



What about these 10+ common objections?

1. Adam named Eve, so he is in charge.

There were two namings. The first naming came in the joy of Gen. 2:23. The man described their similarity in the world's first poem ("*bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh*"), ending his search for a similar partner. There is NO indication that the man was in charge of her, but he was amazed and thrilled! The second time the man named the woman was in Gen. 3:20. In this story, they were *not* unified, and they were *not* sinless. He called her by her biological function ("*Mother of all the living*"). At that time, in the post-Fall world, he was ruling over her.

2. Eve took Adam's family name.

Actually, both were called "*adam*" = humankind. See Gen. 5:1-2. "*Adam*" was not always a proper name. In some cultures today, the woman takes the man's last name. In many Asian cultures, the woman keeps her last name in marriage, and the children take the dad's name.

3. Eve sewed the fig leaves.

Not in the text. People who claim Eve sewed the fig leaves are reading their worldview into the text.

4. The first man got in trouble for "listening" to his wife.

God simply spoke facts (Gen 3:17). Listening does not indicate disobedience. Eating from the forbidden tree was the disobedience. God also told Abraham to listen to his wife (Gen 21:12).

5. Man was created first and is therefore the leader.

Man was created before the woman, but what was created before the man? Animals, plants, dirt.

6. Women are more easily deceived.

Do you know any foolish men? We do. Do you know any foolish women? We do. Was it a man or woman that started Buddhism, Islam, Marxism/Communism, Mormonism? In fact, it was men that started those ideologies which impact literally billions of people. The enemy can deceive either gender. Trust godly women's brains, hearts, and intuition!

7. Women should stay at home.

Where is that in the Bible? It's not there. God instructed both male and female to "rule the earth." Paul instructed women to manage their homes well (1 Tim. 5:14). In Titus 2:4-5 Paul contrasted "lazy/idle" (1:12) with "busy/working" at home. He never tells women to stay there. Can you think of a Bible woman who worked outside the home? We can!

8. No female pastors are named in the Bible.

Neither is one male pastor named. The word *pastor* is only used **one** time in the NT in Ephesians 4:11. There were no "senior pastors", "executive pastors", "teaching pastors" or other modern options in the early Church.

9. Men are the "Prophet, Priest, and King" of the home.

Rest easy, brothers. Jesus IS all three, but the Bible NEVER says that responsibility is yours. In the Old/New Testaments, those duties were *never* combined into one person. Only Jesus can fulfill all three!

10. A women in the pulpit is: "a slippery slope to accepting immorality in the church," or, "like a camel putting its nose under the tent, soon the whole camel is inside."

Being a woman is NOT a sin, nor are women like camels! Accept what is good and holy. Reject dishonorable, shameful sin. Understand what qualifies a person to lead in the church... righteous living and growing, maturing faith.

11. A marriage without a leader is: "like a ship without a captain", "an army without a general", "a two-headed monster"!

The analogy may be true for ships or armies, but they are not accurate pictures of marriage. Both can lead and follow at different times based on their strengths, like good friends do. Two hearts/minds working in unity is a powerful model!

Key Term

Objections...

often conceal a secondary agenda.

**Many common objections
have simple answers.**

Conclusion

Keep in mind God's character, God's kingdom, and God's mission. He wants to multiply His laborers.

4 Crucial Questions

1. What does this teach us about **GOD**?
2. What does this teach us about **PEOPLE**?
3. What command should I **OBEY**?
4. With whom can I **SHARE** this?