

- How does the notion of the “panopticon” illustrate the complexity of power issues?
- Explain the two key issues of gender studies using examples from two specific religions.
- Explain Mary Daly’s theory of ideology and gender and religion using *The Lion King*.

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## Film Analysis

- Appeal process
- Point of teaching: help you do better!
  - ➔ Not trying to achieve a specific average
  - ➔ Link between tutorials and assignments
- Average grades:
  - ➔ Film Paragraph: average 62% (high 88%)
  - ➔ Film Analysis: average 68% (high 95%)

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## Course Stuff

- No office hours next week
- Final exam: crib sheet?
- “It’s religion not rocket science.”

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## 9. Gender

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# Today

- Anishinaabe medicines
- Power: Panopticon
- Gender:
  - ➔ Big picture stuff
  - ➔ Theorists: Daly, Irigaray, Shukrallah, Asad + Spivak, Butler

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## Cat Criger: UTM Elder

- Cayuga, of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois)
- Training: Anishinaabe

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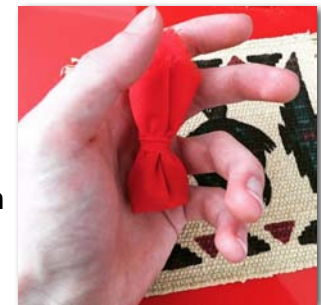
# Anishinaabe

- “The People”
- Odawa, Ojibwe, Algonkin, Chippewa, Mississaugas, Oji-Cree
- Great Lakes region
- Medicines: tobacco, sweetgrass, sage, cedar

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# Tobacco

- Should have no additives
- Used in loose, dry form
- Sometimes placed in pouch (tobacco tie)
- Offering to elders, spirits
- Used for healing, purifying, giving thanks, reflecting, and seeking strength or guidance

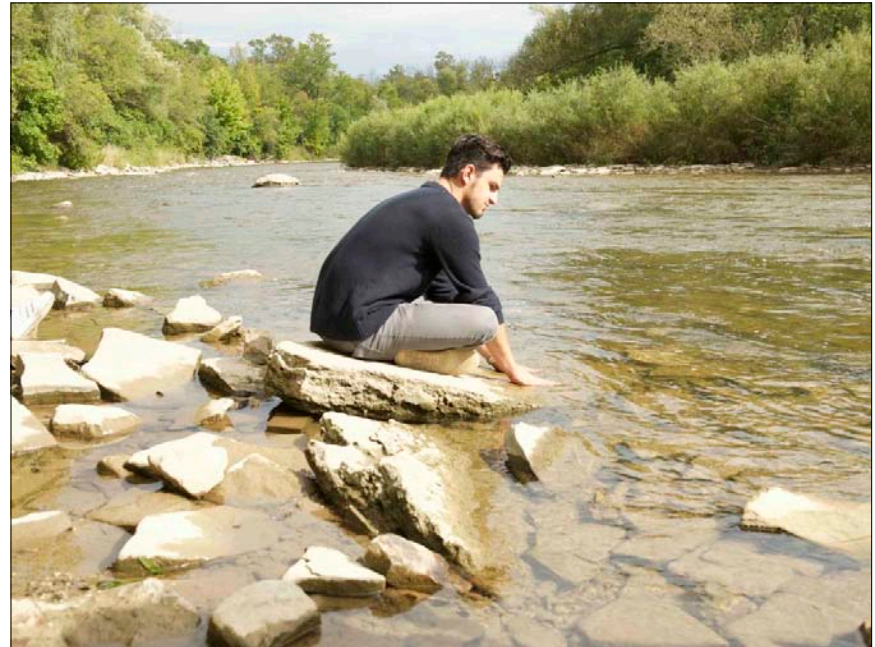


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# Tobacco

- Pipe ceremony
- Placed in fire (directly or in pouch)
- Placed in nature (directly or in pouch)
- Hold in left hand (closer to heart)
  - ➔ Place in left hand of elder OR transfer to right hand for ceremony

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# Power!

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# Marx

- What is “ideology”?
  - ➔ “makes the rule by one group over another appear ‘natural’ and unquestionable” (p. 59)
  - ➔ Markers: e.g., spaces, buildings, clothing, titles, age, gender, etc.
  - ➔ Theories of ideology: critique/expose it

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# Foucault (“foo-coe”)

- Panopticon (p. 71-3)

- ➔ Know you are being watched (but can't see watcher)
- ➔ Internalize surveillance + modify behaviour
- ➔ Examples?
- ➔ Link to ideology?
- ➔ RLG101?



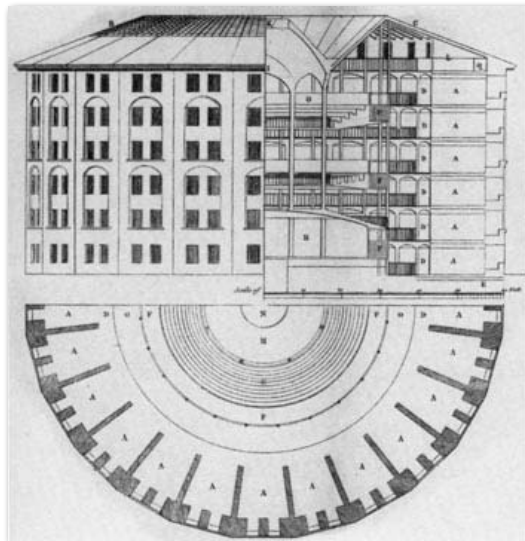
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# Foucault (“foo-coe”)

- Panopticon questions:

- ➔ Who is being watched, and by whom?
- ➔ Is surveillance literal or symbolic?
- ➔ Is surveillance affecting behaviour? (What is your evidence?)
- ➔ What KIND of watching is this? (E.g., punitive or supportive)

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## Field Research Analysis

- Gender includes *everyone*
  - ➔ Observe ALL the people
  - ➔ Who does which jobs? What do people wear? Who speaks? Who doesn't speak?
  - ➔ Then see if there are PATTERNS
- Gender is not self-evident
  - ➔ Be careful about assumptions

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## Feminist?

- Equal rights and opportunities
- Equal representation
  - ➔ Politics, media, business, **religions**, etc.
- Look for patterns!
- Sample test: imagine genders reversed
  - ➔ Try it yourself: online identities

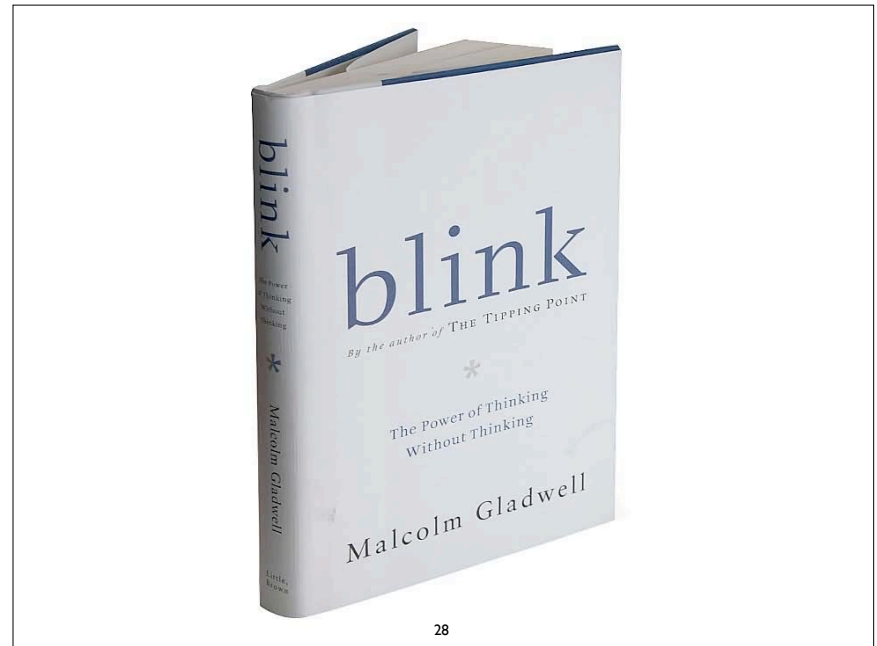
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## Gender Bias

- Movies
  - ➔ Bechdel Test, "Where the Girls Aren't"
- Equal pay for equal work
  - ➔ University professors!
- Study of scientific abstracts
- Orchestras

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# Are You Biased?

- Implicit Association Test:  
➔ <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>

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Who was the central  
character in  
*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*?

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#WheresRey



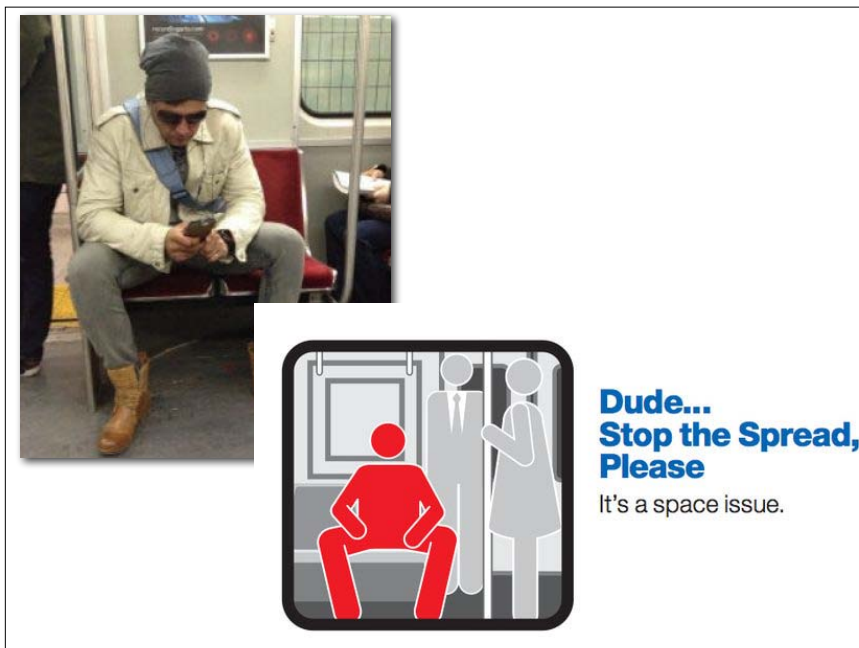
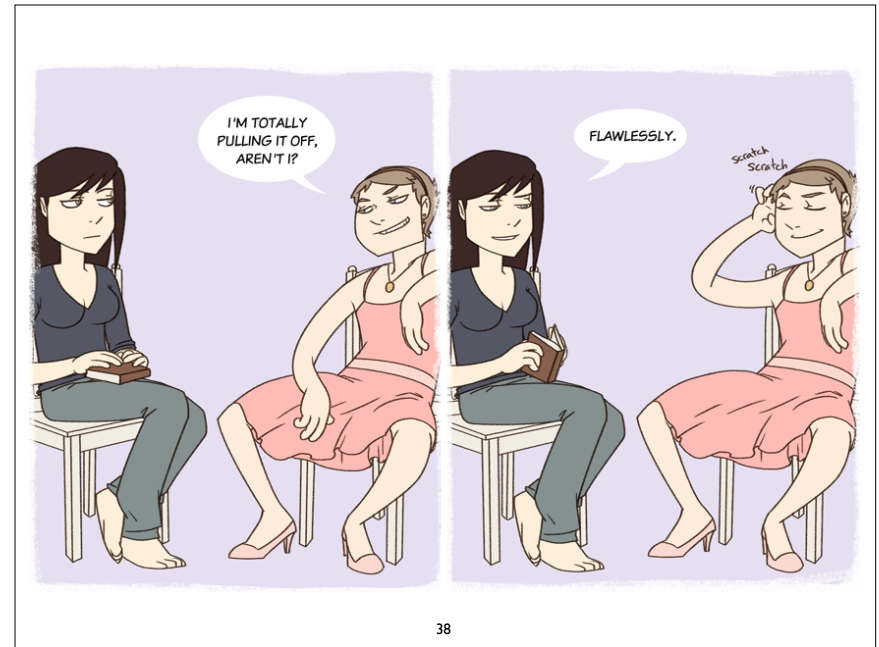
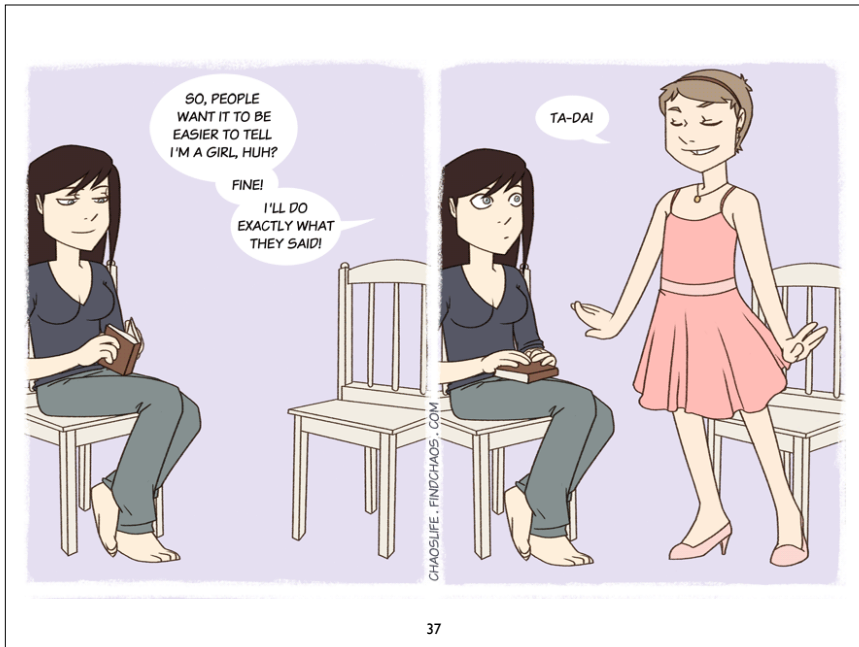
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## Gender

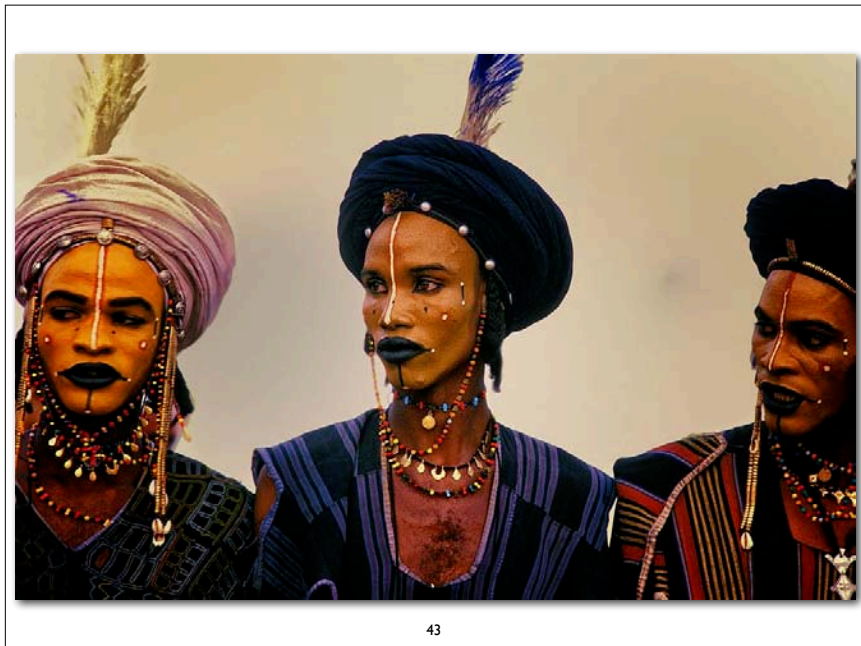
- Two key issues:
  1. **Gender constructions** (women AND men)
  2. **Power** (usually about **patriarchy**)
- Role of **religion**?
- Theorists: **critique** and **reform**

## Sex + Gender

- Biology ≠ gender
- Gender is **constructed** by culture (including religion)
  - ➔ Gender as performance (consider: public vs. private)
- Common idea in gender studies (no specific theorists mentioned by Nye)









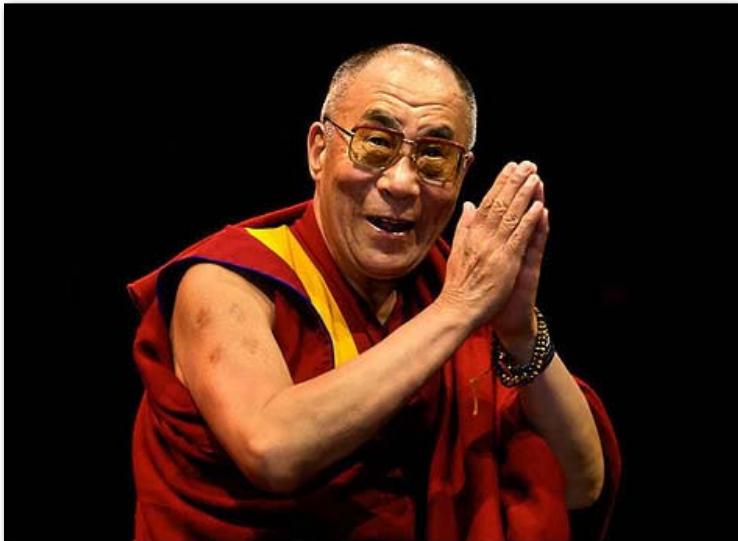


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OFTEN there is a link between gender **roles** and gendered **power**.

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## Dalai Lama

- Current DL about the next DL:
  - ➔ “If it is a female, the face should be very attractive.”
  - ➔ Woman: “biologically more potential to show affection and compassion”

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# Martin Luther

“Women . . . should remain at home, sit still, keep house, and bear and bring up children.”

“The word and works of God is quite clear, that women were made either to be wives or prostitutes.”

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- Darlene Juschka
- *Feminism in the Study of Religion: A Reader*



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# Gender Theories

- Ideologies of gender (Daly)
- “The symbolic” (Irigaray)
- Traditional values (Shukrallah)
- Agency (Asad + Nye + Spivak)
- Gender + sexuality (Butler)

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# Mary Daly

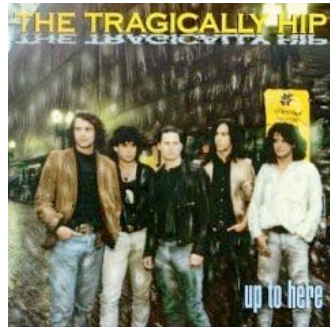
- Ideologies of gender + religion
  - ➔ How religion makes the rule of men seem natural / unquestionable
  - ➔ Relation between gender of god(s) and gender of people in power
  - ➔ Patriarchy!
  - ➔ Over-generalization (but still relevant much of the time)



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# Song!

- “New Orleans is Sinking”  
by The Tragically Hip (1989)



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# “New Orleans is Sinking”

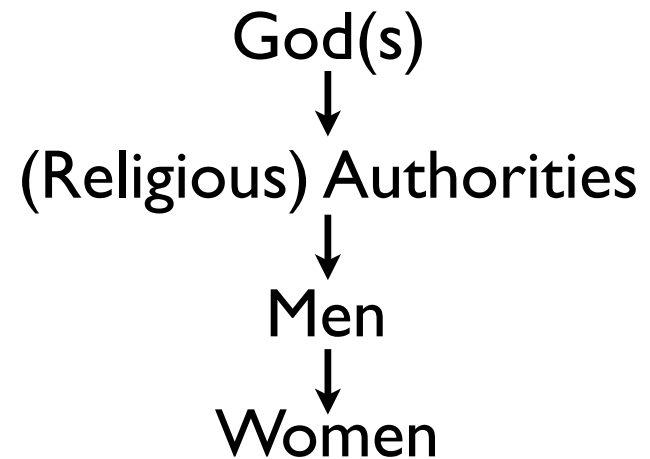
I looked up to the Lord above and said,

“Hey **man**, thanks. Sometimes I feel so good  
I gotta scream.”

**She** said, “Gordy baby I know exactly what  
you mean.”

She said . . . she said . . .  
I swear to God, she said.

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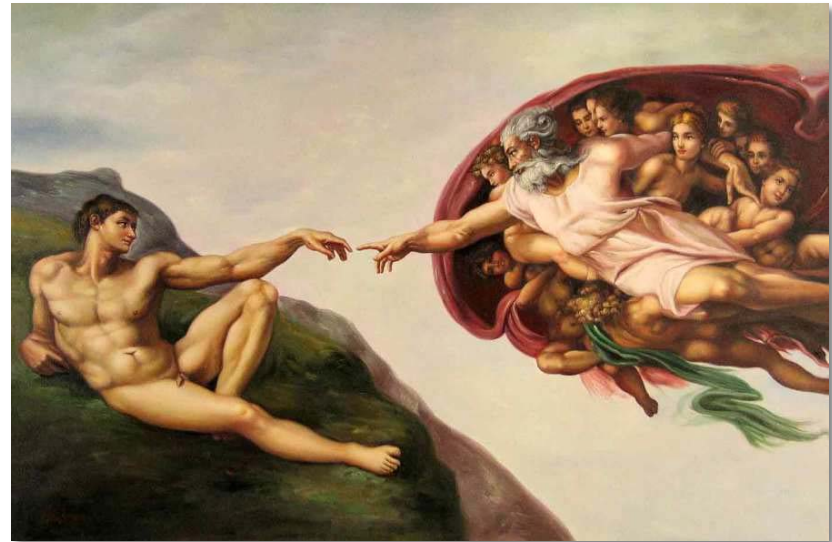
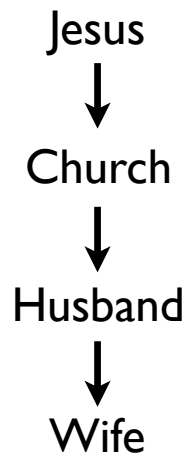


“Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church ...

Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.”

(New Testament: Ephesians 5:22-23)

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## Kali (Hinduism)



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## Luce Irigaray

- Language / “the symbolic”
  - ➔ Language shapes us (remember Derrida?)
  - ➔ Reflects gendered perspectives
  - ➔ “Mankind”, “man-made”
  - ➔ Deities as human ideal, “horizon of becoming”



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## Hala Shukrallah

- Women often expected to represent “traditional values”
  - ➔ May connect to issues of patriarchy **and/or** gender constructions
  - ➔ Catholic school + swearing
  - ➔ Field research: look at clothing, behaviour, roles, etc.

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## Asad + Nye + Spivak

- Agency
  - ➔ Issue of **choice**
  - ➔ More apparent when we rebel (Asad)
  - ➔ Also possible to choose conformity (Nye)
  - ➔ Link between agency and gender (Spivak)
  - ➔ Be careful of assumptions + *bias*

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Devoted.



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Devoted.



Oppressed.



Agency.



No agency.



Biased assumptions!

## Christianity + Veiling

- “Any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head.” (1 Cor 11:5)
- <http://www.headcoveringmovement.com/>



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# Judith Butler

- Gender and sexuality
  - ➔ Gender constructed as binary
  - ➔ Gender construction includes sexual orientation



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