

*Bringing Feminist Theory Home*

## *Feminism?*

*Feminism is hope. Its quality is strength, its intention is equity. As it flourishes, it empowers. It is the spirit of justice—a refusal, a rebellion, an expression, an identity, a cover and protection, a voice—provided through education, opportunities, support, equal rights, expanding choices, eliminating gender stratification, ending sexual violence, and promoting sexual freedom for women.*

## *Feminist Motion*

*Feminism is how we pick each other up, build and become feminists, create relationships that are more equal, support those who are not supported by social systems. Feminism is women who stood up, spoke back, struggled, and fought. It is the dynamism of making connections—a movement. A movement coming into existence for transformation, many feminisms mean many transformations. Feminism is liberated when a woman snaps; when there is no tolerance, it grows between those who recognise power relations, gender violence, and gender as violence. Feminism is bringing people into the room, in the streets, and in public; it is about a way of thinking and how to think, a movement in many senses.*

*Feminism needs to be everywhere because feminism is not everywhere—feminism is becoming a word that not only speaks to you but speaks for you. It expresses your existence, becoming your voice, your sound, your opportunity for your existence. Feminism represents that your mind is your own, not owned. Feminism matters because it teaches you to speak up for yourself against violence, sexism, sexual exploitation, and sexual oppression. Feminism teaches you to recognise what has not ended.*

## *Practice (Feminism)*

*Feminism is an exercise—a way of thinking about how feminism originates and where it ends. How to explore and practice feminism is to do intellectual as well as emotional work—not to experience gender as a restriction but as a possibility, and while navigating these options, we gain knowledge about the world. The experience of feminism and being a feminist brings philosophical lessons.*

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## *Now!*

*Feminism is no longer about the real thing—the original. Instead, it is about its own real conditions of existence: consciousness, potential, and the actual experience of encountering the outside world, which is what sparks our creativity. It has nothing to do with concepts that don't rely on a withdrawn intellect but rather on a body that needs to move in order to make space.*

*In short: feminism inspires fear; together, we are dangerous.*

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