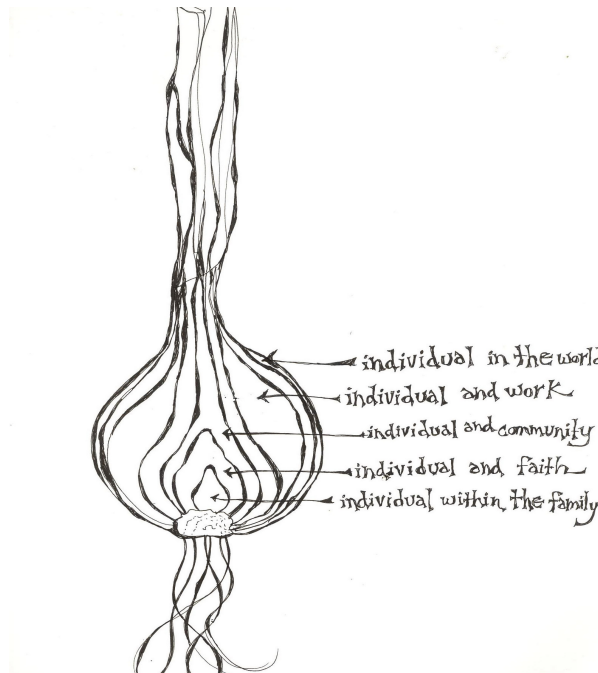


Peeling the Gender Onion



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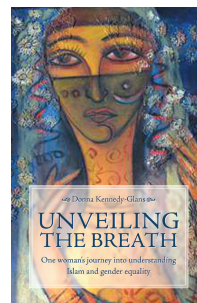


“Throughout history, we have attempted to divide the world into male experience and female experience; we speak of *opposite* sexes. Often, we collapse gender into sex.

Gender polarities have been the underlying theme of much artistic, literary, mystical, psychological, theological, legal and scientific thinking and expression. Many look to anthropology for answers; how did we get to this place where the roles of men and women have become so polarized, and out of kilter?

...Whatever the medium, the choice is obvious. We can either embrace gender diversity—celebrating the strength and velocity of a two-winged bird—or we can continue to attack one another and perpetuate more half-winged, crippled creatures that will never feel the wind rise beneath their wings.”

- Examining our intentions, commitments and actions on gender equality— in Canada and universally
- Evaluating our level of confidence/cynicism on gender equality performance
- Exploring what is **really** working and why...how are gender equality dilemmas being effectively navigated in the West and in the East?



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One woman's journey into understanding Islam and gender equality (Kennedy-Glans, Pari Publishing, September 2009)