

Monique Wittig

Quotes

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For there is no sex. There is but sex that is oppressed and sex that oppresses. It is oppression that creates sex and not the contrary.

~Monique Wittig

Language casts sheaves of reality upon the social body, stamping it and violently shaping it.

~Monique Wittig

The category of sex is the political category that founds society as heterosexual.

~Monique Wittig

... I am with fire between my teeth and still nothing but my blank page.

~Monique Wittig

The dictionary is, however, only a rough draft.

~Monique Wittig

Today, together, let us repeat as our slogan that all trace of violence must disappear from this earth, then the sun will be honey-colored and music good to hear.

~Monique Wittig

Not only do we naturalize history, but also consequently we naturalize the social phenomena which express our oppression, making change impossible

~Monique Wittig

The class struggle is precisely that which resolves the contradictions between two opposed classes by abolishing them at the same time that it constitutes and reveals them as classes.

~Monique Wittig

The basic agreement between human beings, indeed what makes them

human and makes them social, is language.

~Monique Wittig

Remember. Or, failing that, invent.

~Monique Wittig

I feel a near passion for intelligence at grips with itself and not letting go.

~Monique Wittig

It is quite possible for a work of literature to operate as a war machine upon its epoch.

~Monique Wittig

there is no 'feminine writing' ... and one makes a mistake is using and giving currency to this expression.

~Monique Wittig

The bearers of fables are very welcome.

~Monique Wittig

I refuse to pronounce the names of possession and nonpossession.

~Monique Wittig

They say that oppression engenders hate. They are heard on all sides crying hate hate.

~Monique Wittig

One is a writer, or one is not.

~Monique Wittig

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