

FEMININE MYSTIQUE SERIES



Paintings. There are six paintings in this series, from left to right:

1. The Feminine Mystique \cap MA: The Year of the Flood \cap Green-Yellow
2. The Feminine Mystique \cap OB: Mind of My Mind \cap Yellow-Orange
3. The Feminine Mystique \cap MP: Woman on the Edge of Time \cap Orange-Red
4. The Feminine Mystique \cap UKL: The Dispossessed \cap Red-Violet
5. The Feminine Mystique \cap JR: The Female Man \cap Violet-Blue
6. The Feminine Mystique \cap SC: Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell \cap Blue-Green

Elements. [1] Number sets derive from Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* (ISBN 978-0-393-34678-7), 1963. [2] Six science fiction novels written by women in the last 50 years. [3] The primary and secondary colors, i.e., yellow, orange, red, violet, blue, green.

Embedded Ciphers. Quotes from six *Time Magazine* Person of the Year recipients including Lyndon Baines Johnson, Henry Kissinger, Ronald Reagan, Peter Ueberroth, Bill Clinton, and Pope Francis. Ciphers must be solved to discover the hidden messages.

A Possible Interpretation. Combining Friedan's iconic work and successful novels written by women in a male-dominated literary genre would suggest that progress has been achieved in the call for gender equality. But counter with the fact that *Time Magazine* has named only one woman Person of the Year (Corazon Aquino, 1986) since 1963 and we must ask the question, Is the progress real?