

Carol P. Christ

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Our great symbol for the Goddess is the moon, whose three aspects reflect the three stages in women's lives and whose cycles of waxing and waning coincide with women's menstrual cycles.

~Carol P. Christ

In Old Europe and Ancient Crete, women were respected for their roles in the discovery of agriculture and for inventing the arts of weaving and pottery making.

~Carol P. Christ

If we do not mean that God is male when we use masculine pronouns and imagery, then why should there be any objections to using female imagery and pronouns as well?

~Carol P. Christ

The simplest and most basic meaning of the symbol of the Goddess is the acknowledgment of the legitimacy of female power as a beneficent and independent power.

~Carol P. Christ

Watching birds has become part of my daily meditation affirming my connection to the earth body.

~Carol P. Christ

The Goddess of Old Europe and Ancient Crete represented the unity of life in nature, delight in the diversity of form, the powers of birth, death and regeneration.

~Carol P. Christ

I first became interested in women and religion when I was one of the few women doing graduate work in Religious Studies at Yale University in the late 1960's.

~Carol P. Christ

Why does everyone cling to the masculine imagery and pronouns even though they are a mere linguistic device that has never meant that God is male?

~Carol P. Christ

At first the ancient images of the Goddess did not interest me.

~Carol P. Christ

The women's movement will present a growing threat to patriarchal religion less by attacking it than by simply leaving it behind.

~Carol P. Christ

Because religion has such a compelling hold on the deep psyches of so many people, feminists cannot afford to leave it in the hands of the fathers.

~Carol P. Christ

Women must be the spokesmen for a new humanity arising out of the reconciliation of spirit and body.

~Carol P. Christ

In Goddess religion death is not feared, but is understood to be a part of life, followed by birth and renewal.

~Carol P. Christ

Beliefs and values that have held sway for thousands of years will be questioned as never before.

~Carol P. Christ

The simple act of telling a woman's story from a woman's point of view is a revolutionary act: it never has been done before.

~Carol P. Christ

Symbol systems cannot simply be rejected; they must be replaced.

Where there is no replacement, the mind will revert to familiar structures at times of crisis, bafflement, or defeat.

~Carol P. Christ

Subversive language, however, must be constantly reinvented, because it is continually being co-opted by the powerful.

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