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Episode 3: Death & Dismemberment

The Bible –
Amazing chronicle of history?
Or a screenplay for an outrageously unbelievable “B” movie?
People have diverse opinions...

To be Christian means to be in a primary continuing conversation with the Bible as foundational for our identity and vision. If this conversation ceases or becomes haphazard, then we cease to be Christian, for the Bible is at the heart of Christianity.

~ *Marcus Borg*

The Old Testament is a chronicle of horrors, describing an egocentric collection of supernatural beings who were always doing rotten things to gentle souls.

~ *John Keel*

Both Genesis 19 and Judges 19 are disturbing examples of how moral order, always precarious in the Bible, is turned upside down when one lives in an age governed by human selfishness.

~ *Jonathan Kirsch*

Violence and sex, and sex and violence. Is that all that’s in this Book?

~ *Robert Bilmont*

Oh miserable men, who destroy your own species through those pleasures intended to reproduce it.

~ *Rousseau*

If you believe that exposing your children to violence is a problem, by all means keep them away from the Bible.

~ *Rev. Charles Henderson*

The Bible does not exalt and dignify women.

~ *Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

What is often overlooked is that the Bible – and the culture that the Bible defines and describes – treated women with greater care and respect than they generally enjoyed elsewhere in the ancient Near East.

~ *Jonathan Kirsch*

The Old Testament suggests that women lived only as objects to be bartered, abused, and sacrificed by men.

~ *Anne Michele Tapp*

From Eve through Sarah and Esther, women have shaped sacred history through word and deed.

~ *Gila Ramaras-Rauch*

The ideologies expressed through many Bible stories are both degrading and deadly for women.

~ *Anne Michele Tapp*

I wonder if it is not possible that the book of Judges was composed by a deeply religious woman who is satirizing men who play God, a woman who is using humour to deflate the arrogant.

~ *Adrien Janis Bledstein*

An open-eyed reading of the Bible reveals that women play a crucial and dynamic role in the destiny of humankind, in both Jewish and Christian tradition.

~ *Jonathan Kirsch*

From start to finish, the Bible is a book of wild, shattering behaviour.

~ *Michael Ventura*

History and faith need each other.

~ *N.T. Wright*

Perhaps the Bible is filled with stories that are...
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