

**Mis Heard**

**Change, church and Faith**

When was the last time God  
changed your mind?



# Evidenced based theology

# Culture vs the Cross

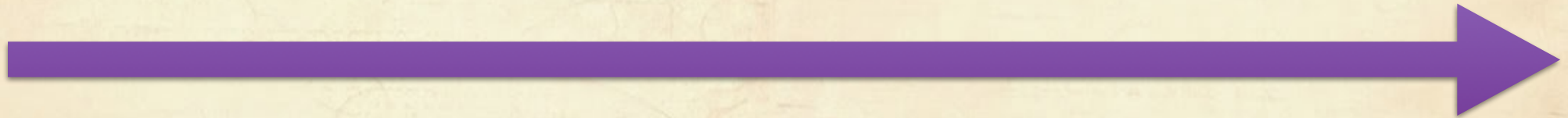
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# Three Phases of Biblical Interpretation



Old Testament

God the Father,  
Law

Gospels

Jesus,  
Grace

Acts and Letters

Holy Spirit, law  
& grace

Food  
Idea

# Hermeneutic Principle

The law of non-modification

If **scripture** states something, but then modifies it at another point, we realize that the subject being addressed is a continuous theme

If scripture does not, then it is considered closed



# Creations Binary

Definition: a whole composed of two

# Creations Binaries

Heavens

Earth

Light

Darkness

Earth

Sky

Land

Sea

Night

Day

Fly

Swim

Livestock

Wild Animals

Male

Image of God

Female



# Miriam

## Sister of Moses

Lead Israel in singing praises, according to rabbinic law, this was sinful **Genesis 15:20-21**

## A co-leader with Moses

The prophet Micah gave equal honor to Moses, Aaron and Miriam **Micah 6:4**

“I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery I sent Moses to lead you also Aaron and Miriam”

## Deborah

A judge of Israel

A woman was called the leader of Israel

Judges 4:4

Remember, judges in the O.T. were the precursors to the kings

As a leader she commanded men and woman

## Huldah

A prophet of Israel 2 Kings 22:14-15

Gives direction to the nation of Israel

The king sought her out because she spoke for God



In the few O.T. references we see a pattern of female leadership emerging

Once again, the Bible never modifies their position or role

The scriptures treat what they have done as normative

This is not to say women outnumbered men in leadership, simply that they were present

## Samaritan Woman

In John 4 we have a scandalous encounter

“He who talks with women in public brings evil upon himself” Aboth 1:5

“One is not so much as to greet a woman” “  
Beakhoth 43b

In John 4:39, many believe because of the testimony of a woman

Many historians believe that she became a head of that church



# Mary vs Martha

Luke 10:39 a curious phrase

“sitting at Christ’s feet”

A term applied to a disciple

Domesticity verses discipleship,

Christ affirms the latter

In John 11:25-26 Christ again teaches a  
woman theology

## Sinful Woman (Prostitute)

In Luke 7:36-50 Jesus treats a woman  
with respect and dignity

Again, Christ is going against  
culture, not God

## Daughter of Abraham

Luke 13:10-16, a term of inheritance



Acts 1:14 shows women receiving the  
promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Once again at the start of the church,  
women were present in equal  
representation

# Priscilla

Taught Apollos (Acts 18:26)

Every time the two are mentioned, she is mentioned first

She was the Pastor

Oldest and largest catacomb named after her  
“Coemterium Priscilla”

Early church fathers and leaders recognized this (St. Chrysotom 347-407)



## Phoebe

Was a deacon, not deaconess (Romans 16:1-2)

When Romans was written, the female form of deacon did not exist, it appeared in 375 AD

The same word is applied to Paul and Timothy  
(1 Cor. 3:5, Acts 19:22)

The word in the Greek is diakonos, which  
meant preaching and teaching

Used with co-worker in 1 Cor. 3:5,9 & 2 Cor. 6:1, 4

Prostatis is also used in Romans 16:2

The word means to protect, govern, lead direct

# Junia

The Greek root for Julia

Called an apostle in Romans 16:7

Apostles were the highest authority of the  
N.T. church

Even at this level women were represented



A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.  
I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority  
over a man; she must be quiet. **1 Timothy 2:11-12**

In Ephesus there was a matriarchal goddess  
worshipping culture

Amazons, Artemis and Diana

Archeology has found many temples to these goddesses  
When Christianity was introduced, Mary was made one  
of the many goddesses

This is why vs 13-14 deal with the order of origins  
Mary was being called theotokos, god bearer

## A woman should learn in quietness and full submission

NASV: "Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness."

Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. **2 Thessalonians 3:12**

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable **men** who will also be qualified to teach others. **2 Timothy 2:2**

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**anthropos**, is used generally, of a human being, male or female, without reference to sex or nationality. **Vine, W. E., Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words**



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- Authenteo**
1. one who with his own hands kills another or himself"
  2. one who acts on his own authority, autocratic"
  3. an absolute master"
  4. to govern, exercise dominion over one

This is the only time in the entire bible where this word is used. Paul doesn't use ekklesia or exousia as he normally does when talking about leadership in the church

Evidence exists for another possible meaning of authenteo from that time period--that of "originator." Gnostic heresy during this time period taught that Eve was the first virgin, the one who had no husband and the originator of all life. She was the "illuminator," full of all wisdom, and Adam was actually given life when she saw her co-likeness lying flat upon the earth, whereas she commanded him to live. When he saw her, he said, "You will be called 'the mother of the living' because you are the one who has given me life."

As a result of this interpretation, the passage could be translated: "I am not allowing (present tense for that situation) a woman to teach or to proclaim herself the originator of man (authenteo). Adam was formed first, then Eve."



As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.

Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.

### 1 Timothy 1:3-4

They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3:6-9

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. **2 Corinthians 13:5-6**

Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. **vs 7-8**