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Miss Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo,
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Dear Miss de Lourdes Pintasilgo,

I was delighted to hear from Miss de Groothisen that you are willing to write a chapter in the book I am trying to edit on "The Heresy of Feminism" on the Ministry of Women in the Church of Rome. I enclose herewith a synopsis, from which you will see that I am not just trying to say nasty things about "priestesses" in Sweden. I believe myself that feminism is a real heresy - that is to say, the twisting of essential truth. The main object of the book is to try to state clearly the truths which feminism distorts. In the section on the Vocation of Women, I hope that each essay will give a factual statement of what is actually happening in the tradition concerned and what has happened down the centuries. This factual material should however be put into the context of the religious thought and practice out of which it springs, so that people from other traditions may have a better understanding of it.

I have been much impressed by my two brief visits to the International Grail Centre at Tittenberg, and I hope that you will not be unduly modest in the place you give it in your general description.

With my very best thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

INTRODUCTION

The Nature of Heresy. (Heresy as the distortion of essential truths:
Feminism as a typical example)

A. The Biblical and Historical background.

1. The Ministry of Women in the New Testament.
Dieter Voll.
2. "Demythologising the Liberal Illusion" (the "super gospel" which is more "Christian" than any actual part of the New Testament and which enables us to distinguish between those parts of the gospels and epistles which are "inspired" and those "not inspired" (i.e. which do not fit in with liberal humanism!))
3. Priestesses in the First Century.
(Professor E.R. Hardy)

B. The Theological and Anthropological Realities.

1. The Heresy of Feminism and the Fatherhood of God.
(Bishop Cassien)
2. The Christian Doctrine of Equality and the Effects of its Corruption.
(Michael Bruce)
3. The Nature of Women and the Nature of the Priesthood.
(Noel Davey)
4. The Priesthood and the Bride of Christ.
Fundação Cuidar o Futuro
5. The Dignity of the Blessed Virgin and the Place of Women in the Church.
(Professor George Florovsky)
Dr. Willibrand is helping me with getting the right man.

C. The Vocation of Women.

1. The Religious Vocation and the Apostolate of Women.
(Mother Margaret of Whitby)
2. The Ministry of Women in the Lutheran tradition. (A factual statement about what women have done and are doing - the different types of Deaconesses and women's communities)
(Arel Solbu)
3. The Ministry of Women in the Reformed tradition.
In Schotter
4. The Ministry of Women in the Anglican Communion. (This will, I hope, go far beyond describing the many types of work paid for by Church funds and deal with the rich variety of service offered to God by women as members of the body of Christ)
(Miss Monica Hardcastle)
5. The Ministry of Women in the Church of Rome.

EPILOGUE

The Ministry of Women in the Church of God.

(Editor)

