religious, when it is not. But Butler and Okorafor do not leave us with this dire image. Instead, their protagonists, Lauren and Onyesonwu take harrowing journeys to overthrow the corrupt Christian religions in their respective texts with a new non-patriarchal religion. Unlike many feminist science fiction authors of recent, Butler and Okorafor are presenting the corruption that lives in Christianity, and as an alternative they offer a new religion."--Page 1 The narratives that we live by are highly informed by religious*

***indoctrination. When that indoctrination is patriarchal in nature, the likelihood for conflict arises as patriarchy and matriarchy are perceived as two opposing extremes. That conflict is further exacerbated when those who do not fit the image of a God defined by patriarchal men, are seen as others, outside the auspices of God's original creation. Oppression, that gives way to violence, is often the consequence as patriarchy endeavors to maintain its claim of supremacy. All too often, the maintenance of power, by the use of male imagery and language for the divine, calls for the denial and suppression of feminine imagery and agency. The quest to maintain patriarchal power in the church manifests itself in every sector of society as women are subjected to all manners of violence so that men can continue to make God in their image. A radical reimagining of the Divine, that proceeds from an inclusive consciousness, is the first place to start in creating a society where patriarchy ceases to eclipse humanity. Women are the majority in almost every cultural or social group. However, their roles vary in various cultures, religions, and traditions. In some cultures and religions, they are highly honored, while in others they are neglected, oppressed, and segregated. This book examines women's role in a few selected world religions, namely Christianity, Islam, African Traditional Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It also surveys the concept of patriarchy and the various theoretical perspectives surrounding it. Eventually, this book discusses the concept of ecofeminism and how feminists perceive of the relationship between nature and the oppression of women. The book grapples with the question, "In what way do world religions perceive of***

women and their role in their teachings and traditions?" This book is important for students and teachers of gender studies, African theology, and Christian theology as a whole. *The Cultural Unity of Black Africa* is a profound contribution to the universal store of knowledge in that it situates the geographical and cultural origins of patriarchy and matriarchy in Europe and Africa respectively, and shows that social systems evolve out of specific climatic and environmental factors. These proclivities predispose the inhabitants of both zones towards a particular world-view and thus meaningful conflict. Diop also demonstrates the extensive influence of ancient Egypt on classical Greece in terms of literature, science and These are excerpts from the beginning. I write books on the Matriarchal Revolution. This is my sixth non-fiction on that topic. It is actually the companion to the fifth book, *Matriarchy Redux: Off The Deep End*. My thesis is that the wrong sex is running the planet, running it into the ground actually, and that has to be changed. This will take a revolution. It won't happen today or tomorrow or for a very long time, but if you don't start talking about it, it won't happen at all. Of the two sexes, woman is the only one with a track record of success having brought us from the caves to civilization, singlehandedly, without violence. They'll display the same level of managerial competence in the future. New types of societies require new types of people. It's a chicken-and-egg situation but I think it is clear that the egg comes first, the stimulus. This has happened time and again throughout history. Lewis Mumford: "The human personality may produce an effect out of all proportion to its physical powers, just as a tiny seed-crystal, dropped

***into a saturate solution, may cause the whole mass to assume a similar crystalline form." "(This) casts a further light on the means by which a new type of personality, Confucian, Buddhist, Christian, Mohammedan, Marxist, gathers to itself sufficient powers to overcome the normal resistances to wholesale change that every society exhibits. At moments of crises, where the roads to disintegration, or to development separate, as on a watershed, a single decisive personality, or a small group of informed and purposeful men, may by a slight push determine the direction and movement of an otherwise uncontrollable mass of conflicting social forces. At such moments not a single institution or group, but a whole society, will be involved in a change far beyond its ordinary capacities for adaptation." "The point to observe is that what science calls 'nature' or the 'external world' is partly a projection of the human personality." "Instead of beginning with the nature and eliminating, as far as possible the operations of the personality, we must begin with the human personality." Since the type of people who will make the Matriarchal Revolution do not yet exist, I am really writing for no one in particular among the living. But that too is par for the course in this kind of enterprise. Thomas Carlyle: "Every new opinion, at its starting, is precisely a minority of one. In one man's head alone, there it dwells as yet." In promoting revolution you are very much like the guy who sold Jack seeds for a magic beanstalk in return for his cow, except that you are not asking anyone for his cow and you can't prove that the seeds will grow the magic beanstalk. Leaving aside national uprisings and rebellions of that sort, in most cases those promoting fundamental change in society out***

***of the blue are offering rewards to the individual such as a chance to get rich quick or an extended life of ease in another galaxy. Upheavals happen but the big picture doesn't change; humanity continues its slide to oblivion. The only honest offer I can make is the by now prosaic blood, sweat, and tears. You have to appeal to rationality but the issues are anchored in the irrational and language doesn't go there. Essentially all you can do with your seeds is pollinate, even though you will never see what takes root. But as we Canadians learn from a young age, you can't score unless you shoot. Committed Christians, believing Muslims, and Orthodox Jews, should not proceed into my books on this subject. Religion is the enemy and it is in the crosshairs. Matriarchy is based on "mother right." The society is built to revolve around the needs of mothers. Feminism for the past half century has been focused on the slaughter of the unborn. Feminists also have nothing to seek here. They would not gain admittance to the matriarchal movement. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 31. Chapters: Evolutionary origin of religions, Matriarchy, Minoan religion, Mother goddess, Paleolithic religion, Religion and ritual of the Cucuteni-Trypillian culture, Urreligion. Excerpt: Matriarchy is a society in which females, especially mothers, have the central roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of property. It is also sometimes called a gynarchy, a gynocracy, a gynecocracy, or a gynocentric society. The term for males is patriarchy, but, in feminist theory, it is not exactly a parallel term. Most anthropologists hold that there are no known societies that are unambiguously***

***matriarchal, but possible exceptions include the Iroquois, in whose society mothers exercise central moral and political roles. According to Heide Goettner-Abendroth, this reluctance to accept the existence of matriarchies might be based on a specific, culturally biased notion of how to define matriarchy: because in a patriarchy 'men rule over women', a matriarchy has frequently been conceptualized as 'women ruling over men'. Goettner-Abendroth believed that matriarchies are egalitarian. There are also matrilinear, matrilocal, and avunculocal societies, especially among indigenous peoples of the Americas, Asia, and Africa, such as those of the Minangkabau, E De (Rhade), Mosuo, Berbers and Tuareg and, in Europe, e.g., traditionally among Sardinian people. Strongly matrilocal societies sometimes are referred to as matrifocal, and there is some debate concerning the terminological delineation between matrifocality and matriarchy. Even in patriarchal systems of male-preference primogeniture, there may occasionally be queens regnant. In 19th century Western scholarship, the hypothesis of matriarchy representing an early stage of human development-now mostly lost in prehistory, with the exception of some so-called primitive... The Swiss thinker J. J. Bachofen is most often connected with his theory of matriarchy, or "mother right," but that concept is only a small part of his contribution to our understanding of cultural history. This book includes an autobiographical essay and selections from An Essay on Ancient Mortuary Symbolism, Mother Right, and The Myth of Tanaquil. ? A timely work that reviews the phenomenon of gender and its many manifestations of equality. Well-suited for increasing awareness and justice***

***in academic and professional environments, this collective work addresses long-standing and ongoing social problems such as discrimination, stereotyping, prejudice, as well as a plethora of societal and industry influences that sustain the trend of gender imbalance. Aiming to span a broad scope in time, backgrounds and implementation, this book presents a wide variety of topics, including a historical overview, contemporary gender-based Issues, gender approaches across the disciplines, and cultural influences. The reader is guaranteed to confront existing biases when digesting topics related to gender communication differences, stereotypes, tensions and resistances, assigned social roles, transgenderism, non-binary identities, tension fields between equality and equity, relational aggression, and more. A critical underlying aim of this book is to contribute constructively and progressively to the dialogue on the definition of gender, thus addressing an ongoing challenge for policy makers, organizational leaders, and scholars. This is a reproduction of a book published before 1923. This book may have occasional imperfections such as missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. that were either part of the original artifact, or were introduced by the scanning process. We believe this work is culturally important, and despite the imperfections, have elected to bring it back into print as part of our continuing commitment to the preservation of printed works worldwide. We appreciate your understanding of the imperfections in the preservation process, and hope you enjoy this valuable book. ++++ The below data was compiled from various identification fields in the bibliographic record of this***

***title. This data is provided as an additional tool in helping to ensure edition identification: ++++ The Women Of Turkey And Their Folk-lore: The Jewish And Moslem Women. Concluding Chapters On The Origins Of Matriarchy, By J. S. Stuart-Glennie; History Of Women; Volume 2 Of The Women Of Turkey And Their Folk-lore; Lucy Mary Jane Garnett Lucy Mary Jane Garnett, John S. Stuart-Glennie D. Nutt, 1891 Religion; Christian Life; Women's Issues; Ethnology; Folklore; Matriarchy; Religion / Christian Life / Women's Issues; Social Science / Folklore & Mythology; Women This collection of essays challenges the traditional patriarchal approach to sacred literature by highlighting gender parity in sacred texts and envisioning the rise of the matriarchy in the future. The authors redefine Biblical Greek words like malakoi and arsenokoitai used in condemnation of homosexuality, and Qur'anic words like darajah and qawwamun, used for establishing patriarchy. One author reexamines the role of the Nepalese Teej festival of fasting and worship of the god Shiva in promoting male hegemony in Hinduism. Other papers examine passages like Proverbs 31:1-31, the stories of Sarah and Rahab in the Bible, the role of Mary in the Qur'an, and the Dharmic conversion in chapter 27 of the Lotus Sutra. This book makes it clear that sacred literature is subject to human understanding as it evolves through space and time. Today, as more women are educated and actively engaged in political, economic, and social life, religions are challenged to redefine gender roles and norms. Gentlemen and Amazons traces the nineteenth-century genesis and development of an important contemporary myth about human origins: that of an original prehistoric matriarchy. Cynthia Eller***



***explores the intellectual history of the myth, which arose from male scholars who mostly wanted to vindicate the patriarchal family model as a higher stage of human development. Eller tells the stories these men told, analyzes the gendered assumptions they made, and provides the necessary context for understanding how feminists of the 1970s and 1980s embraced as historical "fact" a discredited nineteenth-century idea. "This study explores the prevalence in German culture of myths about ancient matriarchal societies, tracing their presence in left and right wing politics, feminist and antifeminist writing, sociology, psychoanalysis and literary production. The work of the Swiss theorist of matriarchy, Johann Jakob Bachofen (1815-1887), has been highly influential, and this book shows how the interpretation of his legacy became a battleground for conflicts about modernity, myth, race and nation, sex and gender, and ultimately the struggle between National Socialism and its opponents."--Publisher's website. Black Atlantic Religion illuminates the mutual transformation of African and African-American cultures, highlighting the example of the Afro-Brazilian Candomblé religion. This book contests both the recent conviction that transnationalism is new and the long-held supposition that African culture endures in the Americas only among the poorest and most isolated of black populations. In fact, African culture in the Americas has most flourished among the urban and the prosperous, who, through travel, commerce, and literacy, were well exposed to other cultures. Their embrace of African religion is less a "survival," or inert residue of the African past, than a strategic choice in their circum-Atlantic, multicultural world. With***

***counterparts in Nigeria, the Benin Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Trinidad, and the United States, Candomblé is a religion of spirit possession, dance, healing, and blood sacrifice. Most surprising to those who imagine Candomblé and other such religions as the products of anonymous folk memory is the fact that some of this religion's towering leaders and priests have been either well-traveled writers or merchants, whose stake in African-inspired religion was as much commercial as spiritual. Moreover, they influenced Africa as much as Brazil. Thus, for centuries, Candomblé and its counterparts have stood at the crux of enormous transnational forces. Vividly combining history and ethnography, Matory spotlights a so-called "folk" religion defined not by its closure or internal homogeneity but by the diversity of its connections to classes and places often far away. Black Atlantic Religion sets a new standard for the study of transnationalism in its subaltern and often ancient manifestations. This book surveys both the part women have played in Buddhism historically and what Buddhism might become in its post-patriarchal future. The author completes the Buddhist historical record by discussing women, usually absent from histories of Buddhism, and she provides the first feminist analysis of the major concepts found in Buddhist religion. Gross demonstrates that the core teachings of Buddhism promote gender equity rather than male dominance, despite the often sexist practices found in Buddhist institutions throughout history. A historical retrospective on the evolution of religio-political man is discussed in terms of both patriarchal & matriarchal behavioral development & how the balance between the two affects the understanding of politics, religion and ethics. An***

***empirical evaluation of both natural & metaphysical order of things in view of the allegedly incompatible opposites is attempted in order to search for a divine direction for man within the practical conditions of this world. The concept for an oecumenical legacy is as old as civilization. Until recently it was taken only as an intellectual hypothesis. But today several conflicting oecumenical legacies are showing forth. These are potent forces which defy economics & armies. A union of politics & religion on the forms of either a caesaropopism or a papocaesarism is not the answer; neither is a theocratic government nor a secular materialistic government. But a relationship of check & balance between the two, as was suggested in Byzantium, is investigated. The spread & reaction thereto of Helleno-Christianity is examined through Western & Eastern European civilization. Man has his choice; there is an optimistic path for man while still on God's earth. This study is a contribution to the discussion of folklore as a mirror of society. Spanish Galicia offers a special opportunity for examining well-known folktales in a different context because of the cultural and economic dominance of women and the matriarchal life style which characterized the region until recently. That matriarchy was deeprooted in Galicia and did not result from male migration in modern times, is demonstrated in the historical chapters of the book, while the anthropological chapters (on family systems, work patterns, matriarchal ideology, sexual behavior, religion and magic) tend to show that all aspects of Galician culture have been "canonized" in folklore; folklore therefore must have gone through radical changes in order to conform with the local ideology. While the women in Galician folktales***

*almost always appear in active and aggressive hero roles, this has nothing to do with "wishful thinking" or "poetic fiction", for according to the matriarchal concept it is just the natural order of things. Surely the correlation demonstrated here between the social structure, gender roles, and ideology may also be observed in male-dominated societies, once we learn to disengage from the patriarchal concept of the "natural order of things".*

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