

Gallery of Goddesses I: Athena

Today's Athena is born
not of woman's womb
but of Father Consciousness.

This daughter of man
from Monday to Friday
chastely climbs the ladder.

And on the weekend
she rescues the broken heart
behind her starched white shirt.

Gallery of Goddesses II: Lilith

Lilith was
man's first partner
the fallen primeval angel who,
when Sky God and Adam
commanded her to serve,
uttered woman's first NO.

You must be mother and muse,
they said.

You may suck my clit,
she said.

So Sky God and Adam banished her
to the alleys and wilderness
where she found comfort
with saints and beggars.

Then Father Law used her to warn
women to keep their pride
and sexuality in check.

And Father Law used her to sanction
mankind stealing riches
from women and nature.

So feared was Lilith's
primal demand
for justice and survival

that men and women
pushe her out of mind
to the badlands of resistance.

Lilith comes now
not to comfort us
but to reveal
her dark heart.

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Multiple Choice

New mind game: replace
dated individualism,
centrefold lust,
icing-on-the-cake,
churchgoing premiums:

- A Amway — pyramid to success
- B Sex-therapy — positional flexibility
- C Creative divorce — positive solo pillow talk
- D Charismatic renewal — how to lay hands on heaven

When your mind-expanding face
wavers back at you
from a stagnant pool,
choose one of the following
and chant:

Blessed be (a) amway
(b) sex therapy
(c) creative divorce
(d) charismatic renewal

that saves us from (a) poverty
(b) impotence
(c) loneliness
(d) perdition

May we always (a) think positive
(b) be kinky
(c) be real
(d) save souls

and may we never (a) lose sales
(b) be boring
(c) trap a mate
(d) admit other truths

lest we (a) get demoted
(b) have a headache
(c) settle down
(d) be open-minded

so that we may be (a) rich
(b) multiply orgasmic
(c) swingers
(d) saved

all the days of our lives. Amen.

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