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### Abstract

Book synopsis: The author challenges many feminist orthodoxies - on female sexuality, pornography, war and peace, psychoanalysis and sociobiology. She argues against the exponents - such as Mary Daly, Andrea Dworkin and Dale Spender - of apocalyptic feminism, which says that men wield power over women through terror, greed and violence and that only women, because of their essentially greater humanity can save the world from social, ecological and nuclear disaster.

Segal urges that to base the politics of feminism on innate and essential differences between men and women is mistaken, dangerous, and basically a counsel of despair, since its logical conclusion is that nothing can change. Things emphatically have changed for women, she asserts, and we must build on these changes, combining autonomy with alliances to alter power relations and forge a new future for both women and men.

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