

Camille Paglia

Quotes

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History shows that male homosexuality, which like prostitution flourishes with urbanization and soon becomes predictably ritualized, always tends toward decadence.

~Camille Paglia

The moment is ripe for an experienced businessman to talk practical, prudent economics to the electorate - which is why Mitt Romney's political fortunes are steadily being resurrected from the grave.

~Camille Paglia

Not a shred of evidence supports the existence of matriarchy anywhere in the world at any time... The matriarchy hypothesis, revived by American feminism, continues to flourish outside the university.

~Camille Paglia

Women's studies is a comfy, chummy morass of unchallenged groupthink . It is, with rare exception, totally unscholarly. Academic feminists have silenced men and dissenting women.

~Camille Paglia

There is no female Mozart because there is no female Jack the Ripper.

~Camille Paglia

Rule of art: Cant kills creativity!

~Camille Paglia

Human life began in flight and fear. Religion rose from rituals of propitiation, spells to lull the punishing elements.

~Camille Paglia

Women are in league with each other, a secret conspiracy of hearts and pheromones

~Camille Paglia

The 1990s, after the reign of terror of academic vandalism, will be a decade of restoration: restoration of meaning, value, beauty, pleasure, and emotion to art and restoration of art to its audience.

~Camille Paglia

Butchery is not the point of vampirism. Sex - domination and submission - is.

~Camille Paglia

Promiscuity in men may cheapen love but sharpen thought. Promiscuity in women is illness, a leakage of identity.

~Camille Paglia

Daytime soap operas, which I used to adore, have been declining in quality and importance for over a decade, and I gradually stopped monitoring them.

~Camille Paglia

Leaving sex to the feminists is like letting your dog vacation at the taxidermist.

~Camille Paglia

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

~Camille Paglia

If you live in rock and roll, as I do, you see the reality of sex, of male lust and women being aroused by male lust. It attracts women. It doesn't repel them.

~Camille Paglia

Patriarchy, routinely blamed for everything, produced the birth control pill, which did more to free contemporary women than feminism itself.

~Camille Paglia

The airheads of Congress will keep their own plush healthcare plan - it's the rest of us guinea pigs who will be thrown to the wolves.

~Camille Paglia

The damage done to U.S. prestige by the feckless, buffoonish George W. Bush will take years to repair.

~Camille Paglia

Teenage boys, goaded by their surging hormones run in packs like the primal horde. They have only a brief season of exhilarating liberty between control by their mothers and control by their wives.

~Camille Paglia

Teaching is a performance art.

~Camille Paglia

Nefertiti is like Athena born from the brow of Zeus, a head-heavy armored goddess. She is beautiful but desexed.

~Camille Paglia

Minerva save us from the cloying syrup of coercive compassion!

~Camille Paglia

If someone offends you by speech, you must learn to defend yourself by speech.

~Camille Paglia

Except for naval and air exercises, our military should be stationed on American soil, where service men and women can lead normal lives in close proximity to family and friends.

~Camille Paglia

A woman simply is, but a man must become.

~Camille Paglia

Bisexuality is our best hope of escape from the animosities and false polarities of the current sex wars.

~Camille Paglia

The Dionysian is no picnic.

~Camille Paglia

Men know they are sexual exiles. They wander the earth seeking satisfaction, craving and despising, never content. There is nothing in that anguished motion for women to envy.

~Camille Paglia

The prostitute is not, as feminists claim, the victim of men, but rather their conqueror, an outlaw, who controls the sexual channels between nature and culture

~Camille Paglia

Sex at the age of 90 is like playing billiards with a rope

~Camille Paglia

Education has become a prisoner of contemporaneity. It is the past, not the dizzy present, that is the best door to the future.

~Camille Paglia

Pornography is human imagination in tense theatrical action; its violations are a protest against the violations of our freedom by nature.

~Camille Paglia

We must accept our pain Change what we can and laugh at the rest

~Camille Paglia

When anything goes, it's women who lose.

~Camille Paglia

I regard affirmative action as pernicious - a system that had wonderful ideals when it started but was almost immediately abused for the benefit of white middle-class women.

~Camille Paglia

Lately, I've been doing a lot of tuning in and impatiently tuning out. As a longtime fan of talk radio, I don't think this bodes well for the long-term broad appeal of the medium.

~Camille Paglia

The artist makes art not to save mankind but to save himself. Every benevolent comment by an artist is a fog to cover his tracks, the bloody trail of his assault against reality and others.

~Camille Paglia

Pursuit and seduction are the essence of sexuality. It's part of the sizzle.

~Camille Paglia

Far from poisoning the mind, pornography shows the deepest truth about sexuality, stripped of romantic veneer.

~Camille Paglia

The moment there is imagination there is myth

~Camille Paglia

Western science is a product of the Apollonian mind: its hope is that by naming and classification, by the cold light of intellect, archaic night can be pushed back and defeated.

~Camille Paglia

The thrill of terror is passive, masochistic, and implicitly feminine. It is imaginative submission to overwhelming superior force.

~Camille Paglia

Men knew that if they devirginized a woman, they could end up dead within twenty-four hours. These controls have been removed.

~Camille Paglia

Criticism at its best is re-creative, not spirit-killing.

~Camille Paglia

Heterosexual love,. is in sync with cosmic forces. Not everyone has the stomach for daily war with nature.

~Camille Paglia

The last western society to worship female powers was Minoan Crete. And significantly, that fell and did not rise again.

~Camille Paglia

Women will never be taken seriously until they accept full responsibility for their sexuality.

~Camille Paglia

Beauty is our weapon against nature; by it we make objects, giving them limit, symmetry, proportion. Beauty halts and freezes the melting flux of nature.

~Camille Paglia

What feminism calls patriarchy is simply civilization , an abstract system designed by men but augmented and now co-owned by women.

~Camille Paglia

Feminism has become a catch-all vegetable drawer where bunches of clingy sob sisters can store their moldy neuroses.

~Camille Paglia

Are we like late Rome, infatuated with past glories, ruled by a complacent, greedy elite, and hopelessly powerless to respond to

changing conditions?

~Camille Paglia

This was a good example of the fascist policing of public discourse in this country by nominal liberals who have become as unthinkingly wedded to dogma as any junior member of the Spanish Inquisition.

~Camille Paglia

Manhood coerced into sensitivity is no manhood at all.

~Camille Paglia

The only thing that will be remembered about my enemies after they're dead is the nasty things I've said about them.

~Camille Paglia

Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope.

~Camille Paglia

Contemporary feminism cut itself off from history and bankrupted itself when it spun its puerile, paranoid fantasy of male oppressors and female sex-object victims. Woman is the dominant sex.

~Camille Paglia

If people could see the inside of my brain, I would be in prison.

~Camille Paglia

Jesus was a brilliant Jewish stand-up comedian, a phenomenal improviser. His parables are great one-liners.

~Camille Paglia

Sotomayor's vainglorious lecture bromide about herself as 'a wise Latina' trumping white men is a vulgar embarrassment - a vestige of the bad old days of male-bashing feminism.

~Camille Paglia

The only antidote to the magic of images is the magic of words.

~Camille Paglia

Masculinity is risky and elusive. It is achieved by a revolt from woman, and it is confirmed only by other men. Manhood coerced into sensitivity is no manhood at all.

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Sex is the point of contact between man and nature, where morality and good intentions fall to primitive urges.

~Camille Paglia

Greek pederasty honored the erotic magnetism of male adolescence in a way that today brings police to the door. Children are more conscious and perverse than parents like to think.

~Camille Paglia

Male urination really is a kind of accomplishment, an arc of transcendence. A woman merely waters the ground she stands on.

~Camille Paglia

Modern bodybuilding is ritual, religion, sport, art, and science, awash in Western chemistry and mathematics. Defying nature, it surpasses it.

~Camille Paglia

Out with stereotypes, feminism proclaims. But stereotypes are the west's stunning sexual personae, the vehicles of art's assault against nature. The moment there is imagination, there is myth.

~Camille Paglia

Heaven help the American-born boy with a talent for ballet.

~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.

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Male aggression and lust are the energizing factors in culture. They are men's tools of survival in the pagan vastness of female nature.

~Camille Paglia

What is Mona Lisa thinking? Nothing, of course. Her blankness is her menace and our fear. [...] Walter Pater is to call her a 'vampire,' coasting through history on her secret tasks.

~Camille Paglia

It is not male hatred of women but male fear of women that is the great universal.

~Camille Paglia

Anti-religious sneers are a hallmark of perpetual adolescents.

~Camille Paglia

When it defines man as the enemy, feminism is alienating women from their own bodies.

~Camille Paglia

Repression is an evolutionary adaptation permitting us to function under the burden of our expanded consciousness. For what we are conscious of could drive us mad.

~Camille Paglia

Every man must define his identity against his mother. If he does not, he just falls back into her and is swallowed up.

~Camille Paglia

Personality maintains its discreetness by an act of will. Otherwise one person will flow helplessly into another.

~Camille Paglia

Science is a method of logical analysis of nature's operations. It has lessened human anxiety about the cosmos by demonstrating the materiality of nature's forces, and their frequent predictability.

~Camille Paglia

Cats are autocrats of naked self-interest.

~Camille Paglia

Straight men who visit prostitutes are valiantly striving to keep sex free from emotion, duty, family--in other words, from society, religion, and procreative Mother Nature.

~Camille Paglia

It is capitalist America that produced the modern independent woman. Never in history have women had more freedom of choice in regard to dress, behavior, career, and sexual orientation.

~Camille Paglia

I guess I'm just a natural warrior.

~Camille Paglia

Our presence in Afghanistan is not worth the price of any more American lives or treasure.

~Camille Paglia

It's patriarchal society that has freed me as a woman.

~Camille Paglia

Modernization means Westernization.

~Camille Paglia

The unhappy truth is that male homosexuality will never be fully accepted by the heterosexual majority, who are obeying the dictates not of bigoted society or religion but of procreative nature.

~Camille Paglia

Capitalism is an art form.

~Camille Paglia

We live in a period of declining stars. Few celebrities these days (aside from the smoldering Angelina Jolie) seem to have complex psychic lives.

~Camille Paglia

Male mastery in marriage is a social illusion, nurtured by women exhorting their creations to play and walk. At the emotional heart of every marriage is a piety of mother and son.

~Camille Paglia

Even a woman of abnormal will cannot escape her hormonal identity.

~Camille Paglia

Children are monsters of unbridled egotism and will, for they spring directly from nature, hostile intimations of immorality.

~Camille Paglia

Pregnancy demonstrates the deterministic character of woman's sexuality.

~Camille Paglia

Minerva save us from the cloying syrup of coercive compassion! What feminism does not need, it seems to me, is an endless recycling of Doris Day Fifties clichés about noble womanhood.

~Camille Paglia

Despite crime's omnipresence, things work in society, because biology compels it. Order eventually restores itself, by psychic equilibrium.

~Camille Paglia

Although I'm an atheist who believes only in great nature, I recognize the spiritual richness and grandeur of the Roman Catholicism in which I was raised.

~Camille Paglia

It's so tiring to make love to women, it takes forever. I'm too lazy to be a lesbian.

~Camille Paglia

The mystique of the femme fatale cannot be perfectly translated into male terms.

~Camille Paglia

Every revolution eventually needs a new revolution.

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I certainly derived my skills as a prose writer from my scrutiny of poetry and of the individual word. But schools don't do things like that anymore - tracking words down to their roots.

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