



HerStory

The Gift of Woman

A series of ten talks and conversations
on the history and future of women
with **Elizabeth Rabia Roberts**

First session: February 19, 2017 Boulder, Colorado

Women will save the world! Of course, women must work together with men to build a new world; but unless enough women step up (and enough men step up to support them), the old social structures of war, aggression, economic injustice, and environmental destruction will continue to dominate. To help make truly transformative change, we need to understand who we are, how we got here, and what holds the patriarchy in place.

This Spring I will hold the first of the ten seminars that comprise the **HerStory** series. These were created as a synthesis of western

thought and history as seen through a woman's eyes. They are drawn from the work of generations of women activists, scholars and writers who have gifted us with a unique legacy of inspiration and empowerment.

Beginning in February, the first five seminars of **HerStory** will take us from our biological origins through human history to our unique capacities today, highlighting the gifts that only the feminine can bring to this unparalleled time of crisis.

You are invited to join with me and a group of other women in the first of these unique seminars.

Seminar 1: Sunday, February 19, 2-4 PM

How the Evolution of the Female Changed the World

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In this first session, we will explore the earliest stages of life: how the female came to be and created the male, triggering a cascade of differences and a complementarity that ensured the survival of our species. We will consider questions like the following:

- What kind of physical and social influences over the millennia determined the unique qualities and capacities of females?
- What do we know about the differences between female and male brains?
- What is unique about female evolution, and how did this influence the development of the human species?
- What brought about the patriarchy? How and why does it continue to undermine the well-being and power of women?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The first five gatherings of HerStory will be held on the following **SUNDAYS** from 2-4 PM:

- **February 19**
- **March 26**
- **April 23**
- **May 21**
- **June 18**

LOCATION: The address of the venue and directions will be sent to you after you register.

COST: The first seminar is free. There will be a charge of \$20.00 for each subsequent seminar. If you find this charge too much, you are welcome to pay only what you can afford. Likewise, women of greater means are invited to pay more for each seminar.

REGISTRATION: **Please register for this first seminar by emailing me at rabia@wakinguptogether.org.** (Knowing the size of the group will help me prepare the venue.) Please include your street address if you wish to receive pre- and post-meeting mailings.

Topics we will cover in the seminars:

- How Women Evolved and Why
- Differences between Male and Female Neurophysiology
- Can We Change?
- Why the Patriarchy is Still Here
- When God was a Woman
- The Feminine Mythos
- The Legacy of the Spirit–Matter Split
- Early Judaism and Greek Influence
- Christianity and Women
- Stages in the Women’s Movement
- Women’s Spirituality
- Our Shadow Side
- What is the New Story?



Elizabeth Rabia Roberts, Ed.D., is an internationally known citizen activist, spiritual teacher and women’s advocate. She has been a change agent for environmental and social justice for the last 50 years, living and working in countries as diverse as Burma, Brazil, Israel/Palestine, Syria, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Rabia has led spiritual retreats and leadership programs for women in a dozen countries around the world, bearing witness to thousands of women as they shared their political feelings and their most intimate stories. (In Afghanistan she was named a “global grandmother,” a title she cherishes above all others.)

Rabia received her M.A. in Philosophy at Marquette University and her Doctorate at Harvard University in Educational planning. She has worked for the well-being of women and children at the White House, National Public Radio, the FCC, and as a special consultant to John D. Rockefeller III. She co-created four ongoing educational programs, including Naropa University’s M.A. program in Environmental Leadership and SEM, a college for grass-roots activists based in Bangkok.

A popular speaker and teacher, Rabia is co-editor of *Earth Prayers* and *Letters from the Road*. She currently writes “Rabia’s Riffs” and directs the **Waking Up Together** project at wakinguptogether.org.