

"Designed by Women"

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The headline in the Wellesley Townsman really said it all: *"A new paradigm: smart women and sexy cars."* The town of Wellesley was once again in the national spotlight when Volvo displayed on the grounds of Wellesley College its brand new concept car. Designed exclusively by female executives and engineers, the car is supposed to be a woman's dream comes true when it comes to cars. *Ergonomics was the key ... women want to sit comfortably, see well and feel in control. The car has a body scanning system that enables the car to automatically adjust the seats, pedals, mirrors, and the steering wheel for a perfect fit for the driver. And if the driver happens to have a ponytail, the headrest has an opening in it to ensure comfort and safety.*

Women want storage, and lots of it ...between the driver and passenger seats is a storage compartment deep enough to hold a laptop, which can be concealed, a cooler, a place for CDs ... when the driver's door is opened, there are side panels with storage available for an umbrella, a flashlight, a first-aid kit and keys.

The doors are gull wing doors that gently lift up to allow access to the back seat. The dashboard features a GPS navigational system and the gauges on the dashboard show only speed and miles to go before

refueling ... one of the most unusual features of the car is the hood. It doesn't open! (For most people cars are too complicated to work on!)

Well, as a man, I must say that I would love to have all these features ... except for the ponytail bit! But here's what I find interesting ... there is the tacit assumption that women are ... (ahem) a little too ... whatever ... to deal with all the normal features of a car. How silly ... did you know that Jesus treated women as totally equal to men even though the culture of His times frowned upon such things?

I've always found it interesting that Jesus' first resurrection appearance was to a woman - even though a woman's testimony would not be accepted in a Jewish court. Jesus elevated the dignity and role of women throughout His

ministry. Perhaps the makers of this car might take a look at the Scriptures and see that Jesus' design for both men and women was a "paradigm shift" ... a shift that brings eternal life, not just a more comfortable car.

