

1. Not to know the distinction between male/female [biological] and feminine/masculine [cultural and possibly cosmogonic] is ignorance; but to refuse the latter, or accept it as merely social-contractual, is perverse, and the perversity needs diagnosis and perscription.

2. Generally, Near-Easternly, and biblically, here's the tendency: heaven [as e.g. I-E Dyaus Pitra] is masculine and earth [as e.g. Mother Earth, Great Mother] is feminine. The pan-human assignment is to remain/become feminine, YHWH's wife Israel and Jesus' bride the Church and Mother Hubbard's UN. PATHOLOGIES THEREOF: (a) misplacement, (b) hypertrophy, and (c) hypotrophy. The masculine form of these diseases: (a) Gen.3-11, (b) machismo, (c) effeminacy. The feminine form of these diseases: (a) Mother worship [from Demeter to Portnoy], (b) sensuality, (c) felinity and the clinging vine. The divine/human alienation appears in, is symbiotic with, and reinforces the male/female alienation--a synergism of illness/health in interlocking curves over parabolic eons. Possible consequent messages for those caught in woman/man conflicts [i.e., for all of us]: (a) Cool it; things have always been tough all over, and always will be; (b) Use the tension for individual advantage; (c) Use the tension for sex advantage [superiority of males or females]; (d) Use the tension as a hermeneutic matrix, to improve one's understanding-acceptance of life and the world; (e) Use the tension as reason to escape from the strifeul world into beatific vision; (f) Use the tension toward more creative-productive male/female encounters, for personal enrichment; (g) Use the tension as social critique-leverage toward a juster society; (h) Use (d) - (g) toward "action theology" [e.g., Hosea, and Jewish and Christian allegorization of the S. of Ss.].

3. A pertinent evidence of sexism: The rigid refusal of men and women to be playful about "feminine/masculine." Anybody with any genital liberation would know that if there's a god, and if she/he made us, he/she has a profound, pervasive sense of humor. How come, then, that religious types are so uptight, so unplayful, about the cultural consequent, viz. feminine/masculine, seeing it only as locked into social stereotyping of sex roles (and therefore oppressive) rather than also as essential to birthing a new soul, a new world, a new world-soul, as male/female birth a new mammal with human potential (and therefore liberating)?

4. est [Jack Rosenberg [alias Werner Erhard]: "Erhard Seminar Training"] transcends the m/f and fem/masc divides with the imperial, reality-defining, total-responsibility ego, which rules out ideas/images/feelings of being a victim, thus not incidentally though (I think) unconsciously ruling out the possibility of liberation movements (all of which are based, sociodynamically, on firing up a mass of "victims" by consciousness-raising them about their being victims). As in Buddhism, "enlightenment" instead of "salvation": the salvific factor is inside your own skinbag, viz. your consciousness. This secular, sexy Jesus believes, with all this heart, and in the most distended perverse interpretation possible, that "The Kingdom of heaven is within you" and "Greater works shall you do" and "The Truth shall make you free." I predict that this will be one of the more successful bypasses of the male/female agony and potential. It's a new package of all the old Western myths of the person: individualism, aggressivity, pragmatism, Prometheanism, Faustianism, Luciferism....Want to read about it? 18 Oct 74 NEW TIMES pp.39-50.

5. The person must be psycho- and socio-free to self-locate in society according to her/his gifts/energy/vision/passion: that's the Christian and humanist ideal, modified only by (a) sexual nature,*(b) societal needs, and, in the case of saints, (c) the will of God (one's personal "calling"). These observations, these alone, qualify this diagram of sociodynamics.



JESUS (following 2Is., whose Suffering Servant leaves POWER to Cyrus as "Messiah") leaves POWER to "the [apocalyptic] Son of Man": Christianity is a feminine religion.

* A powerful but dysisolable factor.