The Vagina Monologues as Embodied Theology: Eve Ensler’s Response to End Violence Against Women and Girls

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For the countless women who have been raped
Whose legs have been spread on the crossbar of crucifixion
For those sacrificed at the hands of foolish fathers
Victimized by a violent world
For those whose names we may not know
Whose voices we have not heard
For the women who hear the promise
Yet are still eagerly awaiting the resurrection of the body
We dance on your behalf*

*These are the words I wrote that were spoken in tandem immediately preceding “The Dance on Behalf of Women Raped”
The Chapel of “Great Vagina”
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Crucified Woman
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“The sculpture identified these women and women of all ages as suffering servants who have been wounded, broken and forsaken because of our inequities.”
Bodies and Theologies Unfold
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“you/I become two...but thus divided in two, one outside, the other inside, you no longer embrace yourself, or me...You become whatever touches you...Between us, there’s no rupture between virginal and nonvirginal.”
Performing Gender Identity
Holy Vagina, Sacred Pleasure, and a History of Patriarchy
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What is it about bloody, sacrificed violence that so fascinates the theologian and devotee of Christ?
Saying the Unsayable: Our Lips Speaking/Moving Together
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The mouth fuses two taboo activities: female speaking and lesbian sexuality. ‘Mouth’ and ‘sex’ merge, both represented as organs of speech and sex.
“My Vagina Was My Village”
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Not since the soldiers put a long thick rifle inside me. So cold, the steel rod canceling my heart. Don’t know whether they’re going to fire it or shove it through my spinning brain. Six of them, monstrous doctors with black masks shoving bottles up me too. There were sticks, and the end of a broom.
“The Little Coochi Snorcher that Could”
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I realized that she was my surprising, unexpected, politically incorrect salvation. She transformed my sorry-ass coochi snorcher and raised it up into a kind of heaven.
Surprising Responses
Conclusions:
My Politically Incorrect Salvation