

ASSIGNMENT ONE:

GENDER AND RELIGION: INTRODUCTION TO THEORY

DUE: 2 November 2020 via Moodle

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Choose one prompt on which to write. This response paper should answer the proposed question in a way that demonstrates significant engagement with and critical reflection on course readings. **A good reflection paper will engage with many course readings and/or multiple chapters from the same author.** Be sure to have a clear thesis statement and proper citations (lectures too must be cited). **Citations for ALL sources must be (Author's Last Name, page number).** Citations are not just quotes but any time you summarize and/or use information from a reading. **Outside resources and research are not permitted.**

The format is as follows: 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced and **800** words. Include the word-count at the bottom of the page. A paper 50 words over or under the word-count and/or without citations will not be accepted. (Citations are not part of the word-count.)

PROMPT OPTIONS (Choose one.):

1. Why do women need a religion or spirituality that is feminist?
2. From a feminist religious perspective, what is problematic about patriarchy?
3. According to feminists who work within the field of religion, what can women from diverse religious traditions learn from each other?
4. What is the prepatriarchal hypothesis and what are its strengths and weaknesses?
5. Trace the history of feminist interactions with religion.

COURSE READINGS:

(REMEMBER: USE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD WELL.)

Judith Plaskow, "The Coming of Lillith," *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Spring, 2007), pp. 34-41.

Zuzana Budapest, "Self-Blessing Ritual," in *The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries*, (Oakland: Susan B. Anthony Coven No. 1, 1986).

joanne stato, "Cultural Appropriation," *Off Our Backs*, Vol. 21, No. 9 (october 1991), pp. 20-21.

Rita M. Gross, *Feminism and Religion: An Introduction*, (Boston: Beacon Press, 1996).

Judith G. Martin, "Why Women Need a Feminist Spirituality," in *Women's Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 21, No. 1/2, Spirituality and Religions (Spring/Summer, 1993), pp. 106-120.