

“No scholar of the New Testament and church has spent more energy in examining and explicating the role of women in leadership and teaching and preaching than Phil Payne. His scholarship is well-known and impeccably fair-minded. This book judiciously and pastorally unravels the tight threads woven by complementarians and weaves them into a fresh, new tapestry that is both biblical and pastoral. It will be for me the go-to book for lay folks who need a response to the complementarians.”

Scot McKnight, Chair of New Testament, Northern Seminary, Jesus Creed

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Peter H. Davids

The Reverend Peter H. Davids, Ph.D., BSCD
Chaplain, Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory

“I have read most of the books written by complementarians and evangelical egalitarians and I think Philip Payne’s are the best. It is the fruit of forty years of study by a first-rate biblical scholar who does not avoid any difficult issues. The scholarly depth and the clarity of his writing is exceptional.”

Kevin Giles, Anglican pastor and theologian

“Seeing well-developed arguments in this brief and non-confrontational format is an eye-opening experience. The Bible comes alive as a book written for men and women who are more alike than has traditionally been acknowledged by much of Christendom.”

Rev. Dr. David Instone-Brewer

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H. G. M. Williamson

Emeritus Regius Professor of Hebrew, University of Oxford

“A compelling and highly readable case for the full equality of women and men. This remarkable book presents the best in New Testament scholarship for non-specialists.”

Harold Netland

Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Intercultural Studies
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

“A glorious blend of biblical history and theological analysis, Payne systematically dismantles the logical failures used to distort God’s Word intended for human flourishing. This book will bring enormous healing to the body of Christ.”

If you need a book that quickly and clearly exposes the failed teachings of male-headship arguments, *Why Can’t Women Do That?* is it! Respected by Christians the world over, Phil Payne’s research opens new doors of leadership for women.

Mimi Haddad Ph.D., President of CBE International.org

“A readable, well researched, well-reasoned book, demonstrating God’s consistent support of women throughout the Bible. Comprehensive, logical, and clear, this book is an indispensable treatment of women in the Bible. I enthusiastically recommend it to anyone eager to hear God’s high regard for women or anyone who wrestles with the Bible’s teaching on women.”

Rev. Dr. Grace Y. May, Association Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the Women’s Institute, William Carey International University

“If any reader wants to understand the egalitarian view of subjects such as head covering or a woman’s submission to her husband, this is the book to read. This is an easy-to-read and must-have book for any serious reader on the equality of man and woman in Christ.”

KeumJu Jewel Hyun, Founder and President, Matthew 28 Ministries, Inc. and Adjunct Professor of Theology of Work, Bakke Graduate University, Dallas, Texas.

“I highly value Philip for both his integrity and profound scholarship. *Why Can’t Women Do That?* is readable and easily understood. I give this book my highest recommendation.”

Dr. Felicity Dale: author, *The Black Swan Effect*

“Philip Payne’s work has been among the most recommended resources for explaining and defending evangelical gender egalitarianism. This new volume is written for a broad readership.”

Jeff Miller, editor of *Priscilla Papers*

“Philip Payne’s work on this subject has been an invaluable resource to me. His own authentic journey on the topic makes him an excellent guide. I am deeply grateful for his scholarship!”

Dr. R. Scott Lisea
Camps Pastor at Westmont College

“I heartily recommend this new book. You will be challenged by its careful exegesis and thoughtful exposition.”

Randy Colver, Fairburn, GA

“This is a great gift. Its popular rhetoric contributes to clarity and makes the argument even more persuasive. Payne’s disciplined study brings us ever so close to the original texts of scripture.”

Richard F. Kantzer, Holland Michigan