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According to the international organization, Women for Women, Iraq now has become a far more dangerous and abusive place to live for women and teenage girls since Bush's invasion than at any time under Saddam. 2/3 of all women interviewed in Iraq state that violence against women & girls, especially the more educated, has dramatically risen since the US led invasion. The common response as to why the situation has so degenerated: *There exists a greater attitude that women can be seen as possessions now than prior to the American-led presence in Iraq.*

"It has been five years since the American invasion of Iraq and while the mistakes made there continue to accumulate still no-one has stopped to listen to what this critical mass of the population, women, have to say about solving the problems," said Zainab Salbi, CEO for Women for Women, in an interview with BBC.

This past Saturday, March 8, marked the 99th **International Women's Day**. It has its roots with the women's movements of the 18th century following the Industrial Revolution, protesting that day's exploitation of women and children in factories. Even the Russian Revolution of 1917 is partially credited to this March 8 commemoration. Copenhagen was the site of the first women conference -- in 1910 -- paradoxically in the very building on Jagtvej 69 in Nørrebro (Copenhagen), which became the Youth House that was sold by the city to an extremist Christian organization... which led last year to the fiery riots on our city streets, when Danish youth and the police clashed.

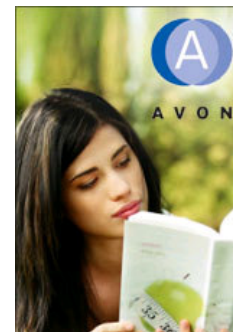
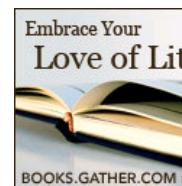
As a multidisciplinary scientist who has studied human evolution from many POVs, it honestly is time for patriarchy, however it is presented, to give up its ghost. The compassion a mother can have for her child needs to be what now drives all our socioeconomic and political policies. That



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