

Dale Spender Quotes

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Silence*

Language helps form the limits of our reality.

~Dale Spender

Language is not neutral. It is not merely a vehicle which carries ideas. It is itself a shaper of ideas.

~Dale Spender

When women are supposed to be quiet, a talkative woman is a woman who talks at all.

~Dale Spender

This monopoly over language is one of the means by which males have ensured their own primacy, and consequently have ensured the invisibility or 'other' nature of females.

~Dale Spender

Men who teach only men are called scholars. Women who teach only women are called political agitators.

~Dale Spender

Sexual harassment is becoming the modus operandi of the new world (on-line)... It is the means by which some males are conquering and claiming the new territory as their own.

~Dale Spender

... for centuries there has been a long and honorable tradition of women who have resisted and protested against men and their power.

~Dale Spender

Openly questioning the way the world works and challenging the power of the powerful is not an activity customarily rewarded.

~Dale Spender

what has been termed 'correct' English is nothing other than the blatant

legitimation of the white middle-class code.

~Dale Spender

There is a real split today between those who push the button and those who do the dying.

~Dale Spender

men have been in charge of according value to literature, and ... they have found the contributions of their own sex immeasurably superior.

~Dale Spender

Paradoxically, the most constructive thing women can do is to write, for in the act of writing we deny our muteness and begin to eliminate some of the difficulties that have been put upon us.

~Dale Spender

For centuries women have been saying many of the things we are saying today and which we have often thought of as new.

~Dale Spender

I know there is no danger that I will ever forget that people construct their own reality, that human beings are not led to the same version of events and of the world by the same physical evidence.

~Dale Spender

Have you noticed that all the news, statistics, strategies about unemployment are provided by those who are employed? As soon as you are unemployed you cease to exist.

~Dale Spender

It is partly the absence of recorded history which sends women now to the lives of women past for the detailed documentation of their daily lives.

~Dale Spender

Every medium - oral, written, print, and now electronic - has its own associated thought patterns and mind sets.

~Dale Spender

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