

aussi des hommes — en dépit des changements liés à l'urbanisation et à la modernisation, la tradition persiste.

Il n'est pas possible dans les limites de cet article de situer le système dotal à l'intérieur du réseau plus vaste des relations sociales et des institutions formelles qui lui accordent le pouvoir particulier de définir ce qui est convenable mais aussi normal, c'est-à-dire naturel. L'histoire spécifique des femmes, liée en théorie comme en pratique à l'Eglise Grecque Orthodoxe, et à la Chrétienté en général, l'accord entre l'Etat chypriote et cette Eglise qui accorde à ce dernier un pouvoir politique dans la plupart des domaines déterminants pour la vie des femmes, et particulièrement les conséquences d'une guerre qui a laissé bien des femmes sans époux, tout ceci devrait être pris en considération si l'on voulait expliquer pleinement comment le système dotal est exemplaire d'un pouvoir patriarcal, soutenu par coutumes et traditions, Eglise et Etat.

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God grant me madness when I'm old. I want to be the bag lady at the reception, to haunt the premieres and the comings-out in nothing but rags and old silk flowers, drooped and flagging as the skin upon my neck. I want to be scorned, yet there, I want to be there, where the life is, under the sneers and condescension, under the false barriers which create a true excitement, let me be there, defiant till the end, in my torn stockings all the courage of the lost and tired — but there, there, still and always there, as strong as diamonds in a brooch of steel, let me be there.

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