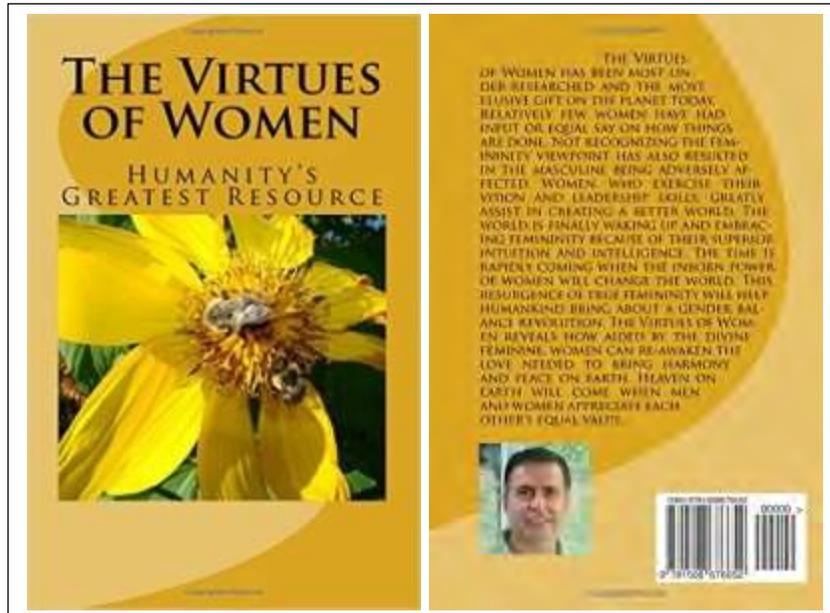


## Book Review: The Virtues of Women: Humanity's Greatest Resource

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*The Virtues of Women: Humanity's Greatest Resource* by Tony Scazzero, Published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015. 150 pages, \$9.95 (available at amazon.com)

In *The Virtues of Women*, Tony Scazzero has made an important contribution to the discussion among Unificationists and the general public regarding the devastating effect that gender imbalance has had on the development of human civilization and the myth of feminine inferiority.

“Due to women’s wrongful disenfranchisement, including countless prejudiced restrictions, humanity has deprived itself of half of the potential available for higher service.”

Gender inequality, says Scazzero, has not only hindered women, but also men, and in fact, all of humankind. “Only through a harmonized culture in which the merits of both sexes are valued and connected can we build an ideal world.”

In previous works: *Who Is Mother God?* and *Our Mother and Father God*, Scazzero shed light on the historical suppression of women by male-centered religions and male-dominated social structures which have “devalued women’s honorable development by unethical characterization. Women’s relegation to second-class status has caused them to be treated inhumanely.”

In the last quarter century, gender equality has experienced a broad coalescing not only of women representing all races and social classes, but more recently, signs of a major paradigm shift can be seen in the male population. There is a growing recognition that the never ending conflicts and the long list of woes confronting our societies are not closer to being resolved, and in fact, are getting worse, including: climate change, refugees, poverty, unemployment, drug abuse, and human trafficking.

To quote Pogo, the male dominated world has reached an obvious conclusion: “We have met the enemy and he is us.”

Fortunately today there is greater awareness and acceptance that the problems of this world cannot be fully solved with a male-oriented perspective, and that what is needed is a blended approach which incorporates the God-given values that women bring.

“So far, women’s God-given potential has not been tapped. Without this fundamental, divine

collaboration, our society and future will be cheated out of its rightful inheritance. Once women are rejuvenated and aligned with their original divinity, an abundant creative energy will be unleashed. The feminine beauty of God can be recognized through women's virtues. Men and women must understand and respect who they are if the world is to become a better place. Once we attain mutual appreciation, humanity's future can be guaranteed."

Scazzero presents his central theme: by denying full acceptance and recognition of women, society has rejected the feminine aspect of our Creator. It is time, he says, to be true to our heart, and unlearn what male-dominated history has brainwashed us to believe. It is time to recognize that mothers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters were made in the image of God and are as equal in the eyes of God as men.

"God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

The virtues of the descendants of Eve are many. In chapter 5, he outlines what he believes is their most unique quality — feminine consciousness or intuition, and this is what is totally exclusive to women and what ties this gender to Mother God.

Quoting Patricia Taylor, author of *The Holy Spirit, the Feminine Nature of God*, "A woman, by her birthright, is eternally bonded to the great source of wisdom, creativity and courage that can be used for the benefit of her family, society, nation and the world."

In the closing chapter, quoting early women's right advocate Elizabeth Gould Davis: "The greatest trouble with the world today is the imbalance between the genders caused by worshiping God in an incomplete way."

Scazzero says, "It is time to come out of the self-made prison of our delusions." We are in a critical juncture in human history. "The unconditional love of motherly energy is what will save this planet from itself."

He concludes his perceptive analysis by calling for a "new thought pattern to resonate within our collective unconscious." Already signs are appearing. "The resurgence of the feminine power and spirit is coming out of hiding and will help humankind take the next step in our evolution."

In *The Virtues of Women*, Tony Scazzero has contributed a well-researched investigation into a subject that is critically important to the evolution and development not only of women but all of humanity. For Unificationists hoping to make sense of the providence, the issue of gender equality is an essential key.

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