

**THE ADVANCE OF  
WOMAN FROM THE  
EARLIEST TIMES  
TO THE PRESENT**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649038237

The Advance of Woman from the Earliest Times to the Present by Jane Johnstone Christie

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**JANE JOHNSTONE CHRISTIE**

**THE ADVANCE OF  
WOMAN FROM THE  
EARLIEST TIMES  
TO THE PRESENT**



31957



# THE ADVANCE OF WOMAN

FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES  
TO THE PRESENT

*Leons*

BY

JANE JOHNSTONE CHRISTIE



SEEN BY  
PRESERVATION  
SERVICES

DATE... JAN 30 1992



PHILADELPHIA & LONDON  
J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY

1912

HQ  
1121  
C48

COPYRIGHT, 1912, BY J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY

PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER, 1912.

PRINTED BY J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY  
AT THE WASHINGTON SQUARE PRESS  
PHILADELPHIA, U. S. A.

THIS BOOK  
IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
MY FATHER  
WHOSE ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMAN  
WAS FAR IN ADVANCE  
OF HIS AGE

## PREFACE

IN presenting this book to the public I have been actuated by a keen desire to set before both men and women a continuous picture of society from early times to the present day. Most of the facts it contains are known to all reading people, but they are known as isolated facts and as such have no significance. We all know something of the subjection of woman in Oriental countries, but we do not realise that woman in Western lands passed through similar phases and is only recently emerging from a position of horrible humiliation, and what is more important still neither men nor women realise how terrible the consequences have been to the human family.

We are such creatures of the passing hour, we leave the past behind the moment it is over, we live in our little groove of to-day, and we resent the larger life and liberty of to-morrow. We do not stop to realise that the sins of nations must be rendered account of as well as those of individuals, that the mistakes of centuries and generations are piled up to be an incubus on those still to come. We do not stop to realise that the present is only a link in the chain of time bound by consequences to the



## PREFACE

past and laying the foundations of consequences for the future to reap. The only facts that are living and pregnant are those which bring a lesson, the only good of the past is to enable us to better guide the present; and past history, sociological, political and legal, philosophically understood ought to be the light to direct our steps.

This is the message which this book has endeavoured to set forth. It may seem to be unduly harsh to man, but it must be borne in mind that the author is not responsible for the picture of history, nor for the laws on the statute books. I have only told a part of the tale and my object is neither to lower man nor to raise woman on a pedestal, but simply to call attention to the biological plan of the Almighty, the only thing that "justifies God's ways to man," and to enable us—men and women—to see the truth that we may get into harmony with the divine and not forever continue "to kick against the pricks."

I have drawn freely upon the labours of others, especially those of Mr. Darwin, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Lester F. Ward, Eliza Burt Gamble, John Stuart Mill and others to whom I am greatly indebted.

I trust that no one who commences the book will lay it down without hearing it to the close, and if it enables us to see our way a little more clearly it will have fulfilled its mission. J. J. C.

## CONTENTS

CHAPTER	PAGE
PREFACE .....	7
I. MANKIND'S DUMB PROGENITORS.....	11
II. EARLY SOCIETY AND THE MATRIARCHATE.....	56
III. THE PATRIARCHATE AND THE HISTORICAL PERIOD..	95
IV. MAN AS RULER.....	135
V. MAN A SOCIAL COWARD.....	162
VI. WOMAN AS MAN HAS MADE HER.....	210
VII. EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF WOMAN'S DEGRADATION..	238
VIII. WHAT WOMAN HAS DONE.....	271
IX. A LAST WORD.....	328

