

Superior Sex from Molla Sadra's Perspective

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Abstract

Which man and woman are superior to humans? This question has different answers on feminist ideas and each feminist has responded in some way. Some feminists seek the criterion of male or female superiority in their sexual and natural differentiation and others see this criterion in their gender, social and behavioral differentiation. This research uses a descriptive-analytical method to answer this question by the principles of Transcendent Philosophy and researches about it. Based on these principles, both feminist tendencies are unacceptable. The superior human is a human being who is far greater in being and this greatness is created by the realization of the stages of practical and theoretical reason. A more perfect human being is a human being who has more intellect. Sexual differentiation between men and women does not in itself create or hinder this stages and gender differentiation can only lead to human excellence if it is endorsed by theoretical and practical reason. In his various books, Mulla Sadra also has many words about the female character but this study does not believe any of them contradict this result and none of these words definitively defines a woman as being a second sex and in her opinion, a woman is not the second sex.

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