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A Study through Titus



First Wave Feminism



Mary Wollstonecraft



A
VINDICATION
OF THE
RIGHTS OF WOMAN:
WITH
STRICTURES
ON
POLITICAL AND MORAL SUBJECTS.

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MEMORIAL

OF THE

AMERICAN EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION to the CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The undersigned, Officers and Representatives of the American Equal Rights Association, are partially but earnestly protest against any change in the Constitution of the United States, or legislation by Congress, which shall lodge within the principle of Republican government, by prescriptive distinctions in rights of suffrage and citizenship, on account of color or sex.

Your Memorials would respectfully represent, that neither the colored man's loyalty, bearing on the battle field and general good conduct, nor woman's heroic devotion to liberty and her country, in peace and war, have yet availed to admit them to equal citizenship, even in this enlightened and republican nation.

We believe that humanity is one in all these intellectual, moral and spiritual attributes, out of which grow human responsibilities. The scripture declaration is, "as that created man in his own image, male and female created he them." And all divine legislation throughout the realm of nature recognizes the perfect equality of the two conditions. For colored and female are but different conditions.

Neither color nor sex is ever discharged from obedience to law, natural or moral; justice or injustice. The criminals, there shall not slay, nor kill, nor commit adultery, know nothing of sex in their demands; nothing in their penalty. And hence we believe that all human legislation which is at variance with the divine code, is necessarily unrighteous and unjust.

Women and the colored man are asked to support many literary and humane institutions, into which they must enter, except in the purely paid capacity of moral agents. Women has been taxed, whipped, branded with red hot iron, imprisoned and hung; but when was woman ever tried by a jury of her peers?

Though the nation declared from the beginning that "all just governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed," the consent of woman has never asked to a single statute, law, ever nearly it affected her dearest womanly interests or happiness. In the dispensation of the old world, of sorcery and witchcraft, women, prodigies, gnomes, woad, vipers, tyrants, or otherwise, from Semiramis and Cleopatra, to Catherine of Russia and Margaret of Anjou, have reigned, ruled, ruled, imperial scepters; while in this republic and Christian land in the nineteenth century, women, intelligent, adorned in every revealing gift and grace, may not even vote on the appropriation of her own property, or the disposal and destiny of her own children. Literally she has no rights which man is bound to respect; and her civil privileges she holds only by sufferance. For the power that gives, can take away, and at that power she is too poor. In most of the States, those hated distinctions apply to women, and to the colored man alike.

Your Memorials fully believe that the time has come when such injustice should cease.

Women and the colored man are legal, patriotic, property holding, law-abiding, thereby being citizens; and we earnest believe that such no compromise should be any ground for civil or political degradation.

In our Government, one-half the citizens are disfranchised by their sex, and about one-third by the color of their skin; and thus a large majority have no voice in creating or amending the laws they are bound to support and compelled to obey, with the same fidelity as the more favored class, whose sacred prerogative it is to rule.

Agreed with, although on the very name of republican freedom, your memorials do and must ever protest. And is not our protest everywhere as just against the tyranny of "sexless selfish egotism," as was that thundered from Boston Hill, when our revolutionary fathers fired the shot that shook the world?

And your Memorials especially remember, at this time, that our country is still reeling under the shock of a terrible civil war, the legitimate result and righteous retribution of the vilest slave system ever suffered among men. And in restoring the foundations of our nationality, your memorials most respectfully and earnestly pray that all discriminations on account of sex or race may be removed; and that our Government may be republican in fact as well as form; a government by the people, AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE; FOR THE PEOPLE, AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE.

In behalf of the American Equal Rights Association,

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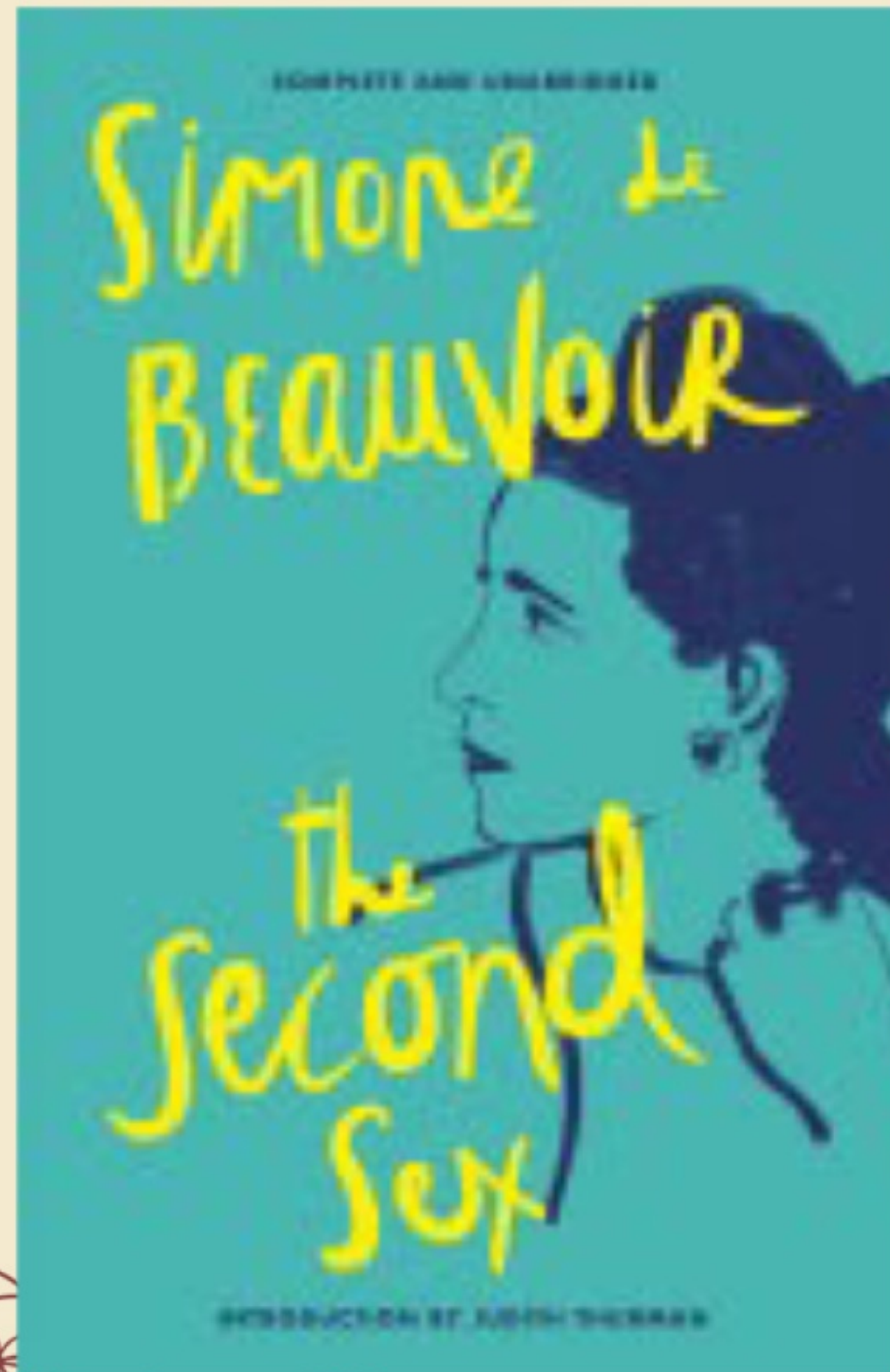


Second Wave Feminism





Simone de Beauvoir





Betty Friedan











THIRD-WAVE FEMINISM





Alisa Childers: Modern feminism often frames traditional roles as oppressive, leading us to undervalue the unique contributions of women and men. However, we must recognize that the roles God has designed for us are not burdens but honors.



Modern Feminism is so poisonous in our culture. It has convinced us that we're less than. God's design is beautiful, why are we messing with it?



Complementarianism: the view that men and women have different but complementary roles. God created men and women to complete each other.



Egalitarianism: the view that men and women are fully equal in all things and can serve equally within the church.



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Patriarch: the male head of a family or tribal line.



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Patriarchy: a social system in which power is held by men, through cultural norms and customs that favor men and withhold opportunity from women.



Websters 1828

Patriarchy: The jurisdiction of a patriarch; a patriarchate.



POST-PATRIARCHY.

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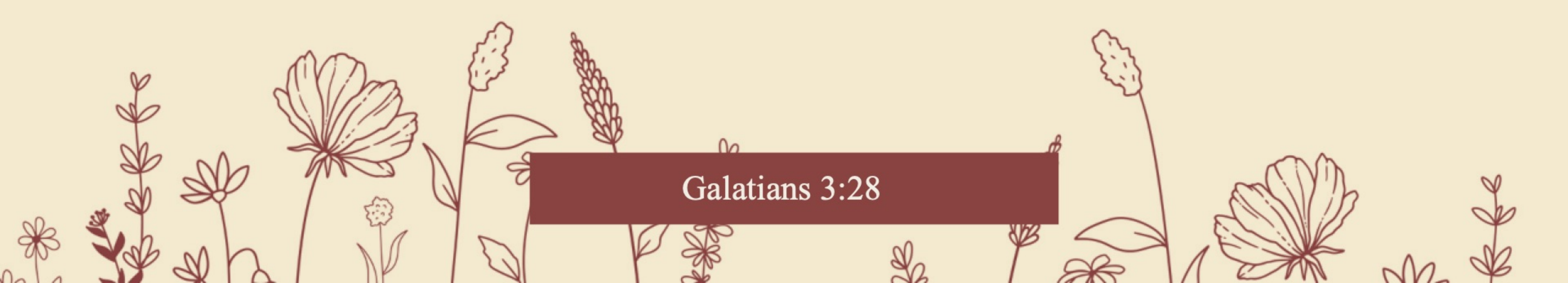
Ephesians 5



1 Peter 3, Colossians 3, Titus 2 and Ephesians 5:22.

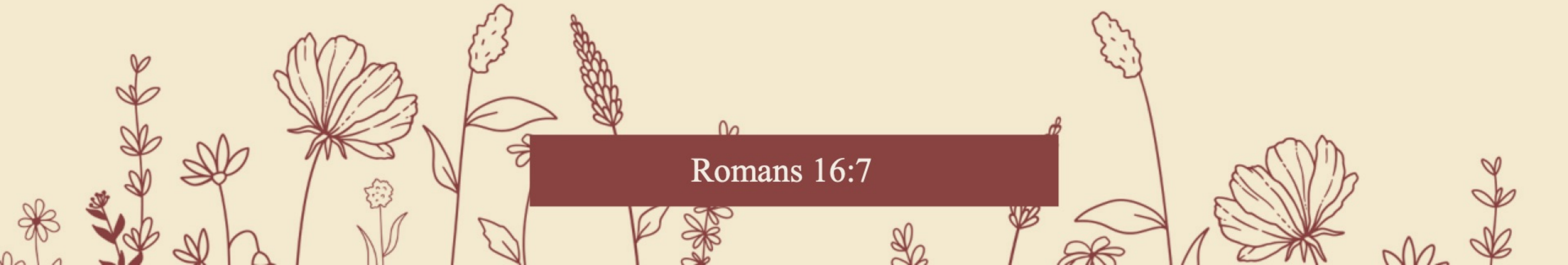


"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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Galatians 3:28

"Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me."

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Romans 16:7

“Time after time, Jesus’ behavior toward women was a scandalous breach of decorum and a challenge to the gender boundaries of the first century.”

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Walter Brueggemann

“...the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”

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Titus 2:3-5