

Bible is with them, but decline to argue the point. A very convenient mode of begging the question! If they were sure the Bible supported their views, they would eagerly court, instead of shrinking from, discussion.

The Bible is very often unfairly quoted, and thus ostensibly made to support any meaning maintained by ignorant or unscrupulous special pleaders. I despise all such dishonest dealing. But misuse of the Bible cannot render us indifferent to its proper legitimate use and authority. The Bible must throw light on the normal position and duties of man and woman. Woman Suffrage advocates cannot be allowed to ignore all appeals to Sacred Scripture on the convenient, but transparent, subterfuge, that the Book is too sacred for everyday use. This is quite as irreverent and hypocritical as deliberate garbling or torturing of texts into forced constructions foreign to their real meaning. This over-strained affectation of reverence to hide real indifference, recalls the quarrel between Parson, and Mrs. Adams. Adams rebuked her for disputing his commands, and quoted many texts to prove the husband the head of the wife, etc. She answered, "It was blasphemy to talk Scripture out of church; that such things were very proper in the pulpit, but profane in common discourse."

Claims are preferred which, if granted, will revolutionise Christendom; and yet, forsooth, the Bible must not be imported into the discussion! Those who make this cool condition, show too plainly their distrust