

WHAT I FIND OF MOST SATISFACTION IS WHEN I SEE VICTIMS BECOMING ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE.

Mary Balikungeri (women's & development activist, Rwanda)



IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE WORLD IS, YOU CHANGE IT. YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CHANGE IT. YOU JUST DO IT ONE STEP AT A TIME.

Marian Wright Edelman (children's rights activist, USA)



EVERY MOMENT IS AN ORGANIZING OPPORTUNITY, EVERY PERSON A POTENTIAL ACTIVIST, EVERY MINUTE A CHANCE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Dolores Huerta (activist & feminist, USA)



THERE ARE ASTONISHING STORIES OF HEROISM NOT ONLY IN PREVENTING BLOODSHED, BUT IN BUILDING UNDERSTANDING WHICH LASTS.

Scilla Elworthy (scholar & peace worker, Scotland)



THERE IS NO TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN.

Kofi Annan (UN Secretary-General 1997-2007, Nobel Peace Prize 2001, Ghana)



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS NOT A FAMILY ISSUE, IT IS THE MOST WIDESPREAD VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.



IF I DO NOT WORK, WHO WILL? I HAVE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND I SHOULD BE USING THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK I DO FOR PEACE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. Nino Javakhishvili (biologist, women's & peace activist, Georgia)



WE CAN'T DO IT BY OURSELVES, BUT IF ENOUGH OF US DO IT, WE CHANGE THE CULTURAL CLIMATE, AND THEN THE LEADERS FOLLOW. Riane Eisler (scholar, writer, social activist, Austria/USA)



THE POWER OF THE HARASSER, THE ABUSER, THE RAPIST DEPENDS ABOVE ALL ON THE SILENCE OF WOMEN. Ursula Le Guin (author & feminist, USA)



EMANCIPATION WILL ONLY BE COMPLETED WHEN A TOTALLY INCAPABLE WOMAN HAS MOVED UP TO A RESPONSIBLE POSITION. Heidi Kabel (actress, Germany)



SEXISM IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH ALL TYRANNY IS BUILT. EVERY SOCIAL FORM OF HIERARCHY AND ABUSE IS MODELED ON MALE-OVER-FEMALE DOMINATION. Andrea Dworkin (feminist & writer, USA)



INSTITUTIONALIZED IN SPORTS, THE MILITARY, ACCULTURATED SEXUALITY, THE HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY OF HEROISM, VIOLENCE IS TAUGHT TO BOYS UNTIL THEY BECOMES ITS ADVOCATES.

Andrea Dworkin (feminist & writer, USA)



WOMEN PREVENT THE THREADS OF LIFE FROM BEING BROKEN. THE FINEST MINDS HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE PEACEMAKING ROLE OF WOMEN.

Mikhail Gorbachev (politician, Nobel Peace Price 1990, Russia)



WHEN MEN TALK ABOUT DEFENSE, THEY ALWAYS CLAIM TO BE PROTECTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BUT THEY NEVER ASK THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHAT THEY THINK.

Pat Schroeder (politician & feminist, USA)



HOW SAD NOW NEVER TO SEE MEN HOLDING HANDS, WHILE EVERYWHERE ONE LOOKS, THEY ARE HOLDING GUNS.

Alice Walker (author & feminist, USA)



I MYSELF HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT PRECISELY WHAT FEMINISM IS; I ONLY KNOW THAT PEOPLE CALL ME A FEMINIST WHENEVER I EXPRESS SENTIMENTS THAT DIFFERENTIATE ME FROM A DOORMAT OR A PROSTITUTE.

Rebecca West (author, GB)



**MY IDEA OF FEMINISM IS
SELF-DETERMINATION AND IT'S VERY
OPEN-ENDED: EVERY WOMAN
HAS THE RIGHT TO BECOME HERSELF
AND DO WHATEVER SHE NEEDS TO DO.**

Ani DiFranco (musician & feminist, USA)



**NO ONE IS MORE ARROGANT
TOWARD WOMEN, MORE AGGRESSIVE
OR SCORNFUL, THAN THE MAN WHO
IS ANXIOUS ABOUT HIS VIRILITY.**

Simone de Beauvoir (author, philosopher, feminist, France)



**REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD, LIKE
THE WORLD ITSELF, IS THE WORK OF MEN;
THEY DESCRIBE IT FROM THEIR OWN
POINT OF VIEW, WHICH THEY CONFUSE
WITH THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.**

Simone de Beauvoir (author, philosopher, feminist, France)



**MEN ARE REWARDED FOR LEARNING
THE PRACTICE OF VIOLENCE IN VIRTUALLY
ANY SPHERE OF ACTIVITY BY MONEY,
ADMIRATION, RECOGNITION, RESPECT,
AND THE GENUFLECTION OF OTHERS
HONORING THEIR SACRED AND PROVEN
MASCULINITY. IN MALE CULTURE, POLICE
ARE HEROIC AND SO ARE OUTLAWS;
MALES WHO ENFORCE STANDARDS ARE
HEROIC AND SO ARE THOSE WHO
VIOLATE THEM.**

Andrea Dworkin (feminist & writer, USA)

