

# Carol Gilligan

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While an ethic of justice proceeds from the premise of equalityâ€”that everyone should be treated the sameâ€”an ethic of care rests on the premise of nonviolenceâ€”that no one should be hurt.

~Carol Gilligan

While men represent powerful activity as assertion and aggression, women in contrast portray acts of nurturance as acts of strength.

~Carol Gilligan

In the different voice of women lies the truth of an ethic of care, the tie between relationship and responsibility, and the origins of aggression in the failure of connection.

~Carol Gilligan

Maybe love is like rain. Sometimes gentle, sometimes torrential, flooding, eroding, joyful, steady, filling the earth, collecting in underground springs. When it rains, when we love, life grows.

~Carol Gilligan

The hardest times for me were not when people challenged what I said, but when I felt my voice was not heard.

~Carol Gilligan

I find the question of whether gender differences are biologically determined or socially constructed to be deeply disturbing.

~Carol Gilligan

At a time when efforts are being made to eradicate discrimination between the sexes in the search for social equality and justice, the differences between the sexes are being rediscovered.

~Carol Gilligan

Both love and democracy depend on voice -- having a voice and also the resonance that makes it possible to speak and be heard.

~Carol Gilligan

I've found that if I say what I'm really thinking and feeling, people are more likely to say what they really think and feel. The conversation becomes a real conversation.

~Carol Gilligan

Theory can blind observation.

~Carol Gilligan

Pleasure is a sensation. It is written into our bodies; it is our experience of delight, of joy. ... Pleasure will become a marker, a compass pointing to emotional true north.

~Carol Gilligan

The blind willingness to sacrifice people to truth, however, has always been the danger of an ethics abstracted from life.

~Carol Gilligan

It all goes back, of course, to Adam and Eve - a story which shows among other things, that if you make a woman out of a man, you are bound to get into trouble.

~Carol Gilligan

Women have traditionally deferred to the judgment of men although often while intimating a sensibility of their own which is at variance with that judgment.

~Carol Gilligan

I used to tell women graduate students, half-seriously, that the role of slightly rebellious daughter was one of the better roles for women living in patriarchy.

~Carol Gilligan

Everything about women is in perpetual crisis.

~Carol Gilligan

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