

THE DEMONIZED FEMININE: LILITH AND THE PATRIARCHAL OPPRESSION

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ABSTRACT

The patriarchal ideas that preserve traditional gender roles and power structures have helped to promote the idea of the demonised feminine in many different cultures and faiths. Lilith is a legendary entity that appears in ancient literature and folklore from several civilizations and she represents the archetype of the demonised feminine in its purest form. The historical roots and development of the Lilith myth are examined in this abstract along with its contribution to patriarchal tyranny and the demeaning representation of strong, independent women. We shed light on the larger problem of gender-based discrimination and the urgent need for a paradigm change towards gender equality and empowerment by looking at the socio-cultural ramifications of Lilith's demonization.

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