

Chapter 1 : The Blazing World

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Within the memoir, Cavendish also described her pastimes and manners and offered an account of her own personality and ambition, including thoughts on her extreme bashfulness, contemplative nature, and writing. Cavendish also shared her views on gender appropriate behavior and activity, politics Parliamentarians versus Royalists and class the proper behavior of servants. Brooks"; he was pardoned by King James and returned to England in She did not have a formal education but had access to scholarly libraries and tutors, although she intimated that the children paid little attention to the tutors, who were "rather for formality than benefit". At an early age, Cavendish was already putting her ideas and thoughts down on paper since during this time period it was not common or accepted for women to be publicly intelligent. She kept her intellectual endeavours within the privacy of her home. Cavendish accompanied the Queen upon her exile and moved to France. This took Cavendish away from her family for the first time. She notes that while she was very confident in the company of her siblings, amongst strangers she became extremely bashful. She spoke only when absolutely necessary and, consequently, she came to be regarded as a fool. Cavendish excused her behaviour by stating that she preferred to be received as a fool rather than as wanton or rude. Regretting that she had left home to be a lady-in-waiting, Cavendish informed her mother she wanted to leave the court. Her mother, however, persuaded Cavendish to stay rather than disgrace herself by leaving and provided her with funds that, as Cavendish notes, quite exceeded the normal means of a courtier. Cavendish remained a lady-in-waiting for two more years until she was married to William Cavendish who was, at the time, Marquis of Newcastle he was later made Duke. Marriage to William Cavendish, Marquis of Newcastle[edit] Cavendish noted that her husband liked her bashfulness. She also stated that he was the only man she was ever in love with, loving him not for title, wealth or power, but for merit, justice, gratitude, duty, and fidelity. She believed these to be attributes that would hold people together, even through misfortune. She further credited such qualities as assisting her husband and her family to endure the suffering they experienced as a result of their political allegiance. In her dedication to her husband, Cavendish recounts a time when there were rumors surrounding the authorship of her works specifically that her husband wrote them. Cavendish notes that her husband defended her amidst these accusations. But, she does admit to a creative relationship with her husband. Cavendish even gives him credit as her writing tutor. Her own writing "fashions an image of a husband and wife who rely on each other in the public realm of print. Cavendish, however, received no benefit. She pointedly noted that while many women petitioned for funds, she herself only petitioned once and, being denied, decided such efforts were not worth the trouble. After a year and a half she left England to be with her husband again. Extreme Bashfulness and Health[edit] Cavendish asserted in A True Relation of My Birth, Breeding, and Life that her bashful nature, what she described as "melancholia", made her "repent my going from home to see the World abroad. She said that she aimed for uniqueness in her dress, thoughts, and behavior, and that she disliked wearing the same fashions as other women. She also made her desire to achieve fame public. Several passages of her memoir remarked upon her virtuous character, and that while she acknowledged goodness in others, she thought it acceptable that she should hope to be better than them. Cavendish said her ambition was to have everlasting fame. She also expected to be criticized for her decision to write a memoir. She responded by stating that she wrote the memoir for herself not for delight, but so that later generations would have a true account of her lineage and life. She said that she felt justified in writing her memoirs since it had been done by others, such as Caesar and Ovid. Poems and Fancies [edit] Poems and Fancies is a collection of poems, epistles, and some prose, written by Cavendish on a variety of themes. Her poems at times take the form of dialogues between such things as earth and darkness, an oak and a man cutting it down, melancholy and mirth, and peace and war. Poems and Fancies also included The Animal Parliament,

a prose piece consisting largely of speeches and letters. She said she had difficulty creating rhymes that could communicate her intended meaning. In short, Cavendish stated that she strove to keep meaning at the expense of elegance, as her aim was to successfully communicate her ideas. She also noted that she expected her work to be criticized for not being useful. In response, she stated that she wrote not to instruct her readers in the arts, sciences or divinity, but to pass her time, asserting that she made better use of her time than many others. Cavendish returned to these assertions throughout her epistles and poems. Epistle Dedicatory[edit] Like authors such as Aphra Behn and William Wordsworth , Cavendish revealed much about her intended audience, writing purpose and philosophy in her prefaces , prologues , epilogues and epistles to the reader. Cavendish wrote several epistle dedications for Poems and Fancies. The epistles were most often justifications of her writing both in terms of her decision to write at a time when women writers were not encouraged and in terms of her subject choice. Cavendish used the epistles to instruct readers how they ought to read and respond to her poetry, most often by inviting praise from supporters and requesting silence from those who did not like her work. Cavendish commonly used the epistles to call attention to and excuse potential weaknesses in her writing. The epistles were directed to specific audiences and varied accordingly. Mental Spinning[edit] In her epistle dedication to Sir Charles Cavendish, her brother in law, Cavendish compared writing poetry to spinning and described poetry as mental spinning. She noted that while it was commonly thought to be more appropriate for women to spin than to write, she herself was better at writing. This is one of several occasions where Cavendish calls attention to stereotypical gender roles , such as the belief that women should spin and not write, and then expands upon her reasons for not adhering to them. As in this epistle, Cavendish often employed metaphors to describe her writing in terms of stereotypically feminine tasks or interests, such as spinning, fashion, and motherhood. While Cavendish criticized her own work, she asserted that it would seem better if Sir Charles Cavendish looked favorably upon it. Cavendish often appealed to the reader to applaud her work, asserting that if it was well received it would actually be somewhat improved. The Pursuit of Fame[edit] In her epistle to noble and worthy ladies, as in many of her epistles, Cavendish straightforwardly expressed her desire for fame. Cavendish stated that she was not concerned that the best people like her writing, as long as many people did. She justified this by linking fame to noise and noise to great numbers of people. Cavendish often assumed a defensive position in her epistles, here justified by her assertion that she expected critiques from males and females not only on her writing, but on her practice of writing itself, as women writers were not encouraged. To this Cavendish argued that women who busy themselves writing will not act inappropriately or gossip. Though she anticipated criticism from females, she calls for female support so that she might gain honour and reputation. She closed by stating that if she should fail, she would see herself as being martyred for the cause of women. Defence of Writing and Fame[edit] In her epistle to Mistress Toppe, Cavendish stated that her main reason for writing was her desire for fame. Again, Cavendish acknowledged her writing as a digression from accepted gender norms and asked for acceptance. While Cavendish often spoke of her writing in metaphors of domestic or stereotypically feminine activities, here she attempted to excuse her desire for fame by distancing her ambition from the feminine. She described her ambition as a quest for glory, perfection, and praise, which, she stated, was not effeminate. Further, she pointed out that even while writing and pursuing fame she had remained modest and honourable and noted that she had done nothing to dishonour her family. Cavendish attributed her confidence, in what she describes as a time of censor, to her belief that there was no evil, only innocence in her desire for fame. As to her writing without permission, Cavendish excused herself by stating that it was easier to get a pardon after the fact than to obtain permission before. She privileged writing over gossiping, which she treated as a common and negative female activity. She considered writing to be a comparatively harmless pastime. She credited her books as tangible examples of her contemplation and contrasted her self-proclaimed harmless ideas with wild thoughts which, she stated, led to indiscreet actions. Cavendish explored writing closet dramas during her exile and became one of the most well known women play writes due to her interest in philosophical nature. A response from Mistress Toppe follows this epistle in Poems and Fancies, in which Toppe praised Cavendish

and her skill in poetical fiction, moral instruction, philosophical opinion, dialogue, discourses and poetical romances. *Language, Knowledge and Error*[edit] Cavendish also included a prefatory letter to natural philosophers. Cavendish stated that she did not know any languages except English, and that even her knowledge of English was somewhat limited, since she was familiar only with "that which is most usually spoke. Thus, she said, she lacked knowledge of the opinions and discourses which precede her own. She then dismissed any errors she might make as trivial, asserting that she did not mean her text to be taken as truth. Rather, she wrote simply to pass time and expected that her work would be read for the same purpose. This epistle was also the contained her explanation for writing in verse. She stated that poets were thought to write fiction, and that fiction was aligned with pastime, not truth. Verse, then, was expected to contain errors. Cavendish lamented that her work was not more entertaining and advised readers to skip any part of the book that they did not like. *Writing to Pass the Time*[edit] In her epistle to the reader, Cavendish stated that with no children and, at that time, no estate, she had a lot of spare time. She, therefore, did not engage in housewifery, but filled her time with writing. She stated that good husbandry in poetry was well ordered fancy composed of fine language, proper phrases and significant words. If, however, the book was well liked, she made it clear that she expected fame. *Instruction on Comprehension and Judgement*[edit] In her epistle to the poets, Cavendish noted that since women seldom wrote, her own act of writing might be ridiculed, as the strange and unusual seem fantastical, the fantastical seems odd, and the odd seems ridiculous. She requested that her work be judged by reason, not prejudice. She then excused any weaknesses in her poetry by stating that she wrote only to get away from melancholy thoughts and to fill idle time. As was typical in her writing, applause was welcomed and criticism censored, as she advises those who did not like her poetry to keep silent. She also stated that hers are poems of fancy and thereby required study. She recommended that as one with a troubled conscience ought to look to a minister for guidance, so should the reader ask a poet for help in understanding her poems. Attempting once again to guide the reader to a positive reception of her book, Cavendish drew a distinction between poets able judges of poetry and rhymers faulty judges of poetry and advised people not to say that her book was nonsense or poorly constructed out of their own ignorance and malice. Returning again to her desire for fame, Cavendish noted that if an honest poet, who was not envious, judged her work, it would receive applause. Cavendish asked the reader to read her fancies poems slowly, paying attention to every word, because every word was a fancy itself. She warned that if readers lost their place or missed lines, they would miss the meaning of the entire work. *Excuses and Instructions*[edit] Cavendish followed some of her epistles with poems that instructed the reader how the poems came to be published and how they should be received. In the poem, the poet stated that self-love influenced her judgement of her own poetry, which she found she liked so much that she was moved to continue writing in hope of fame. She said that she wrote without thought about how her work would be received by critics.

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To analyse these factors, the research question of this paper is: To what extent is the representation of women and their status in the fictional societies determined by gender relations in the context of the distribution of power? To explore this question the distribution of power and the resulting gender relations are regarded as important. As the quote cited above explains, women are often stereotyped according to their gender. Therefore I will observe the stereotypes to find out in which ways they are influenced by the power and gender relations, why they are used and what they can tell us about the representation of women. Literature, for many centuries, has been a male dominated area. Female writers were oppressed, excluded or greeted with only a weary smile. Successful female writers, like Jane Austen, were the exception. In her last novel *Persuasion*, she enables her character Anne to describe the situation for women: Jane Austen chose the past tense as if she was optimistic for the circumstances to change. However, the pioneer of feminist literature was Virginia Woolf. She was not only a successful female writer during the male dominated modernist period but she also influenced and empowered many women: She died young--alas, she never wrote a word. She lies buried where the omnibuses now stop, opposite the Elephant and Castle. Now my belief is that this poet who never wrote a word and was buried at the crossroads still lives. She lives in you and in me, and in many other women who are not here tonight, for they are washing up the dishes and putting the children to bed. But she lives; for great poets do not die; they are continuing presences; they need only the opportunity to walk among us in the flesh. However, a real change of the canon did not happen until post-modernism. Moreover, a re-reading of history and literature took place. This approach will be continued in my bachelor thesis. The Gender-movement differentiated sex from a socially constructed identity called gender. Candace West and Don H. Our purpose in this article is to propose an [â€], understanding of gender as a routine, methodical, and recurring accomplishment. When we view gender [â€] our attention shifts from matters internal to the individual and focuses on interactional and, ultimately, institutional arenas. The doing of gender is influenced by institutions like the state and the media which need the people to have a clear gender identity in order to address and influence them. Also smaller institutions, like relationships, need gender as a guideline. In this thesis, I will focus on the representation of women within a gender context behind the background of the power relations in the particular utopian or dystopian society. To do this, I will briefly introduce traditional female stereotypes in literature. Stereotypes are concepts created by human kind to understand and simplify the world. They are produced and reproduced by certain institutions, for example by the media. Looking back in history, one the first media was literature. Literature reflects the society and time it is originated in. We have to consider, that the history of literature is dominated by the white, male ruling class. For this reason, the stereotypes I will mention were designed by men. Therefore, they are the result of gender. During my research I found a master thesis with a title which was very similar to mine: Moreover, she also uses traditional stereotypes to analyse the representation of women in these novels. Nevertheless, her approach is very different to the one I preferred for my thesis. She concentrates mainly on the stereotypes themselves, without questioning and analysing them in the context of feminism and gender. Because it is insightful for the analysis to have a male and a female point of view, not only by the choice of the authors, but also the narratives, I have chosen the novels *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, *The Handmaids Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *Herland* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Moreover, the novels are written in different historical contexts and offer diverse approaches on the construction of gender. In addition both genres, utopia and dystopia, are represented. Utopias illustrate ideas of a perfect future and advices of how we can reach this goal. For this reason I chose the utopia *Herland*. It describes an overall female society, were men are excluded. The women in *Herland* have learned to reproduce via pathogenesis and are therefore independent from men. It will be

enlightening to analyse how women are represented in an exclusively female society with regard to power relations and gender issues. *Brave New World* was written during a time of technological and political changes in the Britain of As a modernist piece of art, it is characterised by a sense of pessimism and the fear of the loss of values. Afterwards, I will analyse the dystopia *The Handmaids Tale* which was published in during the second wave feminism and the rise of conservatism in the US. It can be characterised as a post-modernist novel. It describes a totalitarian theocracy were the values of motherhood and family are practiced in an exaggerated way. In the following section, I will introduce traditional stereotyped female roles in literature. The novels are analysed chronologically, beginning with the utopia *Herland*. All novels are examined under the same aspects. I will start my analysis with a short introduction to the historical background of the novel. Afterwards, I will analyse the power relations in the fictional societies. Accordingly, I will examine the resulting gender relations. Within this context the representation of women will be analysed with the help of traditional female stereotypes in literature. I will close my thesis with a discussion and conclusion. In the discussion, I will portray in which aspects, regarding the research question, the novels differ or coincide. The conclusion will proof whether and to what extent the representation of women is dependent on the power and gender relations in the fictional society and the context in which the novel was written. The utopian nowhere can be a state, a country or a city which has a metaphorical function. Lee Cullen Khanna defines utopia: Therefore, utopias are often used to address and influence people through fiction. Dystopia Many critics distinguish between dystopia and anti-utopia, like Lyman Tower Sargent: Sargent 9 [A dystopia is] a non-existent society described in considerable detail and normally located in time and space that the author intended a contemporaneous reader to view as considerably worse than the society in which that reader lived. Sargent 11 In my opinion, it is hardly possible to differentiate between dystopia and anti-utopia, because a dystopian society is always a negative result of a utopian ideal. For example, in *Brave New World* the World State was built to be a perfect and safe place for human kind but developed to be a totalitarian regime. Therefore, I will continue using the term dystopia for my analysis. A dystopia can be characterised by the following aspects[2]: 1. The society is controlled by a totalitarian regime; 2. The understanding of the own world is distorted due to limited, or completely prohibited communication and the undermining and controlling of culture; 3. The state presents itself as a utopian place. As stated above, they are produced and reproduced, for example by literature. In the following I will introduce the main characteristics of the relevant stereotypes according to my own reading experience. I will create these stereotypes due to my own perception. Since stereotypes change over time, as they are a mirror of society, I will concentrate on traditional stereotypes. They will be portrayed in a very brief and general way so they can be applied to the characters in the novels and it can be analysed to what extent they differ or coincide. Mothers Stereotyped mothers are often completely reduced to their status of being a mother. They are valued for their ability to bear children, especially sons and are reduced to domestic areas. Therefore, mothers do not take an important part in literature. They belong to the background information of the plot. This is true as long as the mother behaves right. Angels Angels are virtuous, often married women who completely dedicate their life to their husbands. They live a chaste and pure life, radiate asexuality and are always submissive to male authorities. Like mothers, angels are reduced to domestic areas. Their main duty is to support the hero of a novel in all possible ways. Tempted Women Tempted women use their female attractiveness to turn the heads of men and to undermine their objectivity. Tempted women are aware of their female sexuality and they are in no way virtuous. This is seen as highly dangerous. They are often compared to Eve in Genesis, who convinced Adam to eat from the forbidden tree and is therefore responsible for the fall of mankind. Spinsters The spinster, or old maid, is a woman who lives alone and has no children. Furthermore, in literature she is often used to illustrate a middle aged or old asexual women. This woman is regarded as conspicuous and odd, because it is taken for granted that it must be her fold that no men wanted to marry her. The Representation of Women in *Herland* 3. It was written in a time when industrialisation and capitalism reached its climax so far. On the one hand, the roles of men as wage earners and women as housewives and mothers were deeply established in

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society but on the other hand, working class women had to combine tasks of mothers, housewives and wage earners. This was necessary to maintain a livelihood but it was also discredited in society.

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Twitter Facebook Email For editorials fueled by tenacious reporting, impressive expertise and engaging writing that successfully challenged powerful corporate agricultural interests in Iowa. It is virtually the same result the poll found a year ago. Urban residents, small towners and even rural dwellers all show majority support for the water works position. This after a barrage of advertising in the Des Moines TV market sponsored by Farm Bureau, and a host of radio ads aiming to fire up rural residents against encroaching government. Anyone can see how filthy Storm Lake is, how the Des Moines River near Humboldt is a mud flow, how shallow lakes in Northwest Iowa have eroded into duck marshes. Anyone with eyes and a nose knows in his gut that Iowa has the dirtiest surface water in America. It is choking the waterworks and the Gulf of Mexico. It is causing oxygen deprivation in Northwest Iowa glacial lakes. It has caused us to spend millions upon millions trying to clean up Storm Lake, the victim of more than a century of explosive soil erosion. And most of us recognize that this is not just nature at work busily releasing nitrates into the water. Ninety-two percent of surface water pollution comes from row crop production – an incontroverted fact from the court case. The solution demands that we quit farming into the ditch and over the fenceline. Iowa State University research proves it. The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors appears to have a religious tenet that drainage districts shall not be regulated. We think they should look for the first opening to settle the case, but they would rather spend our money on three law firms in Storm Lake, Des Moines and Washington without bothering to wonder how much it will cost. To find that opening, a deal is required. That deal must include accountability: They want to throw money at the problem and wash their hands rather than arrive at a real solution. But the poll indicates that is not what the people of Iowa want. State and federal governments have been throwing money at soil and water conservation since the Dust Bowl, yet the problem is getting worse. We allow no buffer, and in fact have methodically eliminated the buffer since Anyone living in Buena Vista County can see it. Just drive over the Raccoon River. Someday, the politics will catch up to the people. We appreciate that Gov. Terry Branstad is trying to do something to promote water quality in Iowa. We have a few problems with the assumptions. That is but one solution that would not necessarily cost anyone money, but might increase economic activity by increasing corn, ethanol and livestock prices. Which leads to our other problem with assumptions: Rotational grazing improves soil and livestock health, which confers economic benefits. Planting sweet sorghum near rivers and drainage ditches sucks up surplus soil moisture in spring and fall that otherwise would carry nitrogen to the river. Plus, sweet sorghum has far higher value as an ethanol feedstock than corn. Farmers could make more per acre by grazing cattle or planting sweet sorghum on hills and vales than they could by riding bean buggies through a soy field spraying petrochemicals. The scientists are all from the ag-industrial wing funded by Monsanto and Dow Chemical. So as to not interrupt business patterns, the recommendation is essentially to re-engineer the watershed so that we might continue our existing row-crop practices. For example, the economists describe one potential solution they were not able to model: It was our engineering of the watershed that led to the nitrate problem in the first place, which is why drainage districts are being sued. Other remedies include bioreactors, wetland conversions, cover crops and the like. Which is all good, until you consider that shallow lakes in Northwest Iowa are being converted to marshes to help filter ag runoff. We cannot build enough bioreactors and marshes to farm as intensively as we are at a cost we can afford – whether you are a farmer, a landlord or an urban taxpayer. If the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at ISU had developed the nutrient strategy, the economic analysis no doubt would be different. Funding for the institute is all but eliminated. As we have said for many years, we have been throwing money at soil and water conservation for nearly a century, but it keeps getting worse. Every acre must be maximized for corn and its nitrogen-fixing alternate, soybeans. We have legislated away any control over the agri-industrial complex that lives off natural resource depletion and pollution. Everything

must be voluntary. Hence, Iowa has lost creek buffers, pasture and in-field grass strips since The water works has discovered that stewardship cannot be purchased. It must be litigated. If regulation were imposed as it was in pre-Earl Butz farm bills markets would figure out how to allocate resources. Let the markets decide how to react – farmers and landowners consulting with agronomists on how best to meet the regulatory framework. Some might want to meet those goals with bioreactors, some with a cow-calf herd on marginal rolling acres, some by planting non-corn ethanol crops near creeks or other flow points. Farmers will innovate, and the early adapters will make the most profit. Trying to purchase a solution through sales taxes fails to consider what economic benefit might be gained by using that money to teach children. A Democratic House member wants to use commodity checkoff funds to help provide the solution. The cleanest solution is to comply with the Clean Water Act. The lawsuit is the most effective way to induce markets to change the way our landscape has been engineered and mined by agri-industry. It will shift the burden to where it belongs: There should be no reason that the poor denizens of Des Moines should be paying to prop up the existing agri-industrial model founded on fossil fuels. We need to take the next step to a more profitable future based on sustainable practices.

March 18, Unveiling the hidden truth By Art Cullen We are proud to stand with the Iowa Freedom of Information Council in seeking the release of public records from Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac counties that would tell us how the counties are financing their defense of a lawsuit filed by the Des Moines Water Works over nitrate pollution of the Raccoon River. Until Wednesday, we had been completely rebuffed by county supervisors who are handling the affair. We believe Buena Vista County Auditor Sue Lloyd when she says she knows nothing of the arrangements to pay the lawyers. She is one of the most honest people we know. That is the question to which local property taxpayers deserve an answer. Finally, we got the beginnings of an answer. That is all we are truly asking: How much is the bill and who is paying it? Merten has outlined the financial arrangements, and he said he would try to provide documents as he can locate them detailing it. We need to know more. Ultimately, we believe, those bills are a BV County liability, not just of the drainage districts. It is good to know for a few reasons. First, you always follow the paymaster. If Farm Bureau is signing the check, then you know who is really calling the shots on our behalf. We elected a board of supervisors and a county attorney to direct the policies and protect the taxpayers of this county. We did not elect the Farm Bureau or any other interest group to set our course. Second, you always have friends when you are winning. Not so much when you are losing. But it could be open-ended. If, say, the counties lose during a side appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court, the agribusiness donors may decide to take their bets off the BV nag. Then we are left holding the bag for the rest of the federal trial. That certainly can happen. This is of the gravest importance. The public deserves to know how its property might be leveraged by the lawsuit, and the contributions to the legal defense add context and could color the outcome. Fourth, Iowa law requires disclosure of this information. It is illegal to hide it as the supervisors are. There is no question that the information is being hidden. We have asked repeatedly. We do not know why this elaborate secret is being kept. If agribusiness concerns are paying the bills to protect their way of doing business, and the supervisors believe that voters agree and endorse the idea, then there is no reason to keep the truth under wraps. Seldom have we been stonewalled like this. Obviously, the legal arrangements among the counties and the law firms are complex by design to shield the truth. It will not be easy to penetrate. We are grateful to IFOIC Executive Director Randy Evans for stepping into this matter and pointing out in a lengthy letter to the supervisors why this information must be released. We hope that the public officials involved will consult the law and their own political consciences and release the information. We are committed to find out through our own reportage and through all the formal channels that Iowa law affords us. Buena Vista County must mount a vigorous defense to this lawsuit, since the supervisors have determined that a settlement with the water works is impossible. It also must account to the public on how it is handling that defense. Terry Branstad was forced to acknowledge last week that the biggest and boldest his words legislative proposal of his political career is all but dead because of Republicans in the Iowa House of Representatives.

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