

Sonia Johnson

in 1982. She now carries a message that may place her as the most controversial spokeswoman in the feminist movement today. She encourages us to not collaborate in the current patriarchal system: "As long as we accept the pernicious nonsense that the patriarchal world is all that is possible—with, perhaps, some minor alterations here and there—we will be constantly engaged with it, resisting it, placating it."

In doing so, we energize it and give it credence; we "co-create it as real."

She undeniably notes that "what we resist persists." Working within the system to change it has not worked for the past 5000 years. "Our believing in the old reactive ways is not only futile but dangerous because it wastes our precious time and keeps us—the critical people, the only people who can change and make change—from seeing and acting on alternatives."

The ties between what she calls "global patriarchy" and racial oppression, international dominance, and religious oppression are clearly

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outlined in Sonia Johnson's writings. Realizing that all repression is related, she contends that our survival is dependent on ability to "change our idea that it's all right for people to dominate other people." She says, "Most people think that feminism is about women's issues, women's civil rights. It's a much broader kind of philosophy than that. The oppression of women is a model for all oppression."

Sonia Johnson is more than just a spokeswoman of the feminist move-

ment. Her eloquently given speeches bear the seeds of global revolution. In *Going Out of Our Minds* she has woven the strands of her personal experiences into a vibrant tapestry of feminist revolution. She advocates a controversial metaphysical direction for the Women's Movement that gives new meaning to the concept of "personal risk."

Sonia Johnson will be speaking on "Revolutionary Acts of the Spirit: The Time for Women-wrought Miracles," Friday, July 31, 8 pm, at LaSells Stewart Center, 26th & Western, on the OSU campus in Corvallis. The opening feature will be dramatist Vik

LightSmith.

The event is wheelchair accessible and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. Tickets for the event will be on sale at Grassroots in Corvallis, Mother Kali's in Eugene, and at the door and cost \$1 to \$5 sliding scale. The event is co-sponsored by the Oregon State University Summer Term Program, Experimental College, OSU Women Studies, CARDV (The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence), Corvallis NOW, Ladies Home Companion, Oregon Chapter of the Association of Women in Science, and CALYX, A Journal of Art and Literature by Women.

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