

CAT AND WOMAN: A CASE OF GENDER POLARITY

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ABSTRACT

Thou art the Great Cat, the avenger of the gods, and the judge of words, and the president of the sovereign chiefs, and the governor of the Holy Circle; thou art indeed the Great Cat.¹

The most well-groomed and favourite domestic animal is undoubtedly the cat, the friend of the lonely woman. The female gender is expected to be domesticated. Nobody speaks about grooming a member of the male gender to make him fit for the home. A cat that is not friendly and homely is never picked and provided; it must cater to our needs and be necessarily cute and endearing to enjoy the privileges. A wild cat and an “unconforming” woman are never accepted home. Thus, cat and woman share a similar fate. Denise M. Driscoll, a social psychologist, count cat as the indicators of human cultural adolescence: they entered human experience when people were making the difficult transition from hunting and gathering to settled communities engaging in sedimentary agriculture.

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¹Inscription on the Royal Tombs at Thebes.