



Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism

Rita M. Gross

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism

Rita M. Gross

Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism Rita M. Gross

This book surveys both the part women have played in Buddhism historically and what Buddhism might become in its post-patriarchal future. The author completes the Buddhist historical record by discussing women, usually absent from histories of Buddhism, and she provides the first feminist analysis of the major concepts found in Buddhist religion. Gross demonstrates that the core teachings of Buddhism promote gender equity rather than male dominance, despite the often sexist practices found in Buddhist institutions throughout history.

Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism Details

Date : Published November 17th 1992 by State University of New York Press (first published November 1st 1992)

ISBN : 9780791414040

Author : Rita M. Gross

Format : Paperback 376 pages

Genre : Religion, Buddhism, Feminism, Philosophy, Nonfiction, Spirituality, Womens

 [Download Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analys ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism Rita M. Gross

From Reader Review Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism for online ebook

Mariana says

A fascinating book in it own right and the method of analysis can be applied to other religions like Quakerism. A bit too academic.

Caitlin Trepp says

Great ideas organized unforgivably poorly; the lecture she gave at my school was so amazing though I think her next book will be awesome...!

Jessica Zu says

This is certainly the most inspiring book I had ever read. At first, I was a little on guard knowing that Prof. Gross is practicing Tibetan Buddhism, a tradition full of deities and other worldly creatures. At the end of this book, she said, relationships with human beings are enough, others could be simply dispensable bonus, not essential to liberation (maybe I should call it deep peace 'cause liberation sounds like running away from here to somewhere else). The goal of spiritual practice is to achieve liberation within this world. Gross' vision of the post Patriarchy Buddhism is well balanced, with penetrating wisdom and deep satisfying for all human beings especially women. Though, i disagree with her on a few points, but those are really implementations rather than principle disagreements. I would like to translate this book into Chinese so that my fellow Chinese practitioners could also benefit from her wisdom and compassion. Horray Rita!

Mckinley says

Very helpful discussion of the role women have had in Buddhism. Much to consider.

Sara Gray says

This was a great and clear exploration of feminist issues within Buddhist philosophy and society throughout history, and I'm certain I'll come back to it for new ideas and approaches to my practice. Gross did a cogent job of pointing out the sexist aspects of Buddhism without throwing the baby out with the bathwater when it came to the valuable, pro-feminist aspects of it.

the gift says

230417: excellent work unifying, contrasting, mutually aiding, feminism and buddhism, in practice, in thought, in this very real world of patriarchal dominions. i notice this book is older than any of the young women who serve me at this coffeehouse, none of whom will allow claims of being feminists. perhaps they rather claim to be post- but this is just indication of how that term now characterizes more 'militant' attitudes. this is an error in thought. this book is written from a modern, western, open sort of culture, not reactionary and conservative, or so i liked to believe until certain political happenings...

my knowledge of buddhism has been almost entirely through reading. i have tried zazen, i have entertained searching conversations with some buddhist friends. i have not enacted any particular buddhist practices. my interest has been philosophical and in a sense it is the intellectual aspect, not the religious aspect i enjoy learning about. i could say that the same about feminism. i have read some but i am not a woman so do not 'live' the prejudice, androcentricity, misogyny, that this entails. rather i am fortunate in most ways socially, culturally, sexually, but hope this does not invalidate sincere interests...

so, this book. if there is a central theme it is: buddhism is (should be) non-patriarchal, shows no tendency towards valuing men more than women, not in language, politics, society, but has been used for 'justifications' of androcentric social and spiritual, immediate, ultimate, oppression of women. there is no such justification in buddhism, in original, modern, or contemporary forms, in any culture. there can be 'explanations' but these are suspect when shading into blaming the victim...

there is necessity to integrate thoughts of women buddhists in practice, thought, works, to correct the unfortunate if often unconscious male-dominant discourse of this way. this book is a valuable, engaging, step on this path. everything should be up for debate. it is mistaken to follow too much ancient texts and refuse to evolve as societies have. it frustrates me that half of humanity is still underrepresented, for what values, what concerns, that women may bring to buddhism is only to the betterment of any way. this is a book that in my reading is definitely a favourite. i want to read more on buddhism and feminism, so recs are welcome...

Celeste says

A must read for any woman considering the Buddhist path. Written by a practicing Buddhist and Professor of religion, it combines spiritual reflection with feminist, academic analysis. Gross acknowledges the ways in which Buddhism is problematic for feminists, while reconstructing a Buddhism that can be practiced with clear conscious.
