

Glimpses of Women in World Religions – Life Long Learning Institute, Georgian Triangle

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1) Snapshots of women as change-makers and 'conflict-makers'

- Judaism, Islam, Hinduism - Reclaiming messages of equity

2) Women in Judaism

- ORTHODOX – full following of law of Moses/Torah
- REFORM – liberal – prophetic interpretation vs. law
- CONSERVATIVE – followers of law, but modern context
- RECONSTRUCTIONIST – most radical of strands, rejects 'chosenness' Jews
- Orthodox
 - Bat Mitzvah (female coming of age ceremony)
 - Mikveh – ritual cleansing
- Rituals
 - Inclusive/exclusive
 - Imitative/inventive

3) Women in Islam

- Women leading prayer
- Amina Wadud (USA)
 - Call to prayer – Azan
 - Um Warraq, permission from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
 - Qur'an – justice/intent
- Raheel Raza (Canada)
 - *Their Jihad...Not My Jihad, How can you possibly be a Muslim Feminist*
- Daud Sharifa Khanum
 - Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu – women's only mosque
- Azeezah Kanji (Toronto)
 - Program Director, Noor Centre
- Muslims for Progressive Values
- Islamic Feminism
- Shazia Mirza, British stand-Up comedian

4) Women in Hinduism

- Maharashtra, India
 - Shankar Seva Samiti, training of women priests
- Women Gurus
 - Enlightened beings / teachers
- Amma (Kerala, South India)
 - Mother of Absolute Bliss/ The Hugging Mother
 - Ashram