
Is The Church Feminine?

Posted by jimmoretz - 2009/06/26 08:59

There was a story on ESPN the other day when I was at the gym about celebrity athletes and the church. The story focused on the "Health and Wealth" preachers who had mega-churches with famous athletes who gave multi-millions of dollars in tithes.

What interested me the most was an analyst who said that some of these churches targeted the athletes because it was so difficult to get men involved in the church, since the church was perceived to be by-and-large effeminate.

I have heard this time and time again over the years, but is it true? Is the church feminine? Or is there a place for masculinity? Let's think about it.

The Church is based upon the life of a man who endured homelessness, rejection by his family, rejection by the established religious leaders, threats against his life, and eventual torture and death. He never ran. He never wandered from his mission. He never blinked. The people who were most inspired by him also gave everything they had, even their lives to follow him.

Peter asked to be crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. Paul suffered beatings, imprisonment, hunger, and rejection. Many early believers faced execution in the Roman arena rather than denounce their faith. Through the centuries people have given up their lives to live as impoverished missionaries. At the heart of the Church is a constant battle for the hearts and minds of people.

Yes, Christianity teaches peace, love, contentment, nurturing, kindness, gentleness, and self-control, but are these things inherently feminine? Or has our understanding of masculinity become so skewed that we cannot see the testosterone necessary to conduct true spiritual warfare?

What may be lacking is the determination to fight, the strength to resist temptation, the nerve to stand against Satan, the greatest and most dangerous enemy of all. The weapons of prayer and self-control are far more powerful than any knife, gun, cannon, or ballistic missile, yet so few know how to use them.

The Marines have the motto: "The Few. The Proud. The Marines." They are known for taking beachheads and attacking fortified positions without concern for their own lives -- truly a masculine pursuit. Jesus said if we want to follow Him we must take up our cross and release any care we might have for our own lives. Again, a truly masculine pursuit. Sadly, the problem is not that the church is effeminate, but that there are not enough truly masculine men willing to take up the fight.

The church is filled with women, not because it is feminine, but because so many men have abandoned the fight. Even attracting star athletes won't fix the problem, because men brought into the church through them still want to be more like them than they want to be like Jesus. It is true that seeing a masculine man, as defined by culture, in the church does help men see other possibilities for themselves, but so would a closer look at Jesus.

Jesus stood alone against the world. He lived through the Roman torture. He restrained Himself from destroying what He had come to save. Finally, He rose from the grave and defeated death itself, something that no athlete or warrior can ever do. No, the church is as masculine as it is feminine.

The question is, "Where have all the soldiers gone?"

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Re:Is The Church Feminine?

Posted by simluo - 2010/09/15 03:45

Since the beginning of rapplez rupees,time never has there been another with my mind, my heart, my eyes, my ears, my hands, my hair, my mouth. None that came before, none that live today, and none that come tomorrow can walk and talk and move and think exactly like me. All men are my brothers yet I am different from each. I am a unique creature.I am nature's greatest miracle.Although I am of the animal kingdom, animal rewards alone will not satisfy me. Within me burns a flame, which has been passed from generations uncouted and its heat is a constant irritation to my spirit to become better than I am, and I will. I will fan this flame of dissatisfaction and proclaim my uniqueness to the rapplez rupees world.

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None can duplicate my brush strokes, none can make my chisel marks, none can duplicate my handwriting, none can produce my child, and, in truth, none has the ability to sell exactly as I. Henceforth, I will capitalize on this difference for it is an asset to be promoted to the fullest.I am nature's greatest miracle.Vain attempts to imitate others no longer will I make. Instead will I place my uniqueness on display in the market place. I will proclaim it, yea, I will sell it. I will begin now to accent my differences; hide my similarities. So too will I apply this principle to the goods I sell. Salesman and goods,

different from all others, and proud of the difference. I am a unique creature of nature. replica sunglasses
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I am rare, and there is value in all rarity; therefore, I am valuable. I am the end product of thousands of years of evolution; therefore, I am better equipped in both mind and body than all the emperors and wise men who preceded me. But my skills, my mind, my heart, and my body will stagnate, rot, and die lest I put them to good use. I have unlimited potential. Only a small portion of my brain do I employ; only a paltry amount of my muscles do I flex. A hundredfold or more can I increase my accomplishments of yesterday and this I will do, beginning today. maple story power leveling
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Nevermore will I be satisfied with yesterday's accomplishments nor will I indulge, anymore, in self-praise for deeds which in reality are too small to even acknowledge. I can accomplish far more than I have, and I will, for why should the miracle which produced me end with my birth? Why can I not extend that miracle to my deeds of today?
I am nature's greatest miracle. I am not on this earth by chance. I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand. Henceforth will I apply all my efforts to become the highest mountain of all and I will strain my potential until it cries for mercy. world of warcraft gold
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I will increase my knowledge of mankind, myself, and the goods I sell, thus my sales will multiply. I will practice, and improve, and polish the words I utter to sell my goods, for this is the foundation on which I will build my career and never will I forget that many have attained great wealth and success with only one sales talk, delivered with excellence. Also will I seek constantly to improve my manners and graces, for they are the sugar to which all are attracted. I am nature's greatest miracle. wedding dresses
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I will concentrate my energy on the challenge of the moment and my actions will help me forget all else. The problems of my home will be left in my home. I will think naught of my family when I am in the market place for this will cloud my thoughts. So too will the problems of the market place be left in the market place and I will think naught of my profession when I am in my home for this will dampen my love. There is no room in the market place for my family, nor is there room in my home for the market. Each I will divorce from the other and thus will I remain wedded to both. Separate must they remain or my career will die. This is a paradox of the ages. Atlantica gold

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Posted by hendlycruse - 2010/10/28 05:08

Bourgeois had recently been excommunicated by the Vatican for participating in the ordination of a woman, Janice Sevre-Duszynska, as a Roman Catholic priest on Aug. 9. At a ceremony in Lexington, Ky., Bourgeois acted as a concelebrant and homilist, the first time "a male Roman Catholic priest in good standing publicly joined the ceremony," according to the National Catholic Reporter.

Noting that he met Sevre-Duszynska through the School of the Americas Watch movement, Bourgeois said in his homily, "Just as soldiers in Latin America ... abuse their power and control others, it saddens me to see the hierarchy of our church abusing their power and causing so much suffering among women. Jesus was a healer, a peacemaker, who called everyone into the circle as equals."

According to Bourgeois, he received a letter from the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog group dated Oct. 21, "giving me 30 days to recant my belief and public statements that support the ordination of women in our Church, or I will be excommunicated."

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Posted by rslifE01 - 2011/10/21 21:36

Two neighbors had been fighting each other for wow gold nigh on four decades. Bob buys a cheap wow gold Great Dane and teaches it to use runescape cheap gold the bathroom in Bill's yard. For one rift plat whole year Bill ignores the dog. So wow gold kaufen Bob then buys a cow and teaches buy world of warcraft gold it to use the bathroom in Bill's rift platinum yaA person turned on the computer without ffxiv gil a keyboard plugged in. When she turns buy wow gold on the computer, the computer finds out that there is no keyboard attached and it gives a "Keyboard Error" message. She then asks "Why did it give me a keyboard error? There is

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