

SOME BOOKS ABOUT FEMINISM

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- ***Our Father in Heaven: Christian Faith And Inclusive Language For God***, by John W. Cooper (Baker, 1998), 301 pages.

Cooper critiques the ideological foundations of the movement seeking to make the Scriptures gender inclusive. Contains an insightful analysis of the maternal and feminine references to God in Scripture.

- ***Feminization of the American Culture***, by Ann Douglas (out of print but still readily available in used book stores), approximately 400 pages.

Douglas, herself a feminist and admittedly not a Christian, traces the feminization of the American church and society at large to the loss of political power experienced by the American clergy in mid-19th century. Douglas shows that when the church lost its strong Calvinist faith, Arminianism and Unitarianism stepped in to fill the void. Various publications.

- ***The Feminist Gospel; The movement to unite Feminism with the Church***, by Mary Kassian (Crossway Books, 1992), 288 pages.

A history of feminism and its modern inroads into the church. Highly recommended.

- ***Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism***, edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Crossway Books, 1991), 566 pages.

A collection of essays relating to the entire issue of male-female relationships. Helpful essay by Piper on singleness, and Grudem contributes a masterful essay on the use of *kephale* (head) in Scripture and the ancient world. The essay is still waiting for a competent refutation.

- ***The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity***, by Leon J. Podles (Spence Publishing, 1999), 290 pages.

The author is a Roman Catholic, but the book is relevant to the entire discussion of why Islam and Judaism are still male dominated while much of the Western church has been taken over with an anti-intellectual feminine version of Christianity, which in the final analysis is no Christianity at all.

- ***The Gender-Neutral Bible Controversy: Mutating the masculinity of God's Words***, by Vern Poythress, and Wayne Grudem (Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2000), 377 pages.

The finest book on the subject. Cooper is more accessible but this is a more complete treatment of the debate.