

Wendy Kaminer Quotes

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Jargon seems to be the place where the right brain and the left brain meet.

~Wendy Kaminer

Only people who die very young learn all they really need to know in kindergarten.

~Wendy Kaminer

In its more authoritarian forms, religion punishes questioning and rewards gullibility. Faith is not a function of stupidity, but a frequent cause of it.

~Wendy Kaminer

What might once have been called whining is now exalted as a process of asserting selfhood; self-absorption is regarded as a form of self-expression.

~Wendy Kaminer

Under the rubric of religious freedom, we respect the right to worship differently much more than the right to worship not at all.

~Wendy Kaminer

Secularists are often wrongly accused of trying to purge religious ideals from public discourse. We simply want to deny them public sponsorship.

~Wendy Kaminer

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As Camille Paglia's success has demonstrated, what is most marketable is absolutism and attitude undiluted by thought.

~Wendy Kaminer

Whatever lessons we take from this dreadful attack (on the World Trade Center and Pentagon), we should never forget that it was, after all, a faith based initiative.

~Wendy Kaminer

Tolerance is thin gruel compared to the rapture of absolute truths. It's not surprising that religious people are often better protected by atheists and agnostics than each other.

~Wendy Kaminer

In this climate - with belief in guardian angels and creationism becoming commonplace - making fun of religion is as risky as burning a flag in an American Legion hall.

~Wendy Kaminer

We don't cut off the hands of thieves or castrate rapists. Why must we murder murderers?

~Wendy Kaminer

The press and the public like certainty and affirmation of popular biases. But real science thrives on the capacity for doubt.

~Wendy Kaminer

Like heterosexuality, faith in immaterial realities is popularly considered essential to individual morality.

~Wendy Kaminer

When the inner child finds a guardian angel, publishers are in heaven.

~Wendy Kaminer

If all issues are personalized, we lose our capacity to entertain ideas, to generalize from our own or someone else's experiences, to think abstractly. We substitute sentimentality for thought.

~Wendy Kaminer

Spirituality authors, who are generally forgiving of most human foibles ... take a hard line on intellectualism.... Skepticism they view with contempt, as the refuge of the unenlightened.

~Wendy Kaminer

Patriotism does not oblige us to acquiesce in the destruction of liberty. Patriotism obliges us to question it, at least.

~Wendy Kaminer

There are only two states of being in the world of codependency - recovery and denial.

~Wendy Kaminer

For the most part, executions happen in obscurity. If people did hear about executions, if they were publicized, even televised, I fear more would enjoy them than be repelled by them.

~Wendy Kaminer

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