Morality & Victorian Values

Rossetti critics

* "an allegory of sexual transgression" ('Goblin Market') - Morden

* "explore what she saw as the great danger that the Victorian cult of marriage posed to the souls of women" - Flowers

* "at times she used the Biblical idea of woman's subordination to man as reason for maintaining the status quo" - Avery

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* "Rossetti has radically rewritten the Fall of Eve in terms of the social and spiritual abuse of women" ('Goblin Market') - Palazzo

* "in a patriarchal culture, woman inevitably experiences herself as object and other" - Gilbert and Gubar (describing de Beauvoir's views)

* "genius and sexuality are diseases in women" ('Goblin Market') - Gilbert and Gubar

* "female figure is depicted as entrapped or confined - physically, psychologically or both" - Avery

* "women suffered oppression and alienation and exclusion from key systems of power" - Avery