Archives Digitised Collections

Creator(s)
Greer, Germaine (1939-)

Title
Soul - Perception from the Past - Rights of Nature

Date
1968-1970

Description
item: 2014.0039.0197

Terms and Conditions
Copyright owned by University of Melbourne. For information about ordering a copy of this image contact the University of Melbourne Archives: archives@archives.unimelb.edu.au

Preferred Citation
University of Melbourne Archives, Greer, Germaine (1939-), Soul - Perception from the Past - Rights of Nature, 2014.0039.0197
... if the power of neglecting this education altogether, or bestowing it improperly, be lodged in our hands, as having the sole management and direction of the sex; then it will follow that we should act a much better, and more becoming part, trying to amend their faults by a more thorough instruction, than to leave them ignorant and complain that they are so; or teach them folly, and rail at them for having blamed what we taught them. But instead of doing this in every age, and in every country, while men have been partial to the persons of the first, they have Either left their minds altogether without culture, or brassed them by a culture of spurious and improper nature; suspicions perhaps that a more rational one would have opened their eyes, shown them their real condition, and
prompted them to assert the rights of nature, rights of which the men have perpetually felt, more or less, deprived them.

But we are not only neglect the sex or mislead them in point of education; while youth and beauty is on their side, the scene which we open to them is all delusion, treachery, falsehood; for while we take every opportunity of telling them when present that there is perfection, and shew sentiments and actions all perfection; when absent we laugh at the credulity of their minds, and satirise and present to new every fault and every folly. No is it till they have become wives, and till the wrinkles have furrowed their brows, that the use of sex shall bear witness of truth from ours.

Tradition that women copulated with fallen angels.