

## A WOMAN'S WORTH

purpose of their careers, which is the same as the purpose of our bodies and our relationships: to do the Goddess's work, to do what we can to give birth to a new world. It ultimately doesn't matter whether we start a company, nurse a child, produce a movie, or make a soup. What really matters is that we do it with love.

THE LOVE WE SHOW must extend to one another. When my first book was published, I appeared as a guest on Oprah Winfrey's television show. As we sat in front of the cameras, I heard Oprah praise my book and tell the audience that she herself had bought a thousand copies. From that point on, it became a bestseller. Due to Oprah's generosity and enthusiasm that day, my professional life took a giant leap forward.

While it is true that Oprah has tremendous power and influence, I realized upon reflection that every woman can be an Oprah to someone. Imagine what the world would be like if every woman showed support to at least one other woman, standing behind her in some way on the ladder of success. Oprah seems to have the desire to share with others what she has received, and I would imagine this consciousness is part of her huge success. What she demonstrated to me was the power of sisterhood, where a woman helps another woman and others are helped in the process.

We must not fail to learn from the lessons of women who share their bounty of opportunity and

## THE CASTLE WALLS

influence and power and goodwill. There is a mountaintop with enough room for all of us. None of us will get there and stay there unless all of us get there and stay there. If women succeed only in isolated cases, the professional world will continue to be <sup>an</sup> unsure ground for women in general. We must take the communion of women very seriously at this time and do all we can do to support other women in reaching for the stars. There cannot be too many glorious women. There cannot be too many queens. There cannot be too much success. *Thank you!*

There's a lot of talk today about whether a woman can have it all. The problem isn't having it all but receiving it all, giving ourselves permission to have a full and passionate life when our cultural conditioning has denied us that for centuries. The biggest limit to our having is our small reach, our shy embrace. As long as it's considered unfeminine to have a full appetite—which it is, because it is recognized that whatever we allow ourselves to truly desire we usually get—then we will not sit down at life's banquet but only at its diner. This is ridiculous, and it holds back the entire world for women to live at half-measure. It's also an insult to men to suggest that they can't dance with goddesses, as though a woman at full power might step on their toes.

For some men, perhaps she is too much of a threat, but not for all of them. Men are changing just as we are, and together we are widening the path of emotional opportunity for women. This is our biggest