You want to hear how I feel about feminism. I don't have much patience for that kind of nonsense. The feminist movement as it stands now is inadequate. The women who lead it are all your old-fashioned, backwoods, religious type. The people they represent are a backward, reactionary mob. They've been brainwashed by all the training they've had. They're afraid of the unknown, of the future. They want to keep things as they are.

They think they can save the world by reforming the education system, but that's just a pipe dream. The real problem is that we live in a world of male domination. We live in a world where men are the only ones who matter. Women are just seen as objects, things to be used and discarded. That's why I'm a feminist. I want to tear down that system and build a new one where everyone is equal. Where women are respected and valued for who they are, not just for what they can produce.
And if you honestly desire to find your level without prejudice - be brave at the outset - that pathetic clap-trap war cry, Woman is the equal of man -

she is NOT!

The man who lives a life in which his activities conform to a social code which is a protectorate of the feminine element is no longer masculine.

The women who adapt themselves to a theoretical valuation of their sex as a relative impersonality, is not yet feminine.

Leave off looking to men to find out what you are not - seek within yourselves to find out what you are.

As conditions are at present constituted - you have the choice between Parasitism, & Prostitution - or Negation.
Men & women are enemies, with the eminence of the exploited for the parasite, the parasite for the exploited — at present they are at the mercy of the advantage that each can take of the other's sexual dependence. The only point at which the interests of the sexes merge — is the sexual embrace.

The first illusion it is to your interest to demolish is the division of women into two classes: the mistress, & the mother. Every well-balanced & developed woman knows that is not true; nature has endowed the complete woman with a faculty for expressing herself through all her functions — there are no restrictions the woman who is so incompletely developed self-conscious evolved as to be un-self-conscious in sex, will prove a restrictive influence on the temperamental expansion of the next generation; the woman who is a poor mistress will be an incompetent mother — an inferior mentality — & will enjoy an inadequate appreciation of life.
To obtain results you must make sacrifices. The first and greatest sacrifice you have to make is of your 'virtue.' The fictitious value of woman as identified with her physical purity is too easy a stand—rendering her helpless in the acquisition of intrinsic merits of character by which she could obtain a concrete value. Therefore, the first self-enforced law for the female sex, as a protection against the man-made bogey of virtue— which is the principal instrument of her subjection—would be the unconditional surgical destruction of virginity throughout the female population at puberty.

The value of man is assessed entirely, according to his use to or interest to the community. The value of woman, depends entirely on church and her success or insufficiency in maneuvering a man into taking the life-long responsibility of her—

The professional advantages of marriage are too ridiculously ample—compared to all other trades—for under modern conditions
a woman can accept preposterously luxurious support from a man (without return of any sort— even offspring) — as a thank offering for her virginity.

The woman who has not succeeded in striking that advantageous bargain — is prohibited from any but surreptitious reaction to life — stimulus — is entirely debarred maternity. Every woman has a right to maternity.

Every woman of superior intelligence should realize her race-responsibility, in producing children in adequate proportion to the unfit or degenerate members of her sex —

Each child of a superior woman should be the result of a definite period of psychic development in her life — not necessarily of a possibly irksome & outworn continuance of an alliance — spontaneously adapted for vital creation in the beginning but not necessarily harmoniously balanced as the parties to it — follow their individual lines of personal evolution —

For the harmony of the race, each indi-
vidual should be the expression of an easy
& ample interpenetration of the male & female
temperaments — free of stress
Woman must become more responsible for
the child than man —
Women must destroy in themselves, the
desire to be loved —
The feeling that it is a personal insult
when a man transfers his attentions from
her to another woman.
The desire for comfortable protection, instead
of an intelligent curiosity & courage in
meeting & resisting the pressure of life
Sex or so-called love must be reduced
to its initial element, honour, grief,
Sentimentality, pride & consequently jealousy
must be detached from it.
Woman for her happiness must retain her
deceptive feebleness of appearance, combined with
indomitable will, irreducible courage, & abundant
health, the outcome of sound nerves —
Another great illusion that
Woman must use all her introspective
clear-sightedness & unbiassed bravery
to destroy — for the sake of her Self Respect
is the inferiority of sex
the realisation in defiance of superstition that there is nothing impure in sex — except in the mental attitude to it — will constitute a wider, more an incalculable wider social regeneration than it is possible for our generation to imagine.

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