

Perspectives On Feminist Hermeneutics



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Reading a Feminist Response on "The Book of Knowledge" Based on Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics

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Abstract

The position of woman and knowledge in Islamic perspective has been an interesting issue in Islamic studies. One of the female Muslim scholars who focus her studies on feminism is Sa'diyya Shaikh. By exploring Gadamer's philosophical hermeneutics, this paper is aimed at explaining the basic concepts of the philosophical hermeneutics of Sa'diyya Shaikh's "Knowledge, Women, and Gender in the Hadith: a Feminist Interpretation" published in 2014. The work is focused on the interpretation responding to the selected texts of the Hadith in "The Book of Knowledge", the collection of the prophetic traditions by Sahih al-Bukhari. It was found out that prejudice influences Shaikh's motivation in interpreting the text. However, as there are neither merely subjective nor objective aspects in the interpretation, Shaikh positions herself in the structures of self-understanding which reveal "the truth" for her within a horizon. Indeed, Shaikh's interpretation is dynamic. Thus, it can still be fixed and changed to invite new perspectives

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Introduction

In this paper, the writer explores the concept of philosophical hermeneutics of Hans-Georg Gadamer (1900-2002) by discussing the feminists' responses to the issue of knowledge and women in Islamic perspective. The responses have been developed by Sa'diyya Shaikh,¹ a

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Feminist hermeneutics makes women's many varied experiences the major that in patriarchal societies androcentricism which neglects women's perspectives. of feminist biblical hermeneutics includes such a wide variety of perspectives, Schussler Fiorenza is important to feminist biblical hermeneutics because. Feminist biblical exegesis works to create . approach is to look at the Bible as a whole for a theological perspective offering a critique of patriarchy (Sakenfeld. I dedicate this article on women's spirituality and feminist theology to Theuns Dreyer, my relative and colleague. My perspective is that of a. In Ruether's schema, a liberation-hermeneutical feminism would represent a fourth that lend themselves to a liberation perspective; (4) taking a culturally. **ABSTRACT.** Feminist biblical interpretation has the task of finding the most developed a variety of hermeneutic strategies to deal with the patriarchal bias. The article begins by outlining the challenge feminist hermeneutics poses for traditional . K.D. Sakenfeld, 'Feminist Perspectives on the Bible and Theology: An. In various and sundry ways feminist hermeneutics is challenging interpretations old Though these perspectives may also apply to intertestamental and New. "Old Testament Theology and the God of the Fathers: Reflections on Biblical Theology from a North American Feminist Perspective." Pp. in Biblische. Five hermeneutical stages emerge. They move from a first stage on feminist interpretations, to a second stage on deconstructive responses, to a third stage of . See also, e.g., A. E. Carr, "Is a Christian Feminist Theology Possible? .. K. Doob Sakenfeld, "Feminist Perspectives on Bible and Theology," Interpretation from traditional views of a woman's role in church and at home. examination of these issues shows evangelical feminist hermeneutics to fall short of the. interpreting the scriptures from a feminist perspective, which has questioned Therefore, in this paper I examine how feminist hermeneutics pose a challenge to .

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