

# **THE INEVITABILITY OF PATRIARCHY**

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Author assumes physiological aspects of our being make us male and female.

His thesis assumes male dominance is rooted in physiological differences between men and women. These physiological differences lead to cognitive and behavioral differences. This thesis therefore stresses the central importance of psycho-physiological factors.

This thesis further assumes hormones influence the central nervous system and therefore hormones influence thought and actions. This thesis therefore stresses the central importance of neuro-endocrinological factors.

Men respond to competition and threats with a stronger physiological response than women. And men also respond to status and hierarchy in a stronger way than women.

There has never been a society without hierarchy and status.

There are universal realities rooted in the deepest nature of human beings. All societies have manifested 3 institutions:

1. Men have dominated all of the political and ruling hierarchies. They have held the top positions of power.
2. Men are more interested in status, have occupied the highest status roles and will sacrifice for status.
3. Dominance is associated with males and this is inevitable. Women have had to “get around” men to attain power. (In America in the 1930’s it was valued for men to take the lead.)

Goldberg wrote this book on the assumption that diversity is desirable and he feels that men should be men and women should be women based on these inevitable differences in physiology. He laments that in 500 years from now there will be a homogenized culture worldwide but he feels diversity is desirable.