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The woman who is known only through a man is known wrong.

-Henry Brooks Adams

As vivacity is the gift of women, gravity is that of men.

-Joseph Addison

A man's brain has a more difficult time shifting from thinking to feeling than a women's brain does.

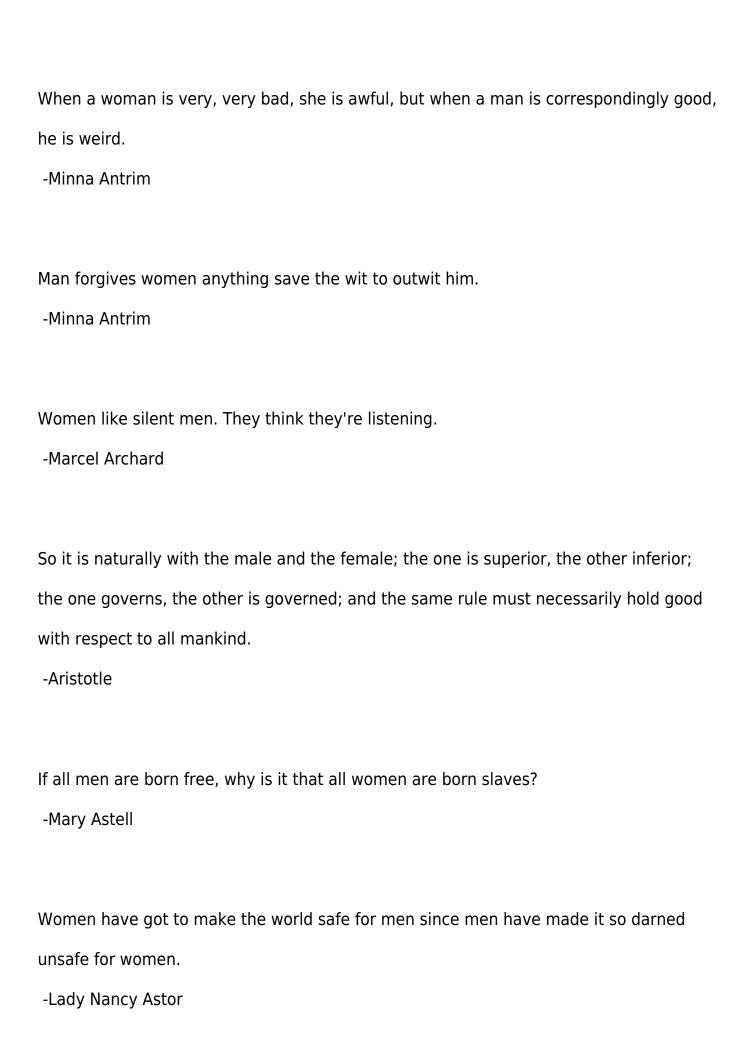
-Barbara De Angelis

Men are just as sensitive, and in some ways more sensitive, than women are.

-Barbara De Angelis

The white American man makes the white American woman maybe not superfluous but just a little kind of decoration. Not really important to turning around the wheels of the state. Well the black American woman has never been able to feel that way. No black American man at any time in our history in the United States has been able to feel that he didn't need that black woman right against him, shoulder to shoulder -- in that cotton field, on the auction block, in the ghetto, wherever.

-Maya Angelou



She even had a kind of special position among men: she was an exception, she fitted none of the categories they commonly used when talking about girls; she wasn't a cock-teaser, a cold fish, an easy lay or a sneaky bitch; she was an honorary person. She had grown to share their contempt for most women.

-Margaret Atwood

With men he can be rational and unaffected, but when he has ladies to please, every feature works.

-Jane Austen

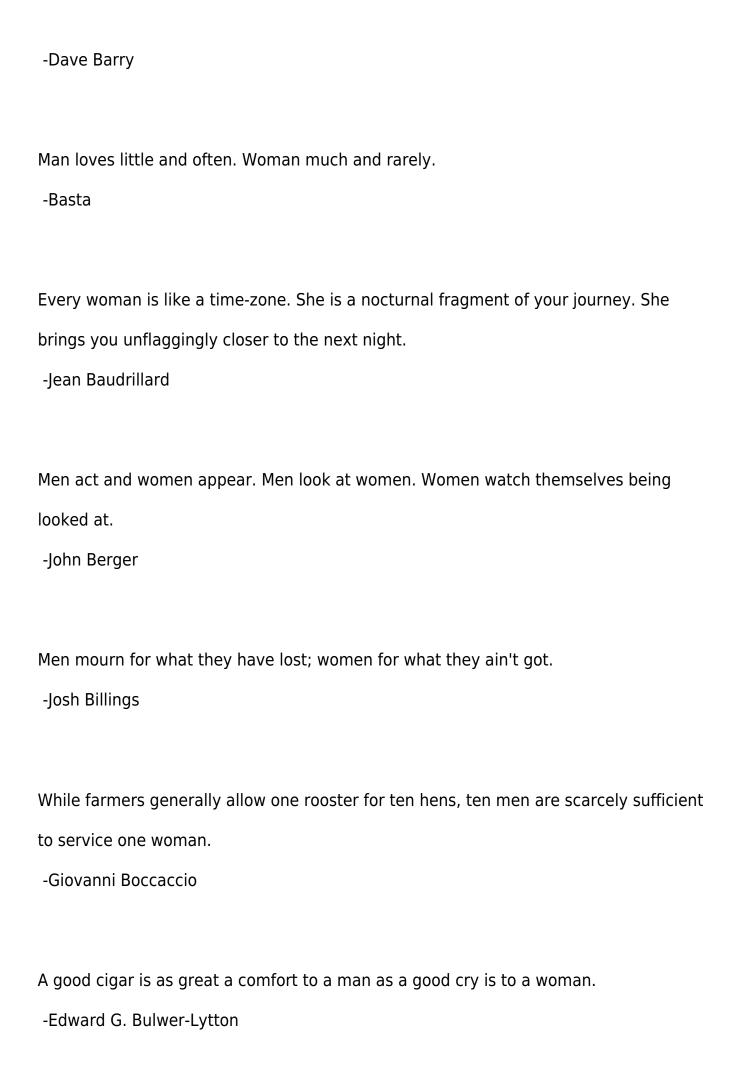
There are certainly are not so many men of large fortune in the world as there are of pretty woman to deserve them.

-Jane Austen

Men who do not make advances to women are apt to become victims to women who make advances to them.

-Walter Bagehot

Guys are simple... women are not simple and they always assume that men must be just as complicated as they are, only way more mysterious. The whole point is guys are not thinking much. They are just what they appear to be. Tragically.



A woman who looks like a girl and thinks like a man is the best sort, the most enjoyable to be and the most pleasurable to have and to hold.

-Julie Burchill

What a strange thing man is; and what a stranger thing woman.

-Lord Byron

A woman who gives any advantage to a man may expect a lover -- but will sooner or later find a tyrant.

-Lord Byron

There is something to me very softening in the presence of a woman, some strange influence, even if one is not in love with them, which I cannot at all account for, having no very high opinion of the sex. But yet, I always feel in better humor with myself and every thing else, if there is a woman within ken.

-Lord Byron

But as to women, who can penetrate the real sufferings of their she condition? Man's very sympathy with their estate has much of selfishness and more suspicion. Their love, their virtue, beauty, education, but form good housekeepers, to breed a nation.

-Lord Byron

I think the worst woman that ever existed would have made a man of very passable reputation -- they are all better than us and their faults such as they are must originate with ourselves.

-Lord Byron

A woman should say: Have I made him happy? Is he satisfied? Does he love me more than he loved me before? Is he likely to go to bed with another woman? If he does, then it's the wife's fault because she is not trying to make him happy.

-Barbara Cartland

Whatever evil a man may think of women, there is no woman but thinks more.

-Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De Chamfort

I don't know why women want any of the things men have when one the things that women have is men.

-Coco Chanel

A women knows how to keep quiet when she is in the right, whereas a man, when he is in the right, will keep on talking.

-Malcolm De Chazal

A man of sense only trifles with them, plays with them, humors and flatters them, as he does with a sprightly and forward child; but he neither consults them about, nor trusts them with, serious matters.

-Lord Chesterfield

The nearer society approaches to divine order, the less separation will there be in the characters, duties, and pursuits of men and women. Women will not become less gentle and graceful, but men will become more so. Women will not neglect the care and education of their children, but men will find themselves ennobled and refined by sharing those duties with them; and will receive, in return, co-operation and sympathy in the discharge of various other duties, now deemed inappropriate to women. The more women become rational companions, partners in business and in thought, as well as in affection and amusement, the more highly will men appreciate home.

-Lydia M. Child

It seems as though women keep growing. Eventually they can have little or nothing in common with the men they chose long ago.

-Eugenie Clark

A pretty little collection of weaknesses and a terror of spiders are our indispensable stock-in-trade with the men.

-Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

In the sex war, thoughtlessness is the weapon of the male, vindictiveness of the female.

-Cyril Connolly

Love is lost in men's capricious minds, but in women s, it fills all the room it finds.

-John Crowne

Nature makes woman to be won and men to win.

-George William Curtis

Men don't know much about women. We do know when they're happy. We know when they're crying, and we know when they're pissed off. We just don't know in what order these are gonna come at us.

-Evan Davis

Were there no women, men might live like gods.

-Thomas Dekker

There is no kind of harassment that a man may not inflict on a woman with impunity in civilized societies.

-Denis Diderot

To be completely woman you need a master, and in him a compass for your life. You need a man you can look up to and respect. If you dethrone him it's no wonder that you are discontented, and discontented women are not loved for long.

-Marlene Dietrich

Once a man is on hand, a woman tends to stop believing in her own beliefs.

-Colette Dowling

A man's idea in a game of cards is war, cruel, devastating, and pitiless. A lady's idea of it is a combination of larceny, embezzlement and burglary.

-Finley Peter Dunne

The woman is the home. That's where she used to be, and that's where she still is. You might ask me, What if a man tries to be part of the home -- will the woman let him? I answer yes. Because then he becomes one of the children.

-Marguerite Duras

Women are an enslaved population -- the crop we harvest is children, the fields we work are houses. Women are forced into committing sexual acts with men that violate integrity because the universal religion -- contempt for women -- has as its first commandment that women exist purely as sexual fodder for men.

-Andrea Dworkin

Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail their failure must be but a challenge to others.

-Amelia Earhart

Given the cultural barriers to intersex conversation, the amazing thing is that we would even expect women and men to have anything to say to each other for more than ten minutes at a stretch. The barriers are ancient -- perhaps rooted, as some paleontologist may soon discover, in the contrast between the occasional guttural utterances exchanged in male hunting bands and the extended discussions characteristic of female food-gathering groups.

-Barbara Ehrenreich

Upscale young men seem to go for the kind of woman who plays with a full deck of credit cards, who won't cry when she's knocked to the ground while trying to board the six o clock Eastern shuttle, and whose schedule doesn't allow for a sexual encounter lasting more than twelve minutes.

-Barbara Ehrenreich

And when a woman's will is as strong as the man's who wants to govern her, half her strength must be concealment.

-George Eliot

I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons for bachelors to go out.

-George Eliot

I tell you there isn't a thing under the sun that needs to be done at all, but what a man can do better than a woman, unless it's bearing children, and they do that in a poor make-shift way; it had better ha been left to the men.

-George Eliot

Where women love each other, men learn to smother their mutual dislike.

-George Eliot

Let us treat the men and women well: treat them as if they were real: perhaps they are.

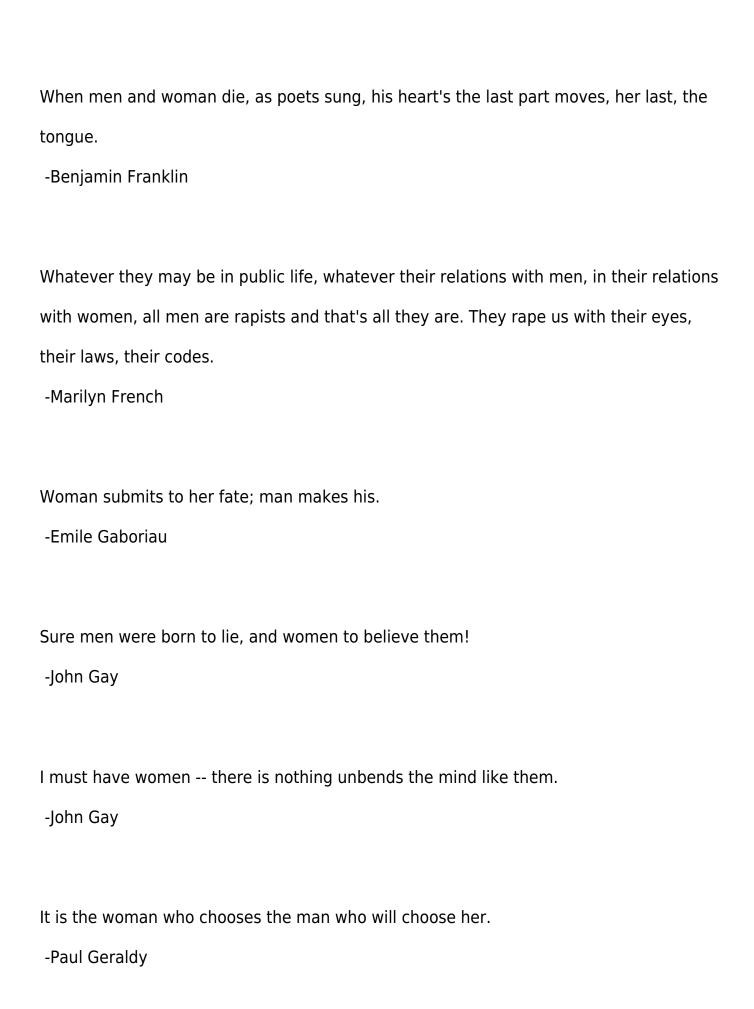
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Women lie about their age; men lie about their income.

-William Feather

The most important thing in a relationship between a man and a woman is that one of them must be good at taking orders.

-Linda Festa



The female of the genus homo is economically dependent on the male. He is her food supply.

-Charlotte P. Gillman

Girls we love for what they are; men for what they promise to be.

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Women still remember the first kiss after men have forgotten the last.

-Remy De Gourmont

The woman's vision is deep reaching, the man's far reaching. With the man the world is his heart, with the woman the heart is her world.

-Betty Grable

Men are motivated and empowered when they feel needed. Women are motivated and empowered when they feel cherished.

-John Gray

Just as women are afraid of receiving, men are afraid of giving.

-John Gray

A women under stress is not immediately concerned with finding solutions to her problems but rather seeks relief by expressing herself and being understood.

-John Gray

When men and women are able to respect and accept their differences then love has a chance to blossom.

-John Gray

I have always been principally interested in men for sex. I've always thought any sane woman would be a lover of women because loving men is such a mess. I have always wished I'd fall in love with a woman. Damn.

-Germaine Greer

Man made one grave mistake: in answer to vaguely reformist and humanitarian agitation he admitted women to politics and the professions. The conservatives who saw this as the undermining of our civilization and the end of the state and marriage were right after all; it is time for the demolition to begin.

-Germaine Greer

Perhaps women have always been in closer contact with reality than men: it would seem to be the just recompense for being deprived of idealism.

-Germaine Greer

Every theory of love, from Plato down teaches that each individual loves in the other sex what he lacks in himself.

-G. Stanely Hall

Men should be saying I want to become a woman. The world would be a far better place if more men wanted to become women, than women wanted to become men.

-Albert Halsey

Women make love for love, men make love for lust.

-Derrick Harge

To be womanly is one thing, and one only; it is to be sensitive to man, to be highly endowed with the sex instinct; to be manly is to be sensitive to woman.

-Jane Harrison

I'm a woman who was raised to believe that you are not complete unless you have a man. Well, in some ways it's true. I am a feminist to a point. But I'm not going to deny the fact that I love to be with men.

-Goldie Hawn

The man of the house can destroy the pleasure of the household, but he cannot make it.

That rests with the woman, and it is her greatest privilege.

-Sir Arthur Helps

Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then.

-Katharine Hepburn

Men greet each other with a sock on the arm, women with a hug, and the hug wears better in the long run.

-Edward Hoagland

Sometimes I think that the biggest difference between men and women is that more men need to seek out some terrible lurking thing in existence and hurl themselves upon it. Women know where it lives but they can let it alone.

-Russell Hoban

The superiority of one man's opinion over another's is never so great as when the opinion is about a woman.

-Henry James

Men know that women are an over-match for them, and therefore they choose the weakest or most ignorant. If they did not think so, they never could be afraid of women knowing as much as themselves.

-Samuel Johnson

Men and women, women and men; it will never work.

-Erica Jong

Men naturally resent it when women take greater liberties in dress than men are allowed.

-Michael Korda

Women receive he insults of men with tolerance, having been bitten in the nipple by their toothless gums.

-Dilys Laing

Once women begin to question the inevitability of their subordination and to reject the conventions formerly associated with it, they can no longer retreat to the safety of those conventions. The woman who rejects the stereotype of feminine weakness and dependence can no longer find much comfort in the clich? that all men are beasts. She has no choice except to believe, on the contrary, that men are human beings, and she

finds it hard to forgive them when they act like animals.

-Christopher Lasch

The cruelest thing a man can do to a woman is to portray her as perfection.

-D. H. Lawrence

The great living experience for every man is his adventure into the woman. The man embraces in the woman all that is not himself, and from that one resultant, from that embrace, comes every new action.

-D. H. Lawrence

The source of all life and knowledge is in man and woman, and the source of all living is in the interchange and the meeting and mingling of these two: man-life and woman-life, man-knowledge and woman-knowledge, man-being and woman-being.

-D. H. Lawrence

Much can be inferred about a man from his mistress: in her one beholds his weaknesses and his dreams.

-Georg C. Lichtenberg

I really think that American gentlemen are the best after all, because kissing your hand may make you feel very good but a diamond and a sapphire bracelet lasts forever.

-Anita Loos

When you educate a man you educate an individual; when you educate a woman you educate a whole family.

-Robert M. Maciver

I do not know who first invented the myth of sexual equality. But it is a myth willfully fostered and nourished by certain semi-scientists and other fiction writers. And it has done more, I suspect, to unsettle marital happiness than any other false doctrine of this myth-ridden age.

-Phyllis Mcginley

A lady is smarter than a gentleman, maybe, she can sew a fine seam, she can have a baby, she can use her intuition instead of her brain, but she can't fold a paper in a crowded train.

-Phyllis Mcginley

Coming to terms with the rhythms of women's lives means coming to terms with life itself, accepting the imperatives of the body rather than the imperatives of an artificial, man-made, perhaps transcendentally beautiful civilization. Emphasis on the male work-rhythm is an emphasis on infinite possibilities; emphasis on the female rhythms is an emphasis on a defined pattern, on limitation.

-Margaret Mead

Whether women are better than men I cannot say, but I can say they are certainly no worse.

-Golda Meir

Man is always looking for someone to boast to; woman is always looking for a shoulder to put her head on.

-H. L. Mencken

A man's women folk, whatever their outward show of respect for his merit and authority, always regard him secretly as an ass, and with something akin to pity. His most gaudy sayings and doings seldom deceive them; they see the actual man within, and know him for a shallow and pathetic fellow. In this fact, perhaps, lies one of the best proofs of feminine intelligence, or, as the common phrase makes it, feminine intuition.

-H. L. Mencken

Men have a much better time of it than women. For one thing, they marry later, for another thing, they die earlier.

-H. L. Mencken

Man weeps to think that he will die so soon; woman, that she was born so long ago.

-H. L. Mencken

Because of our social circumstances, male and female are really two cultures and their life experiences are utterly different.

-Kate Millet

Nature has not placed us in an inferior rank to men, no more than the females of other animals, where we see no distinction of capacity, though I am persuaded if there was a commonwealth of rational horses... it would be an established maxim amongst them that a mare could not be taught to pace.

-Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

For the woman, the man is a means: the end is always the child.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

There are always women who will take men on their own terms. If I were a man I wouldn't bother to change while there are women like that around.

-Ann Oakley

It is not her body that he wants but it is only through her body that he can take possession of another human being, so he must labor upon her body, he must enter her body, to make his claim.

-Joyce Carol Oates

The incomprehensibleness of women is an old theory, but what is that to the curious wondering observation with which wives, mothers, and sisters watch the other unreasoning animal in those moments when he has snatched the reins out of their hands, and is not to be spoken to! . It is best to let him come to, and feel his own helplessness.

-Margaret Oliphant

Men are gentle, honest and straightforward. Women are convoluted, deceptive and dangerous.

-Erin Pizzey

She plucked from my lapel the invisible strand of lint (the universal act of woman to proclaim ownership).

-O. Henry Porter

If man knew how women pass the time when they are alone, they'd never marry.

-O. Henry Porter

Let us leave pretty women to men devoid of imagination.

-Marcel Proust

If the wife sins, the husband is not innocent.

-Italian Proverb

Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that God has preferred in bounty one of them over another, and for that they have expended of their property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for God's guarding. And those you fear may be rebellious admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them.

-Qur'an

Even the wisest men make fools of themselves about women, and even the most foolish women are wise about men.

-Theodor Reik

I consider that women who are authors, lawyers, and politicians are monsters.

-Pierre Auguste Renoir

The great renewal of the world will perhaps consist in this, that man and maid, freed of all false feelings and reluctances, will seek each other not as opposites, but as brother and sister, as neighbors, and will come together as human beings.

-Rainer Maria Rilke

It takes one woman twenty years to make a man of her son -- and another woman twenty minutes to make a fool of him.

-Helen Rowland

Some women can be fooled all of the time, and all women can be fooled some of the time, but the same woman can't be fooled by the same man in the same way more than half of the time.

-Helen Rowland

Man is the one who desires, woman the one who is desired. This is woman's entire but decisive advantage. Through man's passions, nature has given man into woman's hands, and the woman who does not know how to make him her subject, her slave, her toy, and how to betray him with a smile in the end is not wise.

-Leopold Von Sacher-Masoch

When men and women agree, it is only in their conclusions; their reasons are always different.

-George Santayana

We all enter the world little plastic beings, with so much natural force, perhaps, but for the rest -- blank; and the world tells us what we are to be, and shapes us by the ends it sets before us. To you it says -- Work; and to us it says -- Seem! To you it says -- As you approximate to man's highest ideal of God, as your arm is strong and your knowledge great, and the power to labor is with you, so you shall gain all that human heart desires. To us it says -- Strength shall not help you, nor knowledge, nor labor. You shall gain what men gain, but by other means. And so the world makes men and women.

-Olive Schreiner

Men are like the earth and we are the moon; we turn always one side to them, and they think there is no other, because they don't see it -- but there is.

-Olive Schreiner

He is half of a blessed man. Left to be finished by such as she; and she a fair divided excellence, whose fullness of perfection lies in him.

-William Shakespeare

There is very little difference between men and women in space.

-Helen Sharman

If women were as fastidious as men, morally or physically, there would be an end of the race.

-George Bernard Shaw

When God created two sexes, he may have been overdoing it.

-Charles M. Smith

Man, born of woman, has found it a hard thing to forgive her for giving him birth. The patriarchal protest against the ancient matriarch has borne strange fruit through the years.

-Lillian Smith

Just as humans have a prior right to existence over dogs by virtue of being more highly evolved and having a superior consciousness, so women have a prior right to existence over men. The elimination of any male is, therefore, a righteous and good act, an act highly beneficial to women as well as an act of mercy.

-Valerie Solanis

The three sexes are men, women, and professors.

-J. E. Spingarn

A woman who takes things from a man is called a girlfriend, a man who takes things from a woman is called a gigolo.

-Ruthie Stein

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.

-Gloria Steinem

The great majority of men, especially in France, both desire and possess a fashionable woman, much in the way one might own a fine horse -- as a luxury befitting a young man.

-Henri B. Stendhal

A woman is a branchy tree and man a singing wind; and from her branches carelessly he takes what he can find.

-James Stephens

The little rift between the sexes is astonishingly widened by simply teaching one set of catchwords to the girls and another to the boys.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Man dreams of fame while woman wakes to love.

-Lord Alfred Tennyson

Either sex alone is half itself.

-Lord Alfred Tennyson

Tis strange what a man may do, and a woman yet think him an angel.

-William M. Thackeray

The cocks may crow, but it's the hen that lays the egg.

-Margaret Thatcher

The anger that appears to be building up between the sexes becomes more virulent with every day that passes. And far from women taking the blame... the fact is that men are invariably portrayed as the bad guys. Being a good man is like being a good Nazi.

-David Thomas

I love the idea of there being two sexes, don't you?

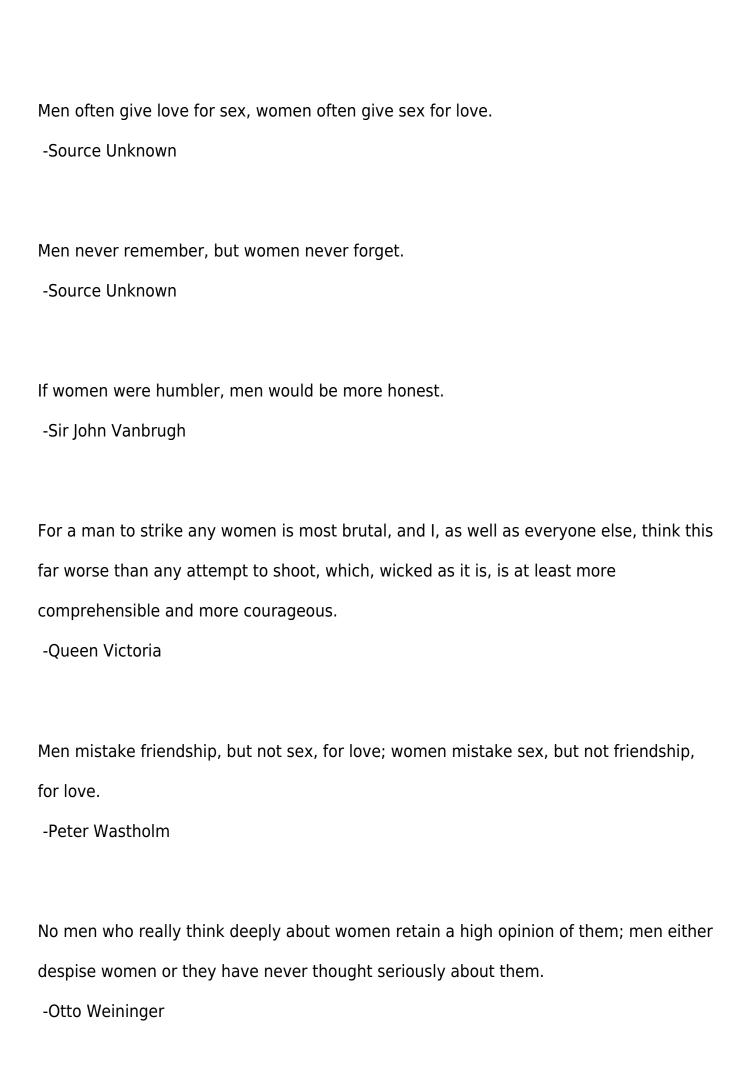
-James Thurber

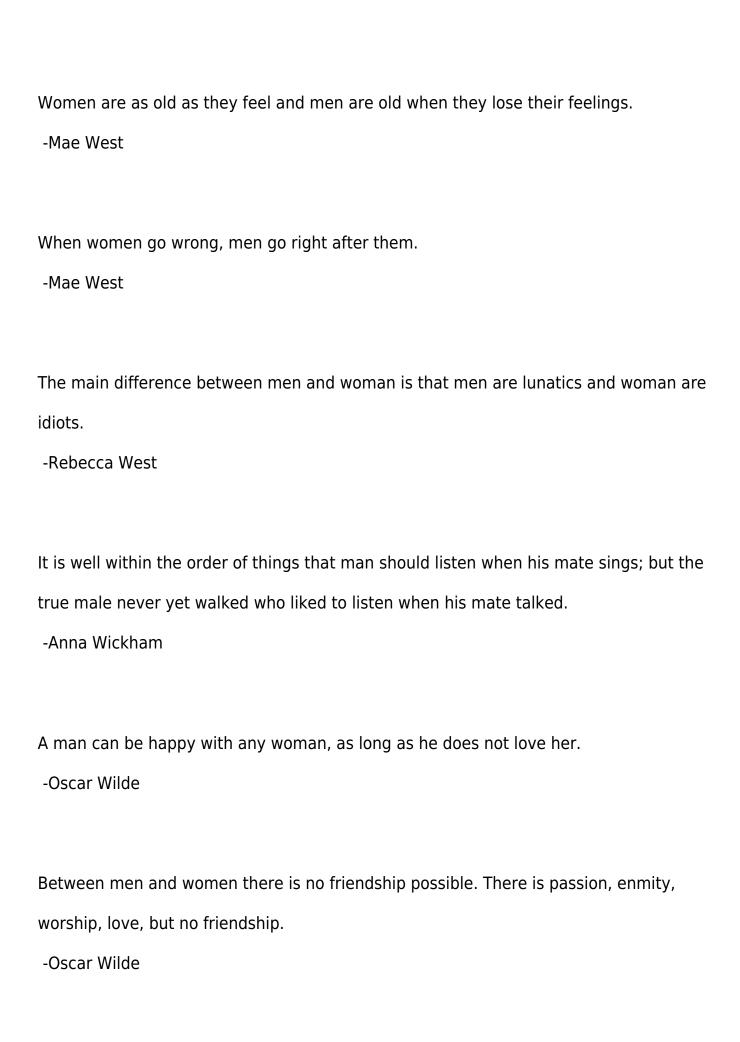
A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

-Lana Turner

Men get to be a mixture of the charming mannerisms of the women they have known.

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The fact is, you have fallen lately, Cecily, into a bad habit of thinking for yourself. You should give it up. It is not quite womanly... men don't like it.

-Oscar Wilde

Women love us for our defects. If we have enough of them, they will forgive us everything, even our gigantic intellects.

-Oscar Wilde

Women are told from their infancy, and taught by the example of their mothers, that a little knowledge of human weakness, justly termed cunning, softness of temper, outward obedience and a scrupulous attention to a puerile kind of propriety, will obtain for them the protection of man.

-Mary Wollstonecraft

Women have served all these centuries as looking-glasses possessing the magic and delicious power of reflecting the figure of man at twice its natural size.

-Virginia Woolf

Why are women so much more interesting to men than men are to women?

-Virginia Woolf

Women serve but to keep a man from better company.

-William Wycherley

These impossible women! How they do get around us! The poet was right: Can't live with them, or without them.

-Aristophanes

Single women have a dreadful propensity for being poor. Which is one very strong argument in favor of matrimony.

-Jane Austen

To look almost pretty is an acquisition of higher delight to a girl who has been looking plain for the first fifteen years of her life than a beauty from her cradle can ever receive.

-Jane Austen

When women love us, they forgive us everything, even our crimes; when they do not love us, they give us credit for nothing, not even out virtues.

-Honore De Balzac

.. it's a sort of bloom on a woman. If you have it you don't need to have anything else; and if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have.

-Sir James M. Barrie

What Women Want: To be loved, to be listened to, to be desired, to be respected, to be needed, to be trusted, and sometimes, just to be held. What Men Want: Tickets for the world series.

-Dave Barry

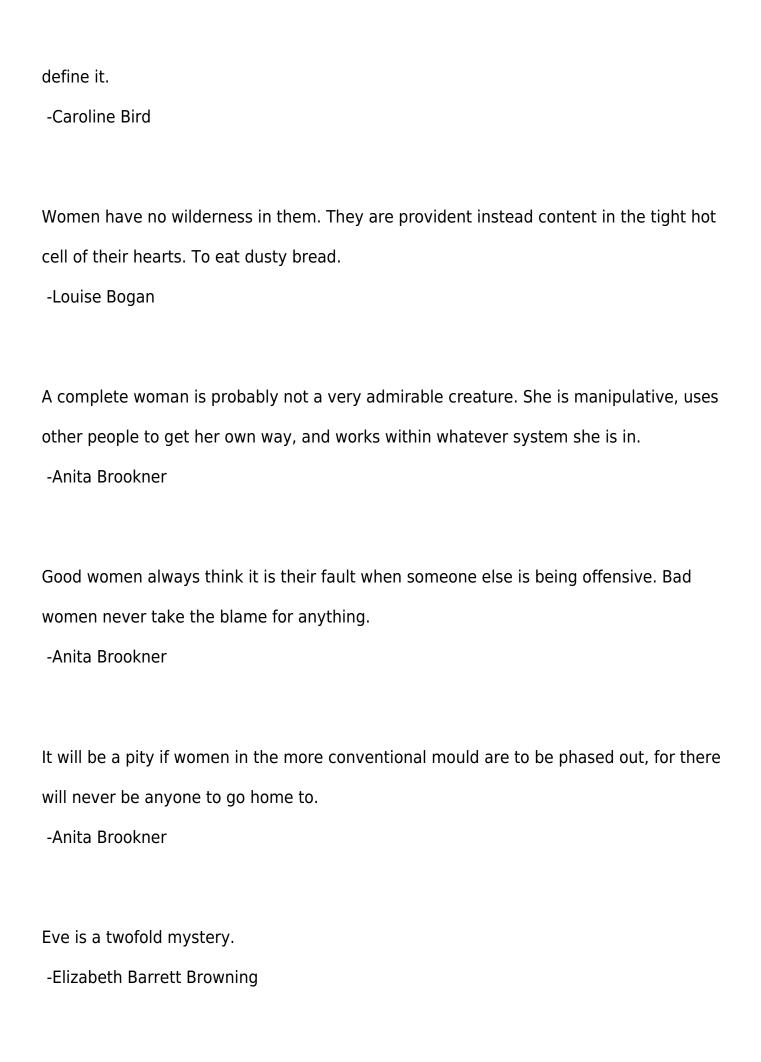
The being who, for most men, is the source of the most lively, and even, be it said, to the shame of philosophical delights, the most lasting joys; the being towards or for whom all their efforts tend for whom and by whom fortunes are made and lost; for whom, but especially by whom, artists and poets compose their most delicate jewels; from whom flow the most enervating pleasures and the most enriching sufferings -- woman, in a word, is not, for the artist in general... only the female of the human species. She is rather a divinity, a star.

-Charles Baudelaire

We have dreamt of every woman there is, and dreamt too of the miracle that would bring us the pleasure of being a woman, for women have all the qualities -- courage, passion, the capacity to love, cunning -- whereas all our imagination can do is naively pile up the illusion of courage.

-Jean Baudrillard

Femininity appears to be one of those pivotal qualities that is so important no one can



A woman cannot do the thing she ought, which means whatever perfect thing she can, in life, in art, in science, but she fears to let the perfect action take her part and rest there: she must prove what she can do before she does it, -- prate of woman's rights, of woman's mission, woman's function, till the men (who are prating, too, on their side) cry, A woman's function plainly is... to talk. Poor souls, they are very reasonably vexed!

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Women hate everything which strips off the tinsel of sentiment, and they are right, or it would rob them of their weapons.

-Lord Byron

If Miss means respectably unmarried, and Mrs. respectably married, then Ms. means nudge, nudge, wink, wink.

-Angela Carter

I have always found women difficult. I don't really understand them. To begin with, few women tell the truth.

-Barbara Cartland

The trouble with some women is they get all excited about nothing, and then they marry him.

-Cher

You may be a princess or the richest woman in the world, but you cannot be more than a lady.

-Jennie Jerome Churchill

Women are a sisterhood. They make common cause in behalf of the sex; and, indeed, this is natural enough, when we consider the vast power that the law gives us over them.

-William Cobbett

Don't you realize that as long as you have to sit down to pee, you'll never be a dominant force in the world? You'll never be a convincing technocrat or middle manager. Because people will know. She's in there sitting down.

-Don Delillo

All observations point to the fact that the intellectual woman is masculinized; in her, warm, intuitive knowledge has yielded to cold unproductive thinking.

-Helene Deutsch

Impenetrable in their dissimulation, cruel in their vengeance, tenacious in their purposes, unscrupulous as to their methods, animated by profound and hidden hatred

for the tyranny of man -- it is as though there exists among them an ever-present conspiracy toward domination, a sort of alliance like that subsisting among the priests of every country.

-Denis Diderot

I do not know if you remember the tale of the girl who saves the ship under mutiny by sitting on the powder barrel with her lighted torch and all the time knowing that it is empty? This has seemed to me a charming image of the women of my time. There they were, keeping the world in order by sitting on the mystery of life, and knowing themselves that there was no mystery.

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Women are most fascinating between the ages of thirty-five and forty, after they have won a few races and know how to pace themselves. Since few women ever pass forty, maximum fascination can continue indefinitely.

-Christian Dior

It's only women who are not really quite women at all, frivolous women who have no idea, who neglect repairs.

-Marguerite Duras

There are only three things to be done with a woman. You can love her, suffer for her, or turn her into literature.

-Lawrence Durrell

Woman is not born: she is made. In the making, her humanity is destroyed. She becomes symbol of this, symbol of that: mother of the earth, slut of the universe; but she never becomes herself because it is forbidden for her to do so.

-Andrea Dworkin

The woman who can create her own job is the woman who will win fame and fortune.

-Amelia Earhart

A woman's heart must be of such a size and no larger, else it must be pressed small, like Chinese feet; her happiness is to be made as cakes are, by a fixed receipt.

-George Eliot

The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history.

-George Eliot

We women are always in danger of living too exclusively in the affections; and though our affections are perhaps the best gifts we have, we ought also to have our share of the more independent life -- some joy in things for their own sake. It is piteous to see the helplessness of some sweet women when their affections are disappointed -- because all their teaching has been, that they can only delight in study of any kind for the sake of a personal love. They have never contemplated an independent delight in ideas as an experience which they could confess without being laughed at. Yet surely women need this defense against passionate affliction even more than men.

-George Eliot

Slavery it is that makes slavery; freedom, freedom. The slavery of women happened when the men were slaves of kings.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The girl with a future avoids a man with a past.

-Evan Esar

Of all things upon earth that bleed and grow, a herb most bruised is woman.

-Euripides

When a woman behaves like a man why doesn't she behave like a nice man?
-Dame Edith Evans

Observe this, that tho a woman swear, forswear, lie, dissemble, back-bite, be proud, vain, malicious, anything, if she secures the main chance, she's still virtuous; that's a maxim.

-George Farquhar

They talk about a woman's sphere, as though it had a limit. There's not a place in earth or heaven. There's not a task to mankind given... without a woman in it.

-Kate Field

The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer, despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is What does a woman want?

-Sigmund Freud

The feminine mystique has succeeded in burying millions of American women alive.

-Betty Friedan

The especial genius of women I believe to be electrical in movement, intuitive in

function, spiritual in tendency.

-Margaret Fuller

The Woman-Soul leadeth us upward and on!

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

The higher mental development of woman, the less possible it is for her to meet a congenial male who will see in her, not only sex, but also the human being, the friend, the comrade and strong individuality, who cannot and ought not lose a single trait of her character.

-Emma Goldman

Older women can afford to agree that femininity is a charade, a matter of colored hair, ecru lace and whalebones, the kind of slap and tat that transvestites are in love with, and no more.

-Germaine Greer

A woman might claim to retain some of the child's faculties, although very limited and defused, simply because she has not been encouraged to learn methods of thought and develop a disciplined mind. As long as education remains largely induction ignorance will retain these advantages over learning and it is time that women impudently put them to work.

-Germaine Greer

Maybe I couldn't make it. Maybe I don't have a pretty smile, good teeth, nice tits, long legs, a cheeky ass, a sexy voice. Maybe I don't know how to handle men and increase my market value, so that the rewards due to the feminine will accrue to me. Then again, maybe I'm sick of the masquerade. I'm sick of pretending eternal youth. I'm sick of belying my own intelligence, my own will, my own sex. I'm sick of peering at the world through false eyelashes, so everything I see is mixed with a shadow of bought hairs; I'm sick of weighting my head with a dead mane, unable to move my neck freely, terrified of rain, of wind, of dancing too vigorously in case I sweat into my lacquered curls. I'm sick of the Powder Room. I'm sick of pretending that some fatuous male's self-important pronouncements are the objects of my undivided attention, I'm sick of going to films and plays when someone else wants to, and sick of having no opinions of my own about either. I'm sick of being a transvestite. I refuse to be a female impersonator. I am a woman, not a castrate.

-Germaine Greer

A Woman is home caring for her children! even if she can't. Trapped in this well-built trap, A Woman blames her mother for luring her into it, while ensuring that her own daughter never gets out; she recoils from the idea of sisterhood and doesn't believe women have friends, because it probably means something unnatural, and anyhow, A Woman is afraid of women. She's a male construct, and she's afraid women will deconstruct her. She's afraid of everything, because she can't change. Thighs forever thin and shining hair and shining teeth and she's my Mom, too, all seven percent of her. And she never grows old.

-Ursula K. Le Guin

We are volcanoes. When we women offer our experience as our truth, as human truth, all the maps change. There are new mountains.

-Ursula K. Le Guin

To me the female principle is, or at least historically has been, basically anarchic. It values order without constraint, rule by custom not by force. It has been the male who enforces order, who constructs power structures, who makes, enforces, and breaks laws.

-Ursula K. Le Guin

What breadth, what beauty and power of human nature and development there must be in a woman to get over all the palisades, all the fences, within which she is held captive!

-Alexander Herzen

If it were not somewhat fanciful to suppose that every human excellence is presented, as it were, in one kind of being, we might believe that the whole treasure of morality and order is enshrined in the female character.

-Karl Wilhelm Von Humboldt

A woman's whole life is a history of the affections. The heart is her world: it is there her

ambition strives for empire; it is there her avarice seeks for hidden treasures. She sends forth her sympathies on adventure; she embarks her whole soul on the traffic of affection; and if shipwrecked, her case is hopeless -- for it is a bankruptcy of the heart.

-Washington Irving

It is not women's fault if we are so tender. It is in the nature of the lives we live. And further, it would be a terrible catastrophe if men had to live men's lives and women's also. Which is precisely what has happened today -- to women.

-Selma James

Like their personal lives, women's history is fragmented, interrupted; a shadow history of human beings whose existence has been shaped by the efforts and the demands of others.

-Elizabeth Janeway

Nature has given women so much power that the law has very wisely given them little.
-Samuel Johnson

There is simply no dignified way for a woman to live alone. Oh, she can get along financially perhaps (though not nearly as well as a man), but emotionally she is never left in peace. Her friends, her family, her fellow workers never let her forget that her husbandlessness, her childlessness -- her selfishness, in short -- is a reproach to the American way of life.

-Erica Jong

Growing up female in America. What a liability! You grew up with your ears full of cosmetic ads, love songs, advice columns, whoreoscopes, Hollywood gossip, and moral dilemmas on the level of TV soap operas. What litanies the advertisers of the good life chanted at you! What curious catechisms!

-Erica Jong

The real thinking of woman is pre-eminently practical and applied. It is something we describe as sound common sense, and is usually directed to what is close at hand and personal. In general, it can be said that feminine mentality manifests an undeveloped, childlike, or primitive character; instead of the thirst for knowledge, curiosity; instead of judgment, prejudice; instead of thinking, imagination or dreaming; instead of will, wishing. Where a man takes up objective problems, a woman contents herself with solving riddles; where he battles for knowledge and understanding, she contents herself with faith or superstition, or else she makes assumptions.

-Emma Jung

Women are natural guerrillas. Scheming, we nestle into the enemy's bed, avoiding open warfare, watching the options, playing the odds.

-Sally Kempton

Woman is the future of man. That means that the world which was once formed in

man's image will now be transformed to the image of woman. The more technical and mechanical, cold and metallic it becomes, the more it will need the kind of warmth that only the woman can give it. If we want to save the world, we must adapt to the woman, let ourselves be led by the woman, let ourselves be penetrated by the Ewigweiblich, the eternally feminine!

-Milan Kundera

The common foible of women who have been handsome is to forget that they are no longer so.

-Francois De La Rochefoucauld

The one woman who never gives herself is your free woman, who is always giving herself.

-D. H. Lawrence

The chief thing about a woman -- who is much of a woman -- is that in the long run she is not to be had... She is not to be caught by any of the catch-words, love, beauty, honor, duty, worth, work, salvation -- none of them -- not in the long run. In the long run she only says Am I satisfied, or is there some beastly dissatisfaction gnawing and gnawing inside me. And if there is some dissatisfaction, it is physical, at least as much as psychic, sex as much as soul.

-D. H. Lawrence

Being a woman is of special interest only to aspiring male transsexuals. To actual women it is merely a good excuse not to play football.

-Fran Lebowitz

Girls who put out are tramps. Girls who don't are ladies. This is, however, a rather archaic usage of the word. Should one of you boys happen upon a girl who doesn't put out, do not jump to the conclusion that you have found a lady. What you have probably found is a lesbian.

-Fran Lebowitz

Woman is the Nigger of the World.

-John Lennon

You don't know a woman until you have received a letter from her.

-Ada Leverson

But if God had wanted us to think just with our wombs, why did He give us a brain?
-Clare Boothe Luce

A lady is nothing very specific. One man's lady is another man's woman; sometimes, one man's lady is another man's wife. Definitions overlap but they almost never

coincide.

-Russell Lynes

I'm anal retentive. I'm a workaholic. I have insomnia. And I'm a control freak. That's why I'm not married. Who could stand me?

-Madonna

There are many examples of women that have excelled in learning, and even in war, but this is no reason we should bring em all up to Latin and Greek or else military discipline, instead of needle-work and housewifery.

-Bernard Mandeville

If a test of civilization be sought, none can be so sure as the condition of that half of society over which the other half has power.

-Harriet Martineau

The angel of the Family is Woman. Mother, wife, or sister, Woman is the caress of life, the soothing sweetness of affection shed over its toils, a reflection for the individual of the loving providence which watches over Humanity. In her there is treasure enough of consoling tenderness to allay every pain. Moreover for every one of us she is the initiator of the future. The mother's first kiss teaches the child love; the first holy kiss of the woman he loves teaches man hope and faith in life; and love and faith create a desire for perfection and the power of reaching towards it step by step; create the

future, in short, of which the living symbol is the child, link between us and the generations to come. Through her the Family, with its divine mystery of reproduction, points to Eternity.

-Giuseppe Mazzini

Women are the fulfilled sex. Through our children we are able to produce our own immortality, so we lack that divine restlessness which sends men charging off in pursuit of fortune or fame or an imagined Utopia. That is why we number so few geniuses among us. The wholesome oyster wears no pearl, the healthy whale no ambergris, and as long as we can keep on adding to the race, we harbor a sort of health within ourselves.

-Phyllis Mcginley

To be successful, a woman has to be better at her job than a man.

-Golda Meir

I expect that Woman will be the last thing civilized by Man.

-George Meredith

Aren't women prudes if they don't and prostitutes if they do?

-Kate Millet

The great mass of women throughout history have been confined to the cultural level of animal life in providing the male with sexual outlet and exercising the animal functions of reproduction and care of the young.

-Kate Millet

We are educated in the grossest ignorance, and no art omitted to stifle our natural reason; if some few get above their nurses instructions, our knowledge must rest concealed and be as useless to the world as gold in the mine.

-Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

I think being a woman is like being Irish. Everyone says you're important and nice, but you take second place all the same.

-Iris Murdoch

If it weren't for women, men would still be wearing last week's socks.

-Cynthia Nelms

Women are considered deep -- why? Because one can never discover any bottom to them. Women are not even shallow.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

If a woman possesses manly virtues one should run away from her; and if she does not possess them she runs away from herself.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

Woman does not forget she needs the fecundator, she does not forget that everything that is born of her is planted in her.

-Anais Nin

If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning.

-Aristotle Onassis

If civilization had been left in female hands we would still be living in grass huts.

-Camille Paglia

Woman is the dominant sex. Men have to do all sorts of stuff to prove that they are worthy of woman's attention.

-Camille Paglia

Woman -- for example, look at her case! She turns tantalizing inviting glances on you.

You seize her. No sooner does she feel herself in your grasp than she closes her eyes. It is a sign of her mission, the sign by which she says to man: Blind yourself, for I am blind.

-Luigi Pirandello

Most women have no characters at all.

-Alexander Pope

The individual woman is required a thousand times a day to choose either to accept her appointed role and thereby rescue her good disposition out of the wreckage of her self-respect, or else follow an independent line of behavior and rescue her self-respect out of the wreckage of her good disposition.

-Jeannette Rankin

A woman is like a teabag. You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

-Nancy Pelosi

No woman is really an insider in the institutions fathered by masculine consciousness. When we allow ourselves to believe we are, we lose touch with parts of ourselves defined as unacceptable by that consciousness; with the vital toughness and visionary strength of the angry grandmothers, the fierce market women of the Ibo's Women's War, the marriage-resisting women silk workers of pre-Revolutionary China, the millions of widows, midwives, and the women healers tortured and burned as witches for three centuries in Europe.

-Adrienne Rich

I buy women shoes and they use them to walk away from me.

-Mickey Rooney

Woman! The peg on which the wit hangs his jest, the preacher his text, the cynic his grouch, and the sinner his justification!

-Helen Rowland

For my part I distrust all generalizations about women, favorable and unfavorable, masculine and feminine, ancient and modern; all alike, I should say, result from paucity of experience.

-Bertrand Russell

Woman's destiny is to be wanton, like the bitch, the she-wolf; she must belong to all who claim her.

-Marquis De Sade

If they are ignorant, they are despised, if learned, mocked. In love they are reduced to the status of courtesans. As wives they are treated more as servants than as companions. Men do not love them: they make use of them, they exploit them, and expect, in that way, to make them subject to the law of fidelity.

-George Sand

Only a male intellect clouded by the sexual drive could call the stunted, narrow-shouldered, broad-hipped and short-legged sex the fair sex.

-Arthur Schopenhauer

I think I could be a good woman if I had five thousand a year.

-Becky Sharp

The only way for a woman to provide for herself decently is for her to be good to some man that can afford to be good to her.

-George Bernard Shaw

There is a growing strength in women, but it's in the forehead, not in the forearm.

-Beverly Sills

The clich? that women, more consistently than men, turn inward for sustenance seems to mean, in practice, that women have richly defined the ways in which imagination creates possibility; possibility that society denies.

-Patricia Meyer Spacks

The great and almost only comfort about being a woman is that one can always pretend to be more stupid than one is and no one is surprised. -Freya Stark

To behold her is an immediate check to loose behavior; to love her is a liberal education.

-Sir Richard Steele

If women are supposed to be less rational and more emotional at the beginning of our menstrual cycle when the female hormone is at its lowest level, then why isn't it logical to say that, in those few days, women behave the most like the way men behave all month long?

-Gloria Steinem

Most women defend themselves. It is the female of the species -- it is the tigress and lioness in you -- which tends to defend when attacked.

-Margaret Thatcher

It requires nothing less than a chivalric feeling to sustain a conversation with a lady.

-Henry David Thoreau

I have no hesitation in saying that although the American woman never leaves her domestic sphere and is in some respects very dependent within it, nowhere does she enjoy a higher station. And if anyone asks me what I think the chief cause of the extraordinary prosperity and growing power of this nation, I should answer that it is due

to the superiority of their women.

-Alexis De Tocqueville

I repeat, sir, that in whatever position you place a woman she is an ornament to society and a treasure to the world. As a sweetheart, she has few equals and no superiors; as a cousin, she is convenient; as a wealthy grandmother with an incurable distemper, she is precious; as a wet-nurse, she has no equal among men. What, sir, would the people of the earth be without woman? They would be scarce, sir, almighty scarce.

-Mark Twain

The mouth of a cannon is safer that the mouth of a woman scorned.

-Source Unknown

Women sometimes seem to share a quiet, unalterable dogma of persecution that endows even the most sophisticated of them with the inarticulate poignancy of the peasant.

-Source Unknown

Women, despite the fact that nine out of ten of them go through life with a death-bed air either of snatching-the-last-moment or with martyr-resignation, do not die tomorrow -- or the next day. They have to live on to any one of many bitter ends.

-Source Unknown

A typical minority group stereotype -- woman as nigger -- if she knows her place (home), she is really a quite lovable, loving creature, happy and childlike.

-Naomi Weisstein

The New Women! I could barely recognize them as being of the same sex as myself, their buttocks arrogant in tight jeans, openly inviting, breasts falling free and shameless and feeling no apparent obligation to smile, look pleasant or keep their voices low. And how they live! Just look at them to know how! If a man doesn't bring them to orgasm, they look for another who does. If by mistake they fall pregnant, they abort by vacuum aspiration. If they don't like the food, they push the plate away. If the job doesn't suit them, they hand in their notice. They are satiated by everything, hungry for nothing. They are what I wanted to be; they are what I worked for them to be: and now I see them, I hate them.

-Fay Weldon

If there hadn't been women we'd still be squatting in a cave eating raw meat, because we made civilization in order to impress our girl friends. And they tolerated it and let us go ahead and play with our toys.

-Orson Welles

Give us that grand word woman once again, and let's have done with lady; one's a term full of fine force, strong, beautiful, and firm, fit for the noblest use of tongue or pen; and

one's a word for lackeys.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

We have now traced the history of women from Paradise to the nineteenth century and have heard nothing through the long roll of the ages but the clank of their fetters.

-Lady Jane Wilde

Every woman is a rebel, and usually in wild revolt against herself.

-Oscar Wilde

There is only one real tragedy in a woman's life. The fact that her past is always her lover, and her future invariably her husband.

-Oscar Wilde

The strength of women comes from the fact that psychology cannot explain us. Men can be analyzed, women merely adored.

-Oscar Wilde

You've got many refinements. I don't think you need to worry about your failure at long division. I mean, after all, you got through short division, and short division is all that a lady ought to be called on to cope with.

-Tennessee Williams

Young women... you are, in my opinion, disgracefully ignorant. You have never made a discovery of any sort of importance. You have never shaken an empire or led an army into battle. The plays by Shakespeare are not by you, and you have never introduced a barbarous race to the blessings of civilization. What is your excuse?

-Virginia Woolf

As a woman I have no country. As a woman my country is the whole world.

-Virginia Woolf

The truth is, I often like women. I like their unconventionality. I like their completeness. I like their anonymity.

-Virginia Woolf

Women of quality are so civil, you can hardly distinguish love from good breeding.

-William Wycherley

To be born woman is to know -- although they do not speak of it at school -- women must labor to be beautiful.

-William Butler Yeats

To please a woman is to say 'please' to a woman...but at other times not.

-Michael Wakcher

Women have tiny uncertainties that would eventually overwhelm any calculation -William Mocca

No man on earth comes before his mother. Tadj Abdelkader from "Between two
-Tadj Abelkader

The history of men's opposition to women's emancipation is more interesting perhaps than the story of that emancipation itself.

-Virginia Woolf

I would like it if men had to partake in the same hormonal cycles to which we're subjected monthly. Maybe that's why men declare war - because they have a need to bleed on a regular basis.

-butler, brett

