

# Shulamith Firestone Quotes

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Power, however it has evolved, whatever its origins, will not be given up without a struggle.

~Shulamith Firestone

Women were the slave class that maintained the species in order to free the other half for the business of the world.

~Shulamith Firestone

Romanticism is a cultural tool of male power to keep women from knowing their conditions.

~Shulamith Firestone

Men are thinking, writing, and creating, because women were pouring their energy into those men; women are not creating culture because they are occupied with love.

~Shulamith Firestone

Feminism, when it truly achieves its goals, will crack through the most basic structures of our society.

~Shulamith Firestone

If women are differentiated only by superficial physical attributes, men appear more individual and irreplaceable than they really are.

~Shulamith Firestone

He has let her in not because he genuinely loved her, but only because she played so well into his preconceived fantasies.

~Shulamith Firestone

The separation of sex from emotion is at the very foundations of Western culture and civilization.

~Shulamith Firestone

(Male) culture was (and is) parasitical, feeding on the emotional

strength of women without reciprocity.

~Shulamith Firestone

All men are selfish, brutal and inconsiderate--and I wish I could find one.

~Shulamith Firestone

Thus her whole identity hangs in the balance of her love life. She is allowed to love herself only if a man finds her worthy of love.

~Shulamith Firestone

[U]nless oppressed groups stick together, and on alliances of self interest rather than do-goodism; nothing can be accomplished in the long run to dismantle the apparatus of oppression.

~Shulamith Firestone

To be worshiped is not freedom.

~Shulamith Firestone

No matter how many levels of consciousness one reaches, the problem always goes deeper.

~Shulamith Firestone

Women and love are underpinnings. Examine them and you threaten the very structure of culture.

~Shulamith Firestone

...he will go to his grave feeling cheated, never realizing that there isn't much difference between one woman and the other, that it is the loving that creates the difference.

~Shulamith Firestone

But in psychoanalysis there are no unimportant thoughts; there are only thoughts that pretend to be unimportant in order to not be told.

~Shulamith Firestone

The classic trap for any revolutionary is always, 'What's your alternative?'

~Shulamith Firestone

The best way to raise a child is to LAY OFF!

~Shulamith Firestone

A fair and generous woman is (at best) respected, but seldom loved.

~Shulamith Firestone

The division yin and yang pervades all culture, history, economics, nature itself; modern Western versions of sex discrimination are only the most recent layer.

~Shulamith Firestone

The personal is political.

~Shulamith Firestone

Emancipated' women found out that the honesty, generosity, and camaraderie of men was a lie.

~Shulamith Firestone

...love is essentially a much simpler phenomenon--it becomes complicated, corrupted or obstructed by an unequal balance of power.

~Shulamith Firestone

It is only after we have integrated the dark side of the moon into our world view that we can begin to talk seriously of universal culture.

~Shulamith Firestone

the 'natural' is not necessarily a 'human' value.

~Shulamith Firestone

The bar is the male kingdom. For centuries it was the bastion of male privilege, the gathering place for men away from their women, a place where men could go to freely indulge in The Bull Session.

~Shulamith Firestone

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