

Women and Theology From a Womanist Perspective

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Women have been engaged in theological work since the beginning of Christianity. However, women's contributions have been under appreciated or made invisible in theological and academic spaces because of stigma, suspicion, and jealousy. Despite imposed invisibility, women have guided their theological work from their contexts, responding to the needs of their communities and embodying a theology that is real, experiential, accessible, and deeply womanist. Whose commitment to developing a theology in incarnation and profoundly believing in the resurrection of Jesus' message of hope has been essential in shaping a theology that interprets tradition and responds to everyday life.

Women theologians draw upon their everyday experiences as grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, and daughters. Their theology transcends academic boundaries, rooted instead in deep spirituality and community. Grassroots faith communities, informed by these women's reflections, have woven theological insights into conversations around the kitchen table, the challenges of motherhood in raising children, the resistance against poverty and violence, the struggles of forced immigration in search of a better future, the ancestral spiritual practices of hope, and the wisdom that emerges from daily life experiences. These women have established networks of hope and resilience while expanding their understanding of the Gospel to include intersectionality in both thought and practice.

For the coming generation of women, we find ourselves in a time when women have forged a significant path in theological reflections rooted in everyday life. As a community of faith, it is vital to recognize and appreciate women's reflections and experiences regarding their theological work across theological spaces, academia, the Church, and society. The contributions of women as theologians have enriched our understanding of faith and transformed the Church and faith communities into more inclusive and diverse environments dedicated to uplifting those historically marginalized. In this way women's theological work is both nourishing and generative. Its profound nature is deeply intertwined with life, commitment, and hope, embodying the principles of liberation theology.

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