

Katharine Fullerton Gerould Quotes

*Men, People, Lying, Mean, Believe, Giving, Fashion, Truth, Sleep, Simplicity,
Simple, Mistake, Stupid, Book, Long, America, Taste, Individual, Real, Sex*

The real drawback to the simple life is that it is not simple. If you are living it, you positively can do nothing else. There is not time.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Simplicity is an acquired taste. Mankind, left free, instinctively complicates life.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Educational legislation nowadays is largely in the hands of illiterate people, and the illiterate will take good care that their illiteracy is not made a reproach on them.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

There is no morality by instinct. There is no social salvation in the end without taking thought; without mastery of logic and application of logic to human experience.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Ignorance of what real learning is, and a consequent suspicion of it; materialism, and a consequent intellectual laxity, both of these have done destructive work in the colleges.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Nothing makes people so worthy of compliments as receiving them. One is more delightful for being told one is delightful-just as one is more angry for being told one is angry.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Civilization is merely an advance in taste: accepting, all the time, nicer things, and rejecting nasty ones.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The aristocracy most widely developed in America is that of wealth.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Social distinctions concern themselves ultimately with whom you may and may not marry.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

One of the reasons, surely, why women have been credited with less perfect veracity than men is that the burden of conventional falsehood falls chiefly on them.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

You can bear anything if it is not your fault.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Most men have always wanted as much as they could get; and possession has always blunted the fine edge of their altruism.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Conventional manners are a kind of literacy test for the alien who comes among us.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

No fashion has ever been created expressly for the lean purse or for the fat woman: the dressmaker's ideal is the thin millionaires.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

men demand everything and are not satisfied until sex blinds them into thinking they have got it.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

I nearly always find, when I ask a vegetarian if he is a socialist, or a socialist if he is a vegetarian, that the answer is in the affirmative.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Funny how people despise platitudes, when they are usually the truest thing going. A thing has to be pretty true before it gets to be a platitude.

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All violations of essential privacy are brutalizing.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

I have looked warily at anthropologists ever since the day when I went to hear a great Greek scholar lecture on the Iliad, and listened for an hour to talk about bull-roarers and leopard-societies.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Originality usually amounts only to plagiarizing something unfamiliar.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

When did the word 'temperament' come into fashion with us? Perhaps it came in when we discovered that artists were human beings.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The principle of fashion is . . . the principle of the kaleidoscope. A new year can only bring us a new combination of the same elements; and about once in so often we go back and begin again.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

democracy always makes for materialism, because the only kind of equality that you can guarantee to a whole people is, broadly speaking, physical.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The insidiousness of science lies in its claim to be not a subject, but a method.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The imagination can be happy in places where the whole man is not.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

... it is a great mistake to confuse conventionality with simplicity ... it takes a good deal of intelligence and a great many inhibitions to follow a social code.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

For never doubt that those souls who live least by the flesh feel themselves most defiled by its defilement.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Many of us do not believe in capital punishment, because thus society takes from a man what society cannot give.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Individual freedom and individual equality cannot co-exist. I dare say no one since Thomas Jefferson has really believed it.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Society, by insisting on conventions, has merely insisted on certain convenient signs by which we may know that a man is considering, in daily life, the comfort of other people.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The only glory most of us have to hope for is the glory of being normal.

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There are only three things worthwhile -- fighting, drinking, and making love.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

When the temperamental and unconventional people are not mere plagiarists of dead eccentrics, they lack, in almost every case, the historic sense.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

... if we have a dollar to spend on some wild excess, we shall spend it on a book, not on asparagus out of season.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Frenchwomen could not dress like Englishwomen without conviction of sin.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

The very notion of tabu is one of the rightest notions in the world. Better any old tabu than none, for a man cannot be said to be "on the side of the stars" at all, unless he makes refusals.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Culture' means a long receptivity to things of the mind and the spirit.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Some of the men and women who will not say in so many words the thing which is not, will deliberately give a false impression. They are not the servants of truth; they are the parasites of truth.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

There are inquiries which are a sort of moral burglary.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

What passes for an original opinion is, generally, merely an original phrase. Old lamps for new - yes; but it is always the same oil in the lamp.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

Do you see any majority, anywhere, in this imperfect and irreligious world, admitting that the minority is precious? That any minority is precious?

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

It is not permissible to lie merely to save one's face. But it is sometimes permissible to lie to save another person's face.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

On the whole, I should say that the person who likes to lie should never, in any circumstances, be allowed to. Leave the lying to the people who hate it. You will not find them indulging often.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

if you are perfectly willing to shock an individual verbally, the next thing you will be doing is to shock him practically.

~Katharine Fullerton Gerould

I know exaggerators of both kinds: people whose lies are only picturesque adjectives, and people whose picturesque adjectives are only lies.

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