

THE WOMAN AND THE MYTH --MARGARET FULLER'S LIFE & WRITINGS

by Bell Gale Chevigny, The Feminist Press

p.2: "As feminist too she may surprise us. For Fuller experienced feminism as part of her growth, not as an end in itself."

p.3: "But it was space(?rd), not time, that made the dif. For in Italy she acted out her character, in her words--taking a love & joining the rev. as she had not been able to do either pol--ly or privately in Am." (rd with Vivian Gornick's analysis)

p.6 In the yrs. immediately following her departure for Europe women like her met together to form a movement --Seneca Falls Conv.

Invention? of feminism p.7 Am. followed by social criticism & finally commitment to socialism both po.&social in Italy

Part IV, pp.209-280 1st begins Feminist

" Conversations" began 11/1839 & contd. for 5 winters.--all involved later in Abolitionist moveent

p.215: "By 1843 however in a long essay for the July issue of The Dial...in "The Great Lawsuit: Man vs. Men: Woman vs. Woman" which was to become 19th she argue to restrain woman's self-dev. was to inhibit that of the whole human race." Q MF, p.219: "What woman needs is not as a woman to act or rule, but as a nature to grow, as an intellect to discern, as a soul to live freely & unimpeded, TO UNFOLD SUCH POWERS AS WERE GIVEN HER WHEN WE LEFT OUR COMMON HOME." AFTER WHICH MF moves to Abolitionism, & to activity, incl. asking women en masse to oppose annexation of Texas.

p.220, Author, Chevigny, rightly says MF's work was an advance of Wolstonecraft "chiefly in its insistence that woman must take responsibility for her own liberation."

NB NB NB Interesting if reference (p.223) to Worcester Conv. (1850 rather than 1851 cited as date?) where Faulina Wright Davis lamented Fuller's death since she had hoped this "leader of thought" would come home to lead the movement. (Is that same convention which sent greetings to French women?)

From Fr. Rev. to objection to use of word "manly" & praise also as "surpassed your sex"--which is why she accuse for not "intellectually discerning the destiny of Woman. The boy wants no woman, but only a girl to play ball with & mark his pocket."

Whose poem? "Tremble not before free man, but before the slave who has chains to break."

p.255: "Mary Wolstonecraft, like Mme. Dudevant (commonly known as Geo. Sand in our da?, was a woman whose exostermce netter proved the need of some new intepretatopm of Woman's Rts. than anything she wrote. (Such beings, as these, rich in genius..."

"I HAVE URGEND ON Woman INDEPENDENCE of Man..." (p.277

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Part V --The Social Critic & Journalist

p.289 In NY as journalist for Tribune she 1st gets political, 1st in meeting Isaac Hopper "the intrepid Underground Rrd. enginner & last Quaker ..who was also planning 1st 1/2-way hse for female convincts....Cassius M. Clay, anti-salvetry publisher

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p. 294, On 8/5/45 Fuller translates from Paris correspondent  
Deutsche Schnellpost by a Heinrich Bornstein  
re a cr. of Marx & cr. of Marx's Holy Family plus closing  
with Q from FE's Conditions of Wkgilas: "This is surely among the  
very earliest notices of Marx & Engels.

8/1846 Fuller sails  
for England.

Final Part 70 - THE RADICAL IN ITALY

12/12/49: "I have become  
an enthusiastic Socialist."

Feb. 2848 rev. both for rev. & class struggle.