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

- Adams, Henry Brooks

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

- Addison, Joseph

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

- Angelis, Barbara De

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

- Angelis, Barbara De

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.

- Angelou, Maya

When a woman is very, very bad, she is awful, but when a man is correspondingly good, he is weird.

- Antrim, Minna

Man forgives women anything save the wit to outwit him.

- Antrim, Minna

Women like silent men. They think they're listening.

- Archard, Marcel

So it is naturally with the male and the female; the one is superior, the other inferior; the one governs, the other is governed; and the same rule must necessarily hold good with respect to all mankind.

- Aristotle

If all men are born free, why is it that all women are born slaves?

- Astell, Mary

Women have got to make the world safe for men since men have made it so darned unsafe for women.

- Astor, Lady Nancy

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.

- Atwood, Margaret

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

- Austen, Jane

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

- Austen, Jane

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

- Bagehot, Walter

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.

- Barry, Dave

Man loves little and often. Woman much and rarely.

- Basta

Every woman is like a time-zone. She is a nocturnal fragment of your journey. She brings you unflaggingly closer to the next night.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Men act and women appear. Men look at women. Women watch themselves being looked at.

- Berger, John

Men mourn for what they have lost; women for what they ain't got.

- Billings, Josh

While farmers generally allow one rooster for ten hens, ten men are scarcely sufficient to service one woman.

- Boccaccio, Giovanni

A good cigar is as great a comfort to a man as a good cry is to a woman.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

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.

- Burchill, Julie

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

- Byron, Lord

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

- Byron, Lord

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.

- Byron, Lord

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.

- Byron, Lord

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.

- Byron, Lord

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.

- Cartland, Barbara

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

- Chamfort, Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De

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

- Chanel, Coco

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.

- Chazal, Malcolm De

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.

- Chesterfield, Lord

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.

- Child, Lydia M.

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

- Clark, Eugenie

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

- Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle

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

- Connolly, Cyril

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

- Crowne, John

Nature makes woman to be won and men to win.

- Curtis, George William

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.

- Davis, Evan

Were there no women, men might live like gods.

- Dekker, Thomas

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

- Diderot, Denis

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.

- Dietrich, Marlene

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

- Dowling, Colette

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.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

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.

- Duras, Marguerite

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.

- Dworkin, Andrea

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

- Earhart, Amelia

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.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

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.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

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

- Eliot, George

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.

- Eliot, George

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.

- Eliot, George

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

- Eliot, George

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

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

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

- Feather, William

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

- Festa, Linda

When men and woman die, as poets sung, his heart's the last part moves, her last, the tongue.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Whatever they may be in public life, whatever their relations with men, in their relations with women, all men are rapists and that's all they are. They rape us with their eyes, their laws, their codes.

- French, Marilyn

Woman submits to her fate; man makes his.

- Gaboriau, Emile

Sure men were born to lie, and women to believe them!

- Gay, John

I must have women -- there is nothing unbends the mind like them.

- Gay, John

It is the woman who chooses the man who will choose her.

- Gerald, Paul

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

- Gillman, Charlotte P.

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

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

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

- Gourmont, Remy De

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.

- Grable, Betty

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

- Gray, John

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

- Gray, John

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

- Gray, John

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

- Gray, John

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.

- Greer, Germaine

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.

- Greer, Germaine

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.

- Greer, Germaine

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

- Hall, G. Stanely

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.

- Halsey, Albert

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

- Harge, Derrick

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.

- Harrison, Jane

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.

- Hawn, Goldie

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.

- Helps, Sir Arthur

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

- Hepburn, Katharine

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

- Hoagland, Edward

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.

- Hoban, Russell

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

- James, Henry

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.

- Johnson, Samuel

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

- Jong, Erica

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

- Korda, Michael

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

- Laing, Dilys

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 cliché 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.

- Lasch, Christopher

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

- Lawrence, D. H.

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.

- Lawrence, D. H.

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.

- Lawrence, D. H.

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

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

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.

- Loos, Anita

When you educate a man you educate an individual; when you educate a woman you

educate a whole family.

- Maciver, Robert M.

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.

- Mcginley, Phyllis

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.

- Mcginley, Phyllis

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 transcendently 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.

- Mead, Margaret

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

- Meir, Golda

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

- Mencken, H. L.

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.

- Mencken, H. L.

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

- Mencken, H. L.

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

- Mencken, H. L.

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

- Millet, Kate

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.

- Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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.

- Oakley, Ann

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.

- Oates, Joyce Carol

The incomprehensibility 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.

- Oliphant, Margaret

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

- Pizzey, Erin

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

- Porter, O. Henry

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

- Porter, O. Henry

Let us leave pretty women to men devoid of imagination.

- Proust, Marcel

If the wife sins, the husband is not innocent.

- Proverb, Italian

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.

- Reik, Theodor

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

- Renoir, Pierre Auguste

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.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

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

- Rowland, Helen

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.

- Rowland, Helen

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.

- Sacher-Masoch, Leopold Von

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

- Santayana, George

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.

- Schreiner, Olive

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.

- Schreiner, Olive

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.

- Shakespeare, William

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

- Sharman, Helen

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

- Shaw, George Bernard

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

- Smith, Charles M.

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.

- Smith, Lillian

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.

- Solanis, Valerie

The three sexes are men, women, and professors.

- Spingarn, J. E.

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

- Stein, Ruthie

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

- Steinem, Gloria

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.

- Stendhal, Henri B.

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

- Stephens, James

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

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

Man dreams of fame while woman wakes to love.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Either sex alone is half itself.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

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

- Thackeray, William M.

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

- Thatcher, Margaret

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.

- Thomas, David

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

- Thurber, James

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.

- Turner, Lana

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

- Unknown, Source

Men often give love for sex, women often give sex for love.

- Unknown, Source

Men never remember, but women never forget.

- Unknown, Source

If women were humbler, men would be more honest.

- Vanbrugh, Sir John

For a man to strike any woman is most brutal, and I, as well as everyone else, think this far worse than any attempt to shoot, which, wicked as it is, is at least more comprehensible and more courageous.

- Victoria, Queen

Men mistake friendship, but not sex, for love; women mistake sex, but not friendship, for love.

- Wastholm, Peter

No man who really thinks deeply about women retains a high opinion of them; men either despise women or they have never thought seriously about them.

- Weininger, Otto

Women are as old as they feel and men are old when they lose their feelings.

- West, Mae

When women go wrong, men go right after them.

- West, Mae

The main difference between men and woman is that men are lunatics and woman are idiots.

- West, Rebecca

It is well within the order of things that man should listen when his mate sings; but the true male never yet walked who liked to listen when his mate talked.

- Wickham, Anna

A man can be happy with any woman, as long as he does not love her.

- Wilde, Oscar

Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship.

- Wilde, Oscar

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.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

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.

- Wollstonecraft, Mary

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.

- Woolf, Virginia

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

- Woolf, Virginia

Women serve but to keep a man from better company.

- Wycherley, William



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