

*Excerpt from Women at the World's Crossroads There is a choice before us as people who live in a great world, so knit together that even America cannot stand quite outside it, or act as though it were situated somewhere in the moon!*

Whether people are trying to make deals with the Devil, or burying the dead, crossroads provide an eerie backdrop. These places are neither here nor there, and represent places where worlds touch. Where better to find supernatural spirits? Up until , burials at crossroads took place for both suicides and executed criminals. Apparently the choice of roads to follow confused any spirits. It kept them at the crossroads while they tried to decide which way to go. According to Daniel Parkinson, the crossroads was also the favoured spot for the gibbet. Not only did they act as a gory reminder of the law, they would also prevent the executed person returning. The execution of the idle apprentice at Tyburn. Cook, , after W. Thanks to Wellcome Trust. According to legend, a crowd gathered to watch a crossroads burial at Hobart Place and Grosvenor Place, holding up the king. Stakes were driven through corpses at such sites, allegedly to keep the dead in their place. Owen Davies notes that in , locals in Boston, Lincolnshire, believed the old hawthorn tree at their nearby crossroads had actually grown from such a stake , Davies notes that the number of crossroads used for burials is less than the number that feature in ghost sighting stories , Perhaps their location on the parish boundary also makes the veil between the worlds a little thinner there. The modern upgrading of old roads disturbs these burial places. Maybe workmen disturb more than just skeletons during building work? Get 3 short creepy tales inspired by crossroads folklore straight to your inbox! By signing up, you also consent to receive my folklore emails every week. Now check your email to confirm your subscription. There was an error submitting your subscription. First Name Email Address We use this field to detect spam bots. If you fill this in, you will be marked as a spammer. Powered by ConvertKit Such spirits make their presence known in other ways. Witches The burial of witches at crossroads seems only second to suicides. In all likelihood, parishes probably buried old women at the crossroads to save money. Or maybe the parish wanted to disassociate themselves from such individuals. Either way, the accused were denied a proper burial and the accompanying rites. In some stories she is more malicious, causing miscarriages in animals, making gates fall off their hinges, spreading sickness among the local population, and so on. They give further options as to the reasons for her burial at a crossroads; a witch, a suicide, a murder victim, or a hanged thief. But in the version given to Westwood and Simpson, Betty randomly showed up in the village one night. The villagers tried to hang her twice, but each time she later climbed out of the grave and returned home. After their third attempt, she warned them she would only remain in her grave if they continued to leave flowers for her. They did so, and all seemed well, until the s when the tributes stopped. Bogey beasts These creatures, also known as brags or boggles also bogles hang around crossroads and stiles at dusk. They entrap unwary travellers, but many of them leave their victims confused or bewildered after having their fun. In Northumberland, the Hedley Kow is one such beast. It hangs around in the vicinity of Hedley on the Hill. As a shapeshifter, it appears in various guises, and in one story, a poor woman finds a pot on the road, filled with gold pieces. She drags it home, but on the way, the pot turns into a lump of silver. She keeps dragging and it turns into a chunk of iron, then a rock. When she gets home, it changes for a final time, into the Hedley Kow. For creatures so fond of shapeshifting, crossroads must appear like the ideal spot to encounter unwitting victims for their pranks! Perhaps wait until dusk, when the veil between the worlds is thinner. Who knows what might appear when the world grows still? Have you heard any tales or legends about crossroads in your area? References Davies, Owen The Haunted: A Social History of Ghosts , Houndsmill: Powered by ConvertKit Share this:

### Chapter 2 : Urim Publications: WOMEN AT THE CROSSROADS: A Woman's Perspective on the Weekly

*There is a choice before us as people who live in a great world, so knit together that even America cannot stand quite outside it, or act as though it were situated somewhere in the moon! That choice is a choice "let me put it quite brutally between heaven and hell. Sometimes when people go to.*

Women at the Crossroads: Advances and Setbacks Written By: Presented as archival content. Unlike most articles on Britannica. Rather, they are presented on the site as archival content, intended for historical reference only. For American women, World Wars I and II propelled their entry into the workplace; technological advances in birth control gave them reproductive choices; and the strong vocal feminist movement won them votes, education, and parity before the law in theory if not always in practice. These advances, however, were visible primarily in the affluent West. Women in less-developed countries still fared less well. Many could not vote, read, or make basic life choices; many faced extrajudicial killing and rape, especially in times of war; and many were subjected to state-countenanced violence both outside and, more commonly, within the home. Amnesty International reported that the practices of dowry deaths and female genital mutilation persisted in many countries, and thousands of women and girls fell prey to the trade in sexual and domestic slaves. Wholesale rape of women in wartime, such as occurred in the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, was officially condemned as a war crime. Although women in such countries as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates still could not vote, women elsewhere increasingly gained positions of political prominence. Many calls have been made to redress the balance. In France where women gained the vote as late as a constitutional amendment was passed stipulating that the sexes should divide elective jobs. Government delegates from 16 countries at a U. Women remained the second sex when it came to their economic status. In the West the earnings of women who were young and without children approached that of men, but among older women inequality in wages increased. The European Commission found a similar disparity in Europe. The global picture was less promising. Women in countries such as Egypt, Iran, and Bangladesh also gained improved educational prospects and simultaneously made significant advances in their overall status. Professionally, women continued to lag behind men in many fields. Medicine, however, was an exception; in the U. Women also penetrated professions hitherto seen as male bastions, with mixed reactions from feminists. Eileen Marie Collins made a giant step for womankind when in she became the first female to command a U. In the U. Women professional athletes, however, were almost always paid less than men. The Natural Talents of Women and How They Are Changing the World posited that women might not merely catch up to men but predominate in the 21st century.

## Chapter 3 : Women at the World's Crossroads by A. Maude Royden -

*Women at the world's crossroads. by Royden, A. Maude (Agnes Maude), Publication date Topics Woman -- Social and moral questions.*

Love Letters When the topic of love letters is brought up among women there is always a mixed reaction. For some lucky women they can remember back to a time when an enthralled lover took the time to meticulously compose his admirations for them and send it off. In this day and age that is so far from the romantic times of days gone by—many women have missed the chance to receive a real love letter. They have failed to experience the exhilaration of reading a letter painstakingly written and sent to them by the one who loves them. In a time when each young man has at his disposal a cell phone from which to verbalize his affections or quickly text his feelings—alas, love letters it seems have gone out of style. The good news is, that all women have received at least one glorious love letter they can boast about. God has sent each of us a very elaborate love letter that virtually drips with His care. The Bible is a love letter sent straight from the heart of God to each person and it magnificently explains the parameters of His divine affection. God has placed in our hands a collection of writings supernaturally infused and filled with the perfect embellishments to melt our hearts. Now to be sure, some parts of the Holy Writ warm the heart more than others, but there are within the Book certain passages that literally cry out to be read over and over. By definition love letters are filled with passion, and of all literature, love letters are the words most often kept, treasured and memorized. If we were given the life-time correspondences of any person, we would probably move first to the love letters, knowing that incased in these we would find the most intimate and candid portrait of the correspondent. A collection of love letters written over time is always especially revealing, each letter exposing a different aspect of a multi-faceted affection. So why exactly does anyone take the time to write a love letter when they could just as easily speak their love? And why would God in Heaven see fit to leave us with such a catalog of written expressions of His love? One expert on the subject has delineated some reasons I believe provide some interesting insights into the topic. In closing, no one can hear often enough that they are loved, or be reminded frequently enough about the delight that the one who loves them finds in them. We are all made for relationship and the Bible teaches that loving expressions and affirmations provide for a healthy psyche. They are literally like enriching food or healing balm for the soul Prov Humans thrive on loving messages and there is no one among us who should deprive themselves of the sustenance that expressed love supplies. And the fortunate truth is there is no need that anyone should go without.

## Chapter 4 : Women at Crossroads

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## Chapter 5 : Women at the World's Crossroads

*The Unique Issues Facing Women Refugees in the UK. Followed by a performance of My Hazara People and a reception of food made by the Refugee Resource Women's Group.*

## Chapter 6 : Love Letters | Women at Crossroads

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*This event is organised by Janet Royall, Baroness of Blaisdon (principal of Somerville College) and Dr Cayenna Ponchione-Bailey (Music) to generate dialogue in our community around the unique issues facing women refugees in the UK.*

### Chapter 8 : Crossroads: 3 weird things you might find at an English intersection

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### Chapter 9 : Women's Worlds At The Crossroads – Somerville College Oxford

*There Are Only A Few Tickets Left for the Annual Women's Christmas Tea at Crossroads "A Christmas Homecoming" is the theme of our Annual Women's Christmas Tea and Holiday Celebration. This event is the highlight of our year in Women's ministry and in it is happening the first two Saturday's in December, the seventh and the.*