

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Quotes

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Responsibility*

The best protection any woman can have... is courage.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

A government is just only when the whole people share equally in its protection and advantages.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The bible teaches that women brought sin and death into the world. I don't believe that any man ever talked with god. The bible was written by man out of his love of domination.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The heyday of woman's life is the shady side of fifty.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The whole tone of Church teaching in regard to women is, to the last degree, contemptuous and degrading.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

When we consider that women are treated as property it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Because man and woman are the complement of one another, we need woman's thought in national affairs to make a safe and stable government.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I would have girls regard themselves not as adjectives but as nouns.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

So long as women are slaves, men will be knaves.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Progress is the victory of a new thought over old superstitions.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Self-development is a higher duty than self-sacrifice.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Nature never repeats herself, and the possibilities of one human soul will never be found in another.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Come, come, my conservative friend, wipe the dew off your spectacles, and see that the world is moving.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Our 'pathway' is straight to the ballot box, with no variableness nor shadow of turning.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The Bible and the Church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of women's emancipation.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Words cannot describe the indignation a proud woman feels for her sex in disfranchisement.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The religious superstitions of women perpetuate their bondage more than all other adverse influences.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The prolonged slavery of woman is the darkest page in human history.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Men as a general rule have very little reverence for trees.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Out of the doctrine of original sin grew the crimes and miseries of asceticism, celibacy and witchcraft; woman becoming the helpless victim of all these delusions.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

You who have read the history of nations, from Moses down to our last election, where have you ever seen one class looking after the interests of another?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

[On women's role in the home:] Every wife, mother and housekeeper feels at present that there is some screw loose in the household situation.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Woman's degradation is in mans idea of his sexual rights. Our religion, laws, customs, are all founded on the belief that woman was made for man.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

To develop our real selves, we need time alone for thought and meditation. To be always giving out and never pumping in, the well runs dry.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The more complete the despotism, the more smoothly all things move on the surface.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The first step in the elevation of women under all systems of religion is to convince them that the great Spirit of the Universe is in no way responsible for any of these absurdities.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Truth is the only safe ground to stand on.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Social science affirms that a woman's place in society marks the level of civilization.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Woman's discontent increases in exact proportion to her development.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

A woman will always be dependent until she holds a purse of her own.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Religious superstitions more than all other influences put together cripple & enslave woman, but so long as women themselves do not see it & hug their chains, we have a great educational work to do.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

To refuse political equality is to rob the ostracized of all self-respect.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The isolation of every human soul and the necessity of self-dependence must give each individual the right to choose his own surroundings.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Whatever the theories may be of woman's dependence on man, in the supreme moments of her life he can not bear her burdens.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

One remarkable fact stands out in the history of witchcraft; and that is, its victims were chiefly women. Scarce one wizard to a hundred witches was ever burned or tortured.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I view it as one of the greatest crimes to shadow the minds of the young with these gloomy superstitions, and with fears of the unknown and the unknowable to poison all their joy in life.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Human beings lose their logic in their vindictiveness.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Womanhood is the great fact in her life; wifehood and motherhood are but incidental relations.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Woman has been the great unpaid laborer of the world.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

It is the inalienable right of all to be happy.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

To make laws that man cannot, and will not obey, serves to bring all laws into contempt.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

What will we and our daughters suffer if these degraded black men are allowed to have the rights that would make them even worse than our Saxon fathers?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Every truth we see is one to give to the world, not to keep to ourselves alone.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

All honor to the noble women that have devoted earnest lives to the intellectual needs of mankind!

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I am always busy, which is perhaps the chief reason why I am always well.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Surely the immutable laws of the universe can teach more impressive and exalted lessons than the holy books of all the religions on earth.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The happiest people I have known have been those who gave themselves no concern about their own souls, but did their uttermost to mitigate the miseries of others.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

How long will the heathens rage?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

There must be a remedy even for such a crying evil as this [abortion]. But where shall it be found, at least where begin, if not in the complete enfranchisement and elevation of women?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The Church is a terrible engine of oppression, especially as concerns woman

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The history of the past is but one long struggle upward to equality.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Though motherhood is the most important of all the professions - requiring more knowledge than any other department in human affairs - there was no attention given to preparation for this office.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I decline to accept Hebrew mythology as a guide to twentieth-century science.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

With age come the inner, the higher life. Who would be forever young, to dwell always in externals?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Nothing adds such dignity to character as the recognition of one's self-sovereignty.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I thought that the chief thing to be done in order to equal boys was to be learned and courageous. So I decided to study Greek and learn to manage a horse.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

To throw obstacles in the way of a complete education is like putting out the eyes.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The queens in history compare favorably with the kings.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

All the men of the Old Testament were polygamists, and Christ and Paul, the central figures of the New Testament, were celibates, and condemned marriage by both precept and example.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

We found nothing grand in the history of the Jews nor in the morals inculcated in the Pentateuch. I know of no other books that so fully teach the subjection and degradation of woman.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Dress loose, take a great deal of exercise, and be particular about your diet and sleep sound enough, the body has a great effect on the mind.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The Bible contains some of the most sublime passages in English literature, but is also full of contradictions, inconsistencies, and absurdities.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Women of all classes are awakening to the necessity of self-support, but few are willing to do the ordinary useful work for which they are fitted.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

We are the only class in history that has been left to fight its battles alone, unaided by the ruling powers. White labor and the freed black men had their champions, but where are ours?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Who, I ask you, can take, dare take, on himself the rights, the duties, the responsibilities of another human soul?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Embrace truth as it is revealed to-day by human reason.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The memory of my own suffering has prevented me from ever shadowing one young soul with the superstition of the Christian religion.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I have such an intense pride of sex that the triumphs of women in art, literature, oratory, science, or song rouse my enthusiasm as nothing else can.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Oh, the shortcomings and inconsistency of the average human being, especially when this human being is a man trying to manage women's affairs!

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I shall not grow conservative with age.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The woman is uniformly sacrificed to the wife and mother.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I see by the papers that you have once more stirred that pool of intellectual stagnation, the educational convention.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

When men and women think, the first step to progress is taken.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

It is impossible for one class to appreciate the wrongs of another.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

If the Bible teaches the equality of women, why does the church refuse to ordain women to preach the gospel, to fill the offices of deacons and elders, and to administer the Sacraments...?

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

... strike the words "white male" from all your constitutions, and then, with fair sailing, let us sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish together.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Resolved, That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise.

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The desire to please those we admire and respect often cripples conscience.

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Eve tasted the apple in the Garden of Eden in order to slake that intense thirst for knowledge that the simple pleasure of picking flowers and talking to Adam could not satisfy.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

You're dangerous."he says. Why?" Because you make me believe in the impossible." â€” Simone Elkeles (Rules of Attraction)

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

To think that all in me of which my father would have felt proper pride had I been a man, is deeply mortifying to him because I am a woman.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

God, in His wisdom, has so linked the whole human family together that any violence done at one end of the chain is felt throughout its length.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I had been invited to speak after the lunch. But I did not go to the table until the feast ended, as I never like to eat or talk before speaking.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I poured out the torrent of my long-standing discontent and I challenged them to do and dare anything.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

No mortal ever has been, no mortal ever will be like the soul just launched on the sea of life.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

We demand in the Reconstruction suffrage for all the citizens of the Republic. I would not talk of Negroes or women, but of citizens.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The great fault of mankind is that it will not think.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

the wrongs of society can be more deeply impressed on a large class of readers in the form of fiction than by essays, sermons, or the facts of science.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Only those who have lived all their lives under the dark clouds of vague, undefined fears can appreciate the joy of a doubting soul suddenly born into the kingdom of reason and free thought.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

It is in vain to look for the elevation of woman so long as she is

degraded in marriage.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Reformers who are always compromising, have not yet grasped the idea that truth is the only safe ground to stand upon.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

No privileged order ever did see the wrongs of its own victims.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

The prejudice against color, of which we hear so much, is no stronger than that against sex. It is produced by the same cause, and manifested very much in the same way.

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Among the clergy we find our most violent enemies, those most opposed to any change in woman's position.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

I have met few men in my life, worth repeating eight times.

~Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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