

***Sisters in Spirit*** (women who have made a difference in my spiritual journey)

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26-27; Isaiah 49:14-16; Matthew 23:36-38

**Reflection:**

I was perfectly happy with God the Father and I still am, but something happened about 30 years after I joined the Presbyterian Church. I stumbled upon a book in the public library with the title, *When God Was a Woman*, by Merlin Stone, a sculptor and art historian. I was fascinated and had one of those "aha!" moments when it occurred to me that God could also be Mother. If God doesn't have gender, then why God was always referred to as "He" and "Father". Why not "She" and "Mother"? My image of God has been enriched and broadened and deepened as I spend time with the God who is beyond images. I understand better now God's response to Moses: "Tell them 'I AM WHO I AM' sent you."

**Prayer:**

Mother and Father God, you are so much more than our mere words can express. I imagine you don't care what we call you as long as we call you -- to be a part of our lives. Thank you for loving and caring for us as a mother and father cares for their beloved children. Amen.