Did the Elevated Status of Divine Femininity in Theosophic Kabbalah Have a Bearing on the Status of Women?

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This lecture questions the assumption, often implied in recent studies of gender issues in Kabbalistic literature, whereby the elevation of divine femininity from the bottom to the top of the Sefirotic hierarchy and even to the domain that lies above it reflected, or perhaps engendered, the incorporation of women in the theurgic practice of the Kabbalists, which aimed to advance the redemptive project of perfecting the union of male and female within the divine realm.