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Daphne took a doctorate in modern history at Oxford followed by a doctorate in theology at Harvard University. She also holds a master's degree in Continental Philosophy from the University of Warwick. She is the author of *Theology and Feminism* (1990), *After Christianity* (1996, second edition 2002) and of numerous articles which in the main consider the interface between theology and feminism, contending that Christianity cannot be true nor is it ethical. At the present time (2017) she is engaged in writing a new book provisionally entitled *Religion as Gender Politics*. Daphne has wide interests in systematic theology, particularly in the Lutheran tradition. In this respect, she is the author of *Christian Contradictions: The Structures of Lutheran and Catholic Thought* (2002), and most recently *Kierkegaard: Exposition and Critique* (2013).

Daphne was at the forefront of those engaged in working for the ordination of women in the Anglican Church in the late 1970s. She founded the Group for the Ministry of Women in the Scottish Episcopal Church and she wrote the theological statement arguing in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood which was circulated to members of the General Synod of the Church of England before the vote in 1978. In 1980 she left the church and in the next few years also moved beyond Christianity, naming herself post-Christian. At the time of the original publication of this pamphlet she was the president of the European Society of Women for Theological Research. Though not a member of the Society of Friends, Daphne has for many years attended Quaker Meetings as a place to be quiet and find a centred spirituality.

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Rosemary is the author of thirty-six books, covering a wide range of interests: feminism, eco-feminism, questions to do with politics and human rights, and the Bible and Christianity. Her best-known work (pertinent to the present debate) is perhaps her *Sexism and God-Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology* (1983). Other books include *The Church Against Itself* (1967), *Gregory of Nazianzus* (1969), *Faith and Fratricide: the theological roots of anti-semitism*, *Gaia and God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth Healing* (1994), *In our Own Voices: Four Centuries of American Women's Religious Writing* (ed., 1996), *Goddesses and the Divine Feminine: A Western Religious History* (2005) and *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century: Technology, Dialogue, and Expanding Borders* (ed., 2014). At the time of the original publication of this pamphlet she was on sabbatical in London studying seventeenth century religious texts by women.

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