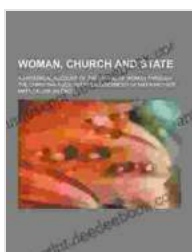


Woman, Church, and State: Matilda Joslyn Gage's Radical Feminism

Matilda Joslyn Gage was a leading feminist and freethinker of the 19th century. She was a prolific writer and speaker, and her work was instrumental in the development of the women's suffrage movement. Gage was also a strong advocate for the rights of Native Americans and other marginalized groups.

Gage's most famous work is her book, *Woman, Church, and State*, which was published in 1893. In this book, Gage argues that the patriarchal system is the root of all oppression, and she calls for a radical restructuring of both the church and state. Gage's book was controversial in its time, but it has since been recognized as a classic work of feminist thought.



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Gage's analysis of the patriarchal system is still relevant today. She argues that the church and state are two sides of the same coin, and that they both

work to maintain the power of men over women. The church, she says, teaches women that they are inferior to men and that their place is in the home. The state, she says, enforces this inequality through laws that discriminate against women.

Gage's solution to this problem is to dismantle both the church and state. She calls for a new society based on equality and justice for all, regardless of gender. Gage's vision is a radical one, but it is one that is still worth fighting for today.

Gage's Life and Work

Matilda Joslyn Gage was born in Cicero, New York, in 1826. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a schoolteacher. Gage was a bright and curious child, and she loved to read. She was also a strong-willed and independent thinker.

In 1845, Gage married Henry H. Gage. The couple had three children together. Gage continued to write and speak out for women's rights after her marriage. In 1852, she published her first book, *The History of Woman Suffrage*. This book was a groundbreaking work, and it helped to lay the foundation for the women's suffrage movement.

Gage was also a strong advocate for the rights of Native Americans. In 1869, she published a book called *The Indian Question*. This book was a scathing indictment of the U.S. government's treatment of Native Americans. Gage argued that Native Americans were the rightful owners of the land, and she called for the government to return their land to them.

Gage was a prolific writer and speaker. She published over 20 books and pamphlets, and she gave countless speeches. She was a tireless advocate for the rights of women and Native Americans, and her work helped to make the world a more just and equitable place.

The Legacy of Matilda Joslyn Gage

Matilda Joslyn Gage was a pioneer of the women's suffrage movement and a leading advocate for the rights of Native Americans. Her work helped to lay the foundation for the social justice movements of the 20th century.

Gage's legacy is still felt today. Her work continues to inspire activists and scholars who are working to create a more just and equitable world.

Here are some of Gage's most famous quotes:

- "The church has been the great bulwark of slavery, the great defender of every species of tyranny."
- "The state has been the great engine of oppression, the great upholder of every form of injustice."
- "Woman has been the great victim of both church and state."
- "The time has come for a new order of things, for a new heaven and a new earth, where there shall be no more tyranny, no more injustice, no more oppression."

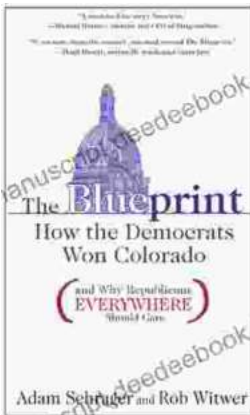
Matilda Joslyn Gage was a visionary who dedicated her life to fighting for a better world. Her work is a testament to the power of one person to make a difference.



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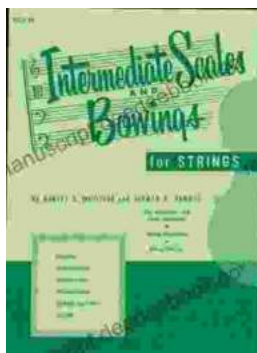
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