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Joe Smulkstis — 20 Oct 2006, 11:55

It may be off topic, but I'm really enjoying the misogyny discussion.

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I'd also like to agree with Hmph when she says:

I'd say the differences between
men and women are somewhat (or, depending on which depiction we're
actually talking about, often even *hugely*) exaggerated.

Oh, yes. Absolutely. I've met men who love children and women who genuinely can't stand the little bastards. Theodore Sturgeon wrote a book called "Venus Plus X" which touches on this theme.

I think the any differences that may exist are amplified
by people's desire to see themselves as part of groups
with defined roles and behaviors, rather than just another
dumb human. Aside from childbirth and castration most behaviors can be found somewhere in
both men and women.

Thank you all for some very interesting discussions.

"The more I know people, the more I like animals".

Anyone know who said that?

Muskrat

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 20 Oct 2006, 17:29 · in reply to Joe Smulkstis

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Thomas Gant — 24 Oct 2006, 00:01 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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