

**You told me, Man,  
God really has a  
sense of humor,**

**and I thought,**

**Yes,  
She does.**

God is still speaking.  
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This slide is difficult for many of us who maintain a traditional theological perspective to accept. Jesus referred to god as He, Him and as Father. To refer to God as she simply because it seems to make a point is at best pandering to popular culture and at worst is blasphemy. The church is here to lead, not to acquiesce.

One can say that the authors of the scriptures had cultural biases that would have prevented them from recording any of Jesus' remarks that cast God in a female context. Well, one could say

that, but it is a slippery slope that brings up essential issues about the authority of scripture. No doubt those who wrote the Gospels containing Jesus' words had cultural biases, but to accept their writings as correct with respect to the spiritual principles of our faith but to reject their writings as accurate recordings of the words of Jesus with respect to the attributes of God seems disingenuous.

We can wring our hands about what might have been the authors' cultural biases, however, I would invite you to consider that Jesus was the only person alive at the time who knew that the stars that he saw at night and the sun that he saw during the day were essentially the same (or very similar) fusion processes. Because these authors of the scriptures were not aware that the world they were standing on, sitting on or reclining on when they wrote was orbiting a star, do we then reject what they wrote by saying, "What could these uninformed people who believed a lot of rustic things about their world have known about deep mystical and spiritual principles?"

Why are we willing to tolerate one type of cultural (or informational) bias and yet presume that another bias has resulted in a slanted basis of how we are to view God? You might make some progress with the assertion that God, being spirit, has no actual gender, but you will not make any progress with the assertion that God is a She.