

Can a Bad Tree Bring Forth Good Fruit?

The feminist movement officially began with only a handful of discontented women who decided to launch a rebellion against their government, their husbands, and society.

Abigail Adams: If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.

Though Elizabeth Cady Stanton is often hailed as one of the first and foremost leaders of the feminist movement, you will rarely find it revealed anywhere on the internet or otherwise that her husband was so upset by his wife's rebellion and her participation in the first feminist rally organized by his wife and others in 1848 at Seneca Falls, NY that he abruptly left town*.

Even though these women are hailed as heroines by our culture today, we as Christian women should form our own opinion of their rebellious actions, formed through scriptural knowledge. One such scripture to be aware of is found in 1 Samuel 15:23:

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...

So already we see we have a Biblical problem with the roots of feminism. Add that to the fact that Mrs. Stanton (again, one of the foremost leaders of the feminist movement) had a rather dismal view of the Bible and Christianity in general as evidenced by numerous

quotes attributed to her, and we begin to realize the whole tree of feminism is rotten right down to the roots.

When women understand that governments and religions are human inventions; that bibles, prayer-books, catechisms, and encyclical letters are all emanations from the brain of man, they will no longer be oppressed by the injunctions that come to them with the divine authority of "thus saith the Lord." -- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, quoted from Thomas S Vernon, Great Infidels, quoted from James A Haught, ed., 2000 Years of Disbelief

The memory of my own suffering has prevented me from ever shadowing one young soul with the superstitions of the Christian religion. -- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Eight Years and More (1898), p. 26

Hence it should not come as a surprise that during the second wave of feminism a 1971 Declaration of Feminism reads:

"All of history must be rewritten in terms of the oppression of women. We must go back to ancient female religions like witchcraft."

Today, abortion and lesbian rights are among the top two priorities listed on the National Organization of Women's website, yet still many of the ideas and philosophies of feminism are becoming rooted even in our churches. How could this be? And worse yet, what are the results?

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