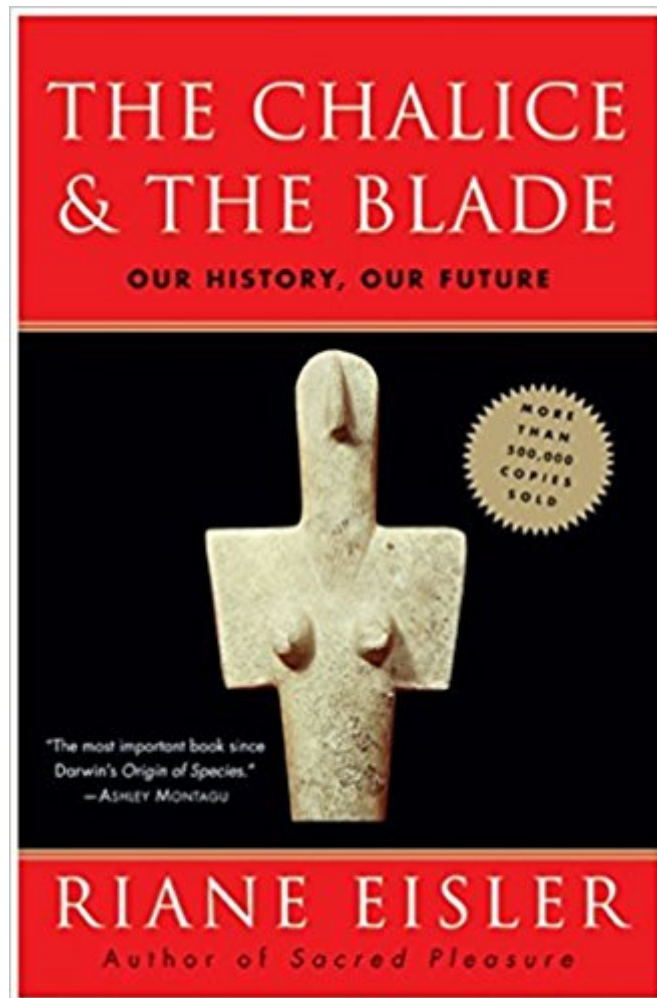




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# The Chalice And The Blade: Our History, Our Future



## Synopsis

The legacy of the sacred feminine  
The Chalice and the Blade tells a new story of our cultural origins. It shows that warfare and the war of the sexes are neither divinely nor biologically ordained. It provides verification that a better future is possible – and is in fact firmly rooted in the haunting dramas of what happened in our past.

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Some books are like revelations, they open the spirit to unimaginable possibilities. The Chalice and the Blade is one of those magnificent key books that can transform us and...initiate fundamental changes in the world. With the most passionate eloquence, Riane Eisler proves that the dream of peace is not an impossible utopia. -- Isabelle Allende, author of The House of the Spirits

Women played leading roles in the first Christian communities; Jesus' teachings had a feminist bent; ancient Hebrews worshipped the prehistoric goddess-mother well into monarchic times; and Nazis, with their system of male dominance, were a direct throwback to the Indo-European or Aryan invaders whom they crudely imitated. These controversial ideas and findings suggest the thrust of Eisler's highly readable synthesis. She convincingly documents the global shift from egalitarian to patriarchal societies, interweaving new archeological evidence and feminist scholarship. In her scenario, as women once venerated were degraded to pawns controlled by men, social cooperation gave way to reliance on violence, hierarchy and authoritarianism. The book, despite its jargon, is an

important contribution to social history. Eisler wrote *The Equal Rights Handbook*. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book, written in 1987 is a must read for the world we live in today! With the dominators in office and the harm they do in the world with constant wars and no diplomacy, this book historically lays out how this came about. We need a partnership world. We have outgrown the old methods and the pendulum has swung!

This is a deep, wonderful, and yet sad book about where we have been and what has happened to us. I noted that some people gave lower ratings because they disagreed with what the author says, however, one can disagree and still truly appreciate the thoughtfulness, scholarship, and courage that it took to write this book. I gave it five stars because it makes you think, opens your eyes, and offers a view of history that makes a lot of things fall into place and make sense. Eisler is certainly not the first to offer a view of history that has been hushed up for centuries. There is a growing cadre of voices that were once considered 'renegade' but each contributes a piece of the puzzle...and they all add up to a picture of our past that is congruent with what Eisler is saying. Read Merlin Stone, or Anatoly Fomenko, or Archarya S, and others.

This book continues to be as relevant as when it was written. The political contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump represents so clearly the "war" that continues on women and even on rationality. Fortunately, the excesses of androcentric behavior appear to be sinking Trump's candidacy. Thank Goddess! 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏

This book is one of the few that stops ignoring the elephant in the living room of archaeology and anthropology! The evidence has been there for decades, but nobody ever puts it all together and states what is clearly obvious -- that the earliest human societies weren't patriarchies (or matriarchies), and that societies weren't always ruled by men who used threats of violence to enforce their will on the populace. Whether you're looking at Catal Huyuk thousands of years ago or the Arawaks met by the first European explorers in the New World a few centuries ago, it's clear that extreme divisions of power, labor, and wealth are not the baseline state of human society. The author doesn't try to suggest that these cultures were completely peaceful, of course, which is one of the false claims I've seen about this book. It's good to know that humanity hasn't always lived under authoritarian men who dominate others and rule by the threat of violence. If enough of us

knew that, the future would be much, much brighter.

Was given this book by a student who told me she was assigned to read it at her University. Though it is from a scholars perspective, almost a documentarian device, I felt very connected to the history and current affair of women/men in the social, emotional and cognitive development and how we find ourselves interacting today and what is possible for tomorrow if we learn from our past. Every person should read this book as an insight to the male /female relationship and its potential.

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Fast service! As described! Would order from them again. Thank you.

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