

# Katha Pollitt

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While woman sheds the Blood of Life each moon at menstruation, man can only shed the blood of death through warfare and killing.

~Katha Pollitt

Can currently existing religion be disentangled from the misogyny of its texts, its traditions, and its practices? ... a resounding NO: misogyny not only pervades the major faiths, it's baked in.

~Katha Pollitt

Misogyny runs deeper than religion.

~Katha Pollitt

When it comes to ideas - and religions are, among other things, ideas - there is no right not to be offended. ... In fact, if you need laws ... to protect your faith, maybe your faith is weak.

~Katha Pollitt

We tend to tell strangers what we think will make us sound good. I myself, to my utter amazement, informed a telephone pollster that I exercised regularly, a bare-faced lie.

~Katha Pollitt

When your claim to be victims of secularism rests on Wal-Mart greeters wishing shoppers Happy Holidays, you are clearly a bunch of great big babies.

~Katha Pollitt

One of the very important ideas of feminism for me has always been women helping and supporting each other.

~Katha Pollitt

In a better world, science teachers would teach creationism along with evolution as an exercise in critical thinking.

~Katha Pollitt

... on the whole 'blasphemy' has been a force for good in human history. It is part of the process by which millions of people have come to reject theocracy and think for themselves.

~Katha Pollitt

Every inch of progress is won in struggle.

~Katha Pollitt

We live, I am trying to say, in an epidemic of male violence against women.

~Katha Pollitt

Every gain women have made in the past two hundred years has been in the face of experts insisting they couldn't do it and didn't really want to.

~Katha Pollitt

Old, in America, is not a good thing to be.

~Katha Pollitt

Like Broadway, the novel, and G-d, feminism has been declared dead many times

~Katha Pollitt

For me, religion is serious business - a farrago of authoritarian nonsense, misogyny and humble pie, the eternal enemy of human happiness and freedom.

~Katha Pollitt

funny how ready people are to believe that counseling, which even when voluntary takes years to modify garden-variety neuroses, can work wonders in months with resistant patients who hate each other.

~Katha Pollitt

For me, to be a feminist is to answer the question 'Are women human?' with a yes.

~Katha Pollitt

For many people, feminism is one of those words of which, as St. Augustine said about time, they know the meaning as long as no one is asking.

~Katha Pollitt

If you run into trouble doing what's expected, people sympathize with you, while if you try something else and flop everyone says, You see?

~Katha Pollitt

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