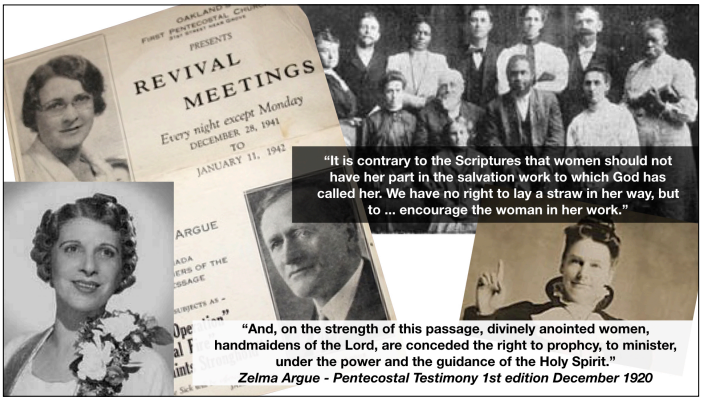
“A Rose by Any Other Name”

A biblical approach to women in ministry



Egalitarian View

- Numerous biblical examples of women in leadership.
  - Miriam (Ex. 15:20) and Deborah (Jud 4:4); Anna (Lk. 2:36, 38), Phoebe (Rom. 16:1,2), Priscilla (Acts 18:26; Rom. 16:3), Euodia and Syntyche (Phil. 4:2), the unnamed elder woman (2 John 1), and Junia (Rom. 16:7)
- The ‘mutuality’ inherent in the creation account. Gen. 1:27; 2:18
- The oneness in Christ. Gal. 3:28
- The egalitarian work of the Spirit. Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:16 & in the modern Pentecostal movement

Complementarian View

- The Creation Account (Man 1st & then the woman). Gen 2:18ff
- The Instructions of Paul
  - Women & head coverings. 1 Cor 11: 2-16
  - Women should remain silent in the churches. 1 Cor 14:34
  - woman to not teach or to assume authority over a man...”. 1 Tim. 2:12.

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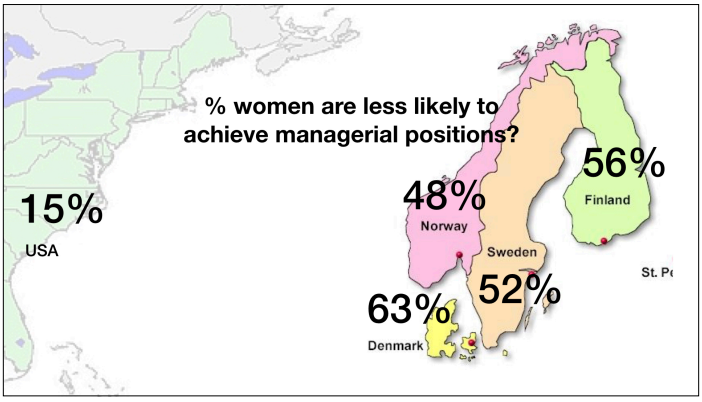
The creation account establishes equality between men and women but may also explain disparities in representation



Gender Equality Paradox

"When you treat everyone the same, as in the Nordic countries, it's only genetic predispositions that produce the most observable individual differences. Extremes of sexual freedom beget larger psychological sex differences"

-David Schmitt - Psycology Today

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While the creation story may indicate *why* men aspire to leadership roles more often than woman it does not say they *can't* hold leadership roles

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Just because men barge their way into leadership roles more often than women doesn't mean it is the best idea

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Paul's statements are situational objections regarding women

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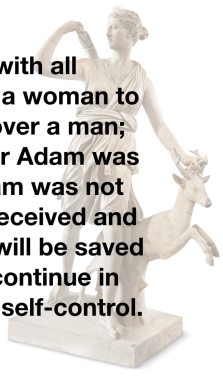
Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

1 Timothy 2:11ff



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The Spirit empowers and validates women for ministry & leadership

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"surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."
Acts 10:47

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"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

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