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January 1

"Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 22:14, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

Within these simple words in the New Testament Book of Revelations lie some very simple but deeply profound statements.

The Lord begins by saying "Blessed are they . . ." which to those of us who are for the first time embarking on this journey immediately perks our ears with the desire to hear that which is Blessed to God. We want to know that which is blessed so that we may know where to begin our journey towards God.

What is spoken next is so utterly important to every one of us, but so easily missed. Those who "wash their robes." In this very statement God is making something very clear. Everyone is included. These are not those people who have come into this world and made no mistakes, these are people like you and me who have made our robes dirty. But the Lord says 'Blessed are they who wash their robes . . . "

Instantly we are all included, and the realization comes upon us that God is not outside of our reach no matter where we may

be in life or what we may have done because we can also wash our robes.

And finally, the words that fill us with the joy of knowing that if we choose to begin the difficult process of the purification of our souls, the Lord is now promising us that by so doing, we shall “have the right to the tree of life.”

What is God saying here? The tree of life, we are told, is the knowledge of good and evil. So by choosing to go forth confidently towards the Lord with our dirty robes, he is saying that very act alone will give us the right – those are strong words – we shall have the right to know what is good and evil within ourselves.

Strong words because who but God could give us such a right?

And as the Holy Spirit comes over us in our desire for purification and we come to know the good and evil within ourselves, we begin to wash our robes.

What then? When we have taken upon ourselves the task to undergo self-purification and begun washing our robes, accepted our divine right to know that which is good and evil within ourselves and allowed the Holy Spirit to help us to see it, know it, and overcome these things, the final promise? “And enter the city through its gates.”

What is astounding about all of this is

that God is speaking to every human soul. No one is excluded. The very requirement that our robes must be washed indicates that this promise is for sinners, people with weaknesses, people who have failed in purity and vice. This scripture is not for those who are already there, it's for those of us who aren't yet close.

No matter where you begin this journey from, God is beckoning to you. Your dirty robes are welcome in the purification process of the Lord.

January 2

"Christian Soul! If you seek to reach the loftiest peak of perfection, and to unite yourself so intimately with God that you become one in spirit with Him, you must first know the true nature of perfection of spirituality in order to succeed in the most sublime undertaking that can be expressed or imagined."

*The Spiritual Combat, Chapter 1, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: Dom Lorenzo
Scupoli)*

"Each Manifestation of God hath a distinct individuality, a definitely prescribed mission, a predestined Revelation, and specially designated limitations. Each one of them is known by a different name, is characterized by a special attribute, fulfills a definite Mission, and is entrusted with a particular Revelation . . . It is because of this difference in their station and mission that the words and utterances flowing from these Wellsprings of divine knowledge appear to diverge and differ. Otherwise, in the eyes of them that are initiated into the mysteries of divine wisdom, all their utterances are in reality but the expressions of one truth."

*The Kitab-I-Iqan, Page 176-177, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

January 3

"I, Thoth, have ever sought wisdom, searching in darkness, and searching in Light. Long in my youth I traveled the pathway, seeking ever new knowledge to gain, until after much striving, one of the THREE, to me brought the LIGHT. Brought HE to me the commands of the Dweller, called me from darkness into the LIGHT. . . Each soul on earth that loosens its fetters, shall soon be made free from the bondage of night."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet V, Page 28, Paragraph 5-6, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Author: Thoth)

"Try to keep your heart reserved for God alone, that there may be no room for bitterness, gall, or voluntary repugnance to what God shall appoint. Never be absorbed in the failings of others, but pursue your own path, regarding nothing but that which may wound your conscience. The great secret of belonging to God is to neglect and pass by everything else."

The Spiritual Combat, Chapter 10, Page 218, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Dom Lorenzo Scupoli)

January 4

"Then, the crown prince Manjusri said to the Licchavi Vimalakirti, 'Noble sir, how does the bodhisattva follow the way to attain the qualities of the Buddha?' Vimalakirti replied, 'Manjusri, when the bodhisattva follows the wrong way, he follows the way to attain the qualities of the Buddha.' . . . Manjusri: 'Noble sir, one who stays in the fixed determination of the vision of the uncreated is not capable of conceiving the spirit of unexcelled perfect enlightenment. However, one who lives among created things, in the mines of passions . . . is indeed capable of conceiving the spirit of unexcelled perfect enlightenment . . . For example, noble sir, without going out into the great ocean, it is impossible to find precious, priceless pearls. Likewise, without going into the ocean of passions, it is impossible to obtain the mind of omniscience."

The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti, Chapter 8, Page 64-66, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"And I opened the book, and I read therein what had always been, what was now, and what would come to pass. I saw the holocaust which would engulf the earth, and the great destruction which would drown all her people in oceans of blood. And I saw too the eternity of man and the endless forgiveness of the

Almighty."

*The Essene Gospel of Peace, Volume 2, Page 116,
Stanza 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

January 5

"God therefore arranged and decreed the creation of concepts of both perfection and deficiency, as well as a creature with equal access to both. This creature would then be given the means to earn perfection and avoid deficiency."

*The Way of God, Part I, Chapter 2, No. 2,
Paragraph 4, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe
Chayim Luzzatto)*

"The stage in which the consciousness of the living entity is attracted by the three modes of material nature is called conditional life. But when that same consciousness is attached to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one is situated in the consciousness of liberation."

*The Teachings of Lord Kapila, Chapter 9, Text 15,
(Hinduism)*

January 6

"One must deliver himself with the help of his mind, and not degrade himself. The mind is the friend of the conditioned soul, and his enemy as well. For him who has conquered the mind, the mind is the best of friends; but for one who has failed to do so, his mind will remain the greatest enemy."

The Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Chapter 6, Dhyana Yoga, Text 5-6, (Hinduism, Words of Krishna)

"And (they came to know) themselves, (as to who they are), or rather, where they are (now), and what is the (place in which they will rest from their senselessness,) (arriving) at knowledge."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Testimony of Truth, Page 451, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

January 7

"Allah causes the night and the day to succeed one another. Surely there is a lesson in this for those who have sight."

The Holy Qur'an, Part XVIII, Chapter 24, Section, 6, Verse 44, (Islam, Author: Mohammad)

"Cleave to the noble, and they will also bow to thee."

The Talmudic Anthology, No. 130, Stanza 4, Sifre Debarim, 6, (Judaism)

January 8

***'Announce the praises' of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light."***

*New American Bible, New Testament, 1 Peter 2:9-
10 American Bible (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
the Apostle Peter)*

***"Let the storm rage and the sky darken - not
for that shall we be dismayed. If we trust as
we should in Mary, we shall recognize in her,
the Virgin Most Powerful 'who with virginal
foot did crush the head of the serpent.'"***

*The Voice of the Saints, Behold Thy Mother, Page
137, No. 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Pope
Pius X)*

January 9

"As the door of the lodge is opened, all the men cry: 'Hi ho! Hi ho! Thanks!' and the men are all happy, for they have come forth from the darkness and are now living in the Light."

*The Sacred Pipe, Chapter III, Page 42, Paragraph 2,
(Tribal, Oglala Sioux)*

"To abstain from sinful actions is not sufficient for the fulfillment of God's law. The very desire of what is forbidden is evil."

*The Voice of the Saints, The Challenge of Chastity,
Page 58, No. 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
St. John Baptist de la Salle)*

January 10

"Out of my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me. From the midst of the nether world, I cried for help, and You heard my voice."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Jonah 2:2,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

"And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears"

New American Bible, Old Testament, Malachi 3:1-2, (Christianity, Catholic)

January 11

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 11:25, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"Some . . . who were neither in the deep sleep of folly nor able to awaken in the light of wisdom, misled by the variety of innumerable customs, thought that there was no such thing as absolute justice but that every people regarded its own way of life as just . . . They have not understood . . . that 'what you do not wish to have done to yourself, do not do to another . . . When this idea is applied to the love of God, all vices perish."

On Christian Doctrine, Book Three, XIV, No. 22, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Augustine)

January 12

"In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction."

*King James Bible, Old Testament, Job 33:15-16,
(Christianity)*

"These signs will accompany those who believe; in my name they will drive out demons."

New American Bible, New Testament, Mark 16:16-18, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

January 13

"God also decreed that the bond between the body and the divine soul should be somewhat loosened while man sleeps . . . The freed portions of the soul can then move about in the spiritual realm wherever they are allowed."

*The Way of God, Part III, Chapter I, No. 6,
Paragraphs 4-5, Page 183, (Judaism, Author:
Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)*

"It is human to fall, but angelic to rise again."
*The Voice of the Saints, Contrition, Page 73, No. 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Mary
Pelletier)*

January 14

"Thought is inexhaustible. Since the world began, thoughts in unimaginable numbers have passed through the ether. One could not begin to count them . . ."

Man's Eternal Quest, Universality of Yoga, Page 22, Paragraph 3, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Author: Paramahansa Yogananda)

"The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power."

New American Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 4:20, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of the Apostle Paul)

January 15

"Trivial thoughts, insignificant thoughts, when followed they distract the mind. Not understanding those thoughts the roaming mind runs back and forth. But by understanding those thoughts, one ardent and mindful restrains the mind. An awakened one has to overcome them completely so they do not arise to distract the mind."

The Udana, Chapter 4, 4.1 Meghiya, Page 56, Stanza 1, (Buddhism, Theravadan, Words of the Buddha)

"Wickedness makes a bad use not only of evil, but also of good. In the same way, holiness makes a good use not only of good, but also of evil. Thus, sinners make a bad use of the Law, although the Law is good, while saints make a good use of death, although death is an evil."

City of God, Book XIII, Page 274-275, Chapter 5, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

January 16

***"The caravan of my prayers is moving toward
Thee. It has been delayed now and then by
blinding sandstorms of despondency."***

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 117, Paragraph 1,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Author: Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

***"He Who makes peace in His Heights, may He
make peace upon us . . ."***

*The Siddur, The Mourner's Kaddish, Page 369,
Paragraph 4, (Judaism)*

January 17

"There is no mystery which is more excellent than these mysteries on which ye question, in that it will lead your souls into the Light of the lights, into the regions of Truth and Goodness, into the region of the Holy of all holies, into the region in which there is neither female nor male, nor are there forms in that region, but a perpetual indescribable Light."
Pistis Sophia, Fifth Book, Page 313, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"For I know, that oppression will exist and prevail on earth; that on earth great punishment shall in the end take place; and that there shall be a consummation of all iniquity, which shall be cut off from its root, and every fabric raised by it shall pass away."
The Book of Enoch, Chapter XC, Page 146, No. 6-7,
(Judaism, Christianity)

January 18

***"If a man wishes to travel a certain road,
Heaven guides him to it."***

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 108, Paragraph 7,
Makkot, 10, (Judaism)*

***"If your sight is still too weak and is repelled
from this vision, turn the eye of your mind to
the road where wisdom used to reveal itself for
your delight. Then remember that you have
postponed a vision which you may seek again
when you are stronger and sounder."***

*On Free Choice of the Will, Book Two, No. 167,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Augustine)*

January 19

"The immature run after sense pleasures and fall into the widespread net of death. But the wise, knowing the Self as deathless, Seek not the changeless in the world of change."

The Upanishads, Katha Upanishad, Part II, (I), No. 2, Paragraph 2, Page 90, (Hinduism, Translation: Eknath Easwaran)

"Woe to you, ye obdurate in heart, who commit crime, and feed on blood. Whence is it that you feed on good things, drink, and are satiated? Is it not because our Lord, the Most High, has abundantly supplied every good thing upon the earth? To you there shall be no peace."

The Book of Enoch, Chapter CXVII, Page 160, No. 20, (Judaism, Christianity)

January 20

"Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:26, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"He renounces himself, and takes up his cross, who, from having been unchaste becomes chaste; from having been immoderate becomes temperate; from having been weak and timid becomes strong and courageous."

*The Voice of the Saints, Contrition, Page 78, No. 3,
(Christianity, Catholic,
Words of St. Jerome)*

January 21

***"Let the groans of prisoners come before you;
by your great power free those doomed to
death."***

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Psalm 79:11,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

***"But as for cowards, the unfaithful, the
depraved, murderers, the unchaste, sorcerers,
idol-worshippers, and deceivers of every sort,
their lot is in the burning pool of fire and
sulfur, which is the second death."***

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
21:8, (Christianity, Catholic)*

January 22

"One with each other! These poor earthly words cannot convey a true idea of the Divine Unity . . . in that Unity all feeling of 'difference' between God and the soul disappears; and therefore, between each soul and all other souls."

*The Divine Crucible of Purgatory, Chapter XVIII,
Page 151, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic,
Author: Mother Mary of St. Austin)*

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:28,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

January 23

"I am the one who comes from what is whole. I was given from the things of my father . . . if one is whole, one will be filled with light, but if one is divided, one will be filled with darkness."

The Gospel of Thomas, No. 61, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"It is of no importance to me how you or any other human court may judge me: I will not even be the judge of my own self. It is true that my conscience does not reproach me, but that is not enough to justify me: it is the Lord who is my judge. For that reason, do not judge anything before the due time, until the Lord comes; he will bring to light everything that is hidden in darkness and reveal the designs of all hearts. Then everyone will receive from God the appropriate commendation."

New Jerusalem Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, (Christianity)

January 24

"All worship and spiritual discipline are directed to one end alone, namely, to get rid of worldly attachment. The more you meditate on God, the less you will be attached to the trifling things of the world."

The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 33, Page 653, Bottom, (Hinduism, Words of Sri Ramakrishna)

"Do not think lightly of merit, saying, 'It will not come to me.' By the constant fall of waterdrops, a pitcher is filled; likewise the wise person, accumulating merit little by little, becomes full of merit."

Dhammapada, Canto IX, No. 122, Page 51, (Buddhism)

January 25

"All life and all existence here, with all its joys and all its woe, rests on a single state of mind, and quick passes that moment by . . . Out of the unseen did they rise, into the unseen do they pass, just as the lightning flashes forth, so do they flash and pass away."

*Path to Deliverance, C Wisdom (Panna), Page 175,
Middle, Stanza 1 and 6, (Buddhism, Theravadan,
Author: Nyanatiloka)*

*"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away
the sin of the world."*

*King James Bible, New Testament, John 1:29,
(Christianity)*

January 26

***"Hence, one of the Prophets of God hath asked:
'O my Lord, how shall we reach unto Thee?'
And the answer came, 'Leave thyself behind,
and then approach me."***

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Third
Valley, Page 55, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

***"If the most pure Mary has reached the highest
pinnacle in the ranks of the just, She may also
on this very account be considered as the
instrument or the motive power through which
the saints themselves have reached their
station."***

*The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The
Transfixion, Page 400, Paragraph 1, (Christianity,
Catholic, Author: Ven. Mary of Agreda)*

January 27

"All earthly things, except those absolutely necessary, must die through our complete disregard for them, even though they are not wrong in themselves. We must control our minds and not permit them to wander aimlessly about."

*The Spiritual Combat, Chapter 9, Page 23,
Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Dom
Lorenzo Scupoli)*

"Every man who in this world does not wrap himself in the ceremonial garb and clothe himself therewith, when he enters the other world is covered with a filthy garment and is brought up for trial. Many are the garments prepared for man in this world, and he who does not acquire the garment of religious observance is in the next world clad in a garment which is known to the masters of Gehinnom, and woe to the man who is clad therein, for he is seized by many officers of judgement and dragged down to Gehinnom, and therefore King Solomon cried aloud, 'At all times let thy garments be white.'"

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Shelah Lecha
(Numbers), Page 236-237, Bottom & Top,
(Judaism)*

January 28

*"The people who walked in distress have seen
a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the
land of gloom, a light has shone."*

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Isaiah 9:1,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

*"When God saw that his people would perish
because they did not see the Light of Life, He
chose the best of Israel, so that they might
make the Light of Life to shine before the sons
of men, and those chosen were called Essenes,
because they taught the ignorant and healed
the sick, and they gathered on the eve of every
seventh day to rejoice with the Angels."*

*The Essene Gospel of Peace, Book Three, Page 19,
Prologue, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

January 29

"The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce it, 'Look, here it is,' or 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."

*New American Bible, New Testament, Luke 18:20,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

"Watch and pray that you not come to be in the flesh, but rather that you come forth from the bondage of the bitterness of this life. And as you pray, you will find rest, for you have left behind the suffering and the disgrace. For when you come forth from the sufferings and passions of the body, you will receive rest from the good one, and you will reign with the king, you joined with him and he with you, from now on, for ever and ever. Amen."

*The Nag Hammadi Library, The Book of Thomas the Contender, Page 207, Paragraph 3,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

January 30

"All our masters in the spiritual life emphasize that when the soul is free and empty of all inordinate attachments, God can then work without all hindering; He is free to accomplish His own divine designs."

*The Divine Crucible of Purgatory, Chapter XIV,
Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author:
Mother Mary of St. Austin)*

"Then, pointing to His wounded Heart: 'This wound is the fiery furnace to which chosen souls, especially the brides of My Heart, must come to enkindle theirs. This wound is theirs; It belongs to them with all the graces it contains, that they may distribute them to the world, to the many souls who do not know where to seek them, and to so many others who despise them.'"

*The Way of Divine Love, Page 405, Paragraph 7-8,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister Josefa Menendez)*

January 31

"Love is a light that never dwelleth in a heart possessed by fear."

The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Fourth Valley, Page 58, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

"Every perfect being naturally communicates itself to others so far as is possible, and this belongs to each thing in imitation of the first perfect being, namely God . . . but the good of a person is communicated to others both as regards being and as regards knowledge."

On Evil, Question IX, Page 339, Reply to 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Thomas Aquinas)

February 1

"Sentient beings are muddled by afflictions, their conceptions and inclinations are not the same; According to their mental states they perform inconceivably many acts, thereby forming the oceans of all lands."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 4, The Formation of the Worlds, Page 186, Stanza 2, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 22:37-38, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

February 2

"In Tibet we say that just as it is the nature of fire to burn and of water to quench thirst, the nature of the buddhas is to be present as soon as anyone invokes them, so infinite is their compassionate desire to help all sentient beings."

*The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying, Chapter 19,
Page 300, Paragraph 4, (Buddhism, Tibetan,
Author: Sogyal Rinpoche*

"The truly awake know all things, are nondual, beyond duality, all equal, inherently pure as space, not distinguishing self and nonself. As the ocean reflects beings' bodies and is therefore called ocean, enlightenment reflects all mental patterns and hence is called true awareness."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Manifestation of the Buddha, Page 1011, Stanza 1-2, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

February 3

"Thou mayest step on the right path and walk in the presence of Angels. Thou mayest sing of the Earthly Mother by day and of the Heavenly Father by night, and through thy being may course the golden stream of the Law. But wouldst thou leave thy brothers to plunge through the gaping chasms of blood, as the pain-wracked earth shudders and groans under her chains of stone? Canst thou drink of the cup of eternal life, when thy brothers die of thirst?"

*The Essene Gospel of Peace, Volume 2, Page 118,
Stanza 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

"(Let) the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion . . . before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice . . ."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook III, No. 1146, Page 420,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska)*

February 4

"Your life consists in drawing nearer to God.

To do this, you must endeavour to detach yourself from visible things and remember that in a short time they will be taken from you."

The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 2, Page 13, Stanza 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Blessed John of Avila)

"Jesus, on seeing a crowd rapidly gathering, rebuked the unclean spirit and said to it, 'Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: come out of him and never enter him again!' Shouting and throwing the boy into convulsions, it came out . . . When he entered the house, his disciples asked him in private, 'Why could we not drive it out?' He said to them, 'This kind can only come out through prayer.'"

New American Bible, New Testament, Mark 9:25-29, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

February 5

"Consider the shortness of time, the length of eternity, and reflect how everything here below comes to an end and passes by."

The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 2, Page 12, Stanza 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Gerard Majella)

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

New American Bible, New Testament, John 3:19-21, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

February 6

"Thy letter from which the fragrance of reunion was inhaled hath been received. Praised be God that following the firm decree of separation, the breeze of nearness and communion hath been stirred and the soil of the heart is refreshed with the waters of joy and gladness."

The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 11, Lawh-I-Maqsud, Page 163, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

"The material race, however, is alien in every way; since it is dark, it shuns the shining of the light because its appearance destroys it. And since it has not received its unity, it is something excessive and hateful toward the Lord at his revelation."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Tripartate Tractate, No. 14, Page 95, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

February 7

"O now, when the Dream Bardo upon me is dawning! Abandoning the inordinate corpse-like sleeping of the sleep of stupidity, May the consciousness undistractedly be kept in its natural state; Grasping the (true nature of) dreams, (may I) train (myself) in the Clear Light of Miraculous Transformation: Acting not like the brutes in slothfulness, May the blending of the practising of the sleep (state) and actual (or waking) experience be highly valued (by me)."

*The Tibetan Book of the Dead, The Appendix, III.
The Root Verses of the Six Bardos, No. 2,
(Buddhism, Tibetan)*

"And Jesus had not told his disciples the total expansion of the emanations of the Treasury, nor their orders, how they are extended; nor had he told them their saviours, according to the order of every one, how they are."

*Pistis Sophia, First Book, Page 2, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

February 8

"A man in this world will not be able to be pure of sins; for if he is pure of one, he will not be able to be pure of another . . . For this cause, therefore, I have rent myself asunder and have brought the mysteries into the world, because all are under sin and all are in need of the gift of the mysteries."

*Pistis Sophia, Fourth Book, Page 292, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew

5:3-12, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

February 9

"I will see the hand of God in all that happens to me, attributing nothing to individual people, who are but instruments used by Him in the work of my sanctification."

*The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 3, Page 17, No. 3,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Blessed Raphaela
Mary)*

"May my life be loyal and true, that in death I may find only beatitude."

*The Way of Divine Love, Chapter VI, Page 161,
Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author:
Josefa Menendez)*

February 10

"About this time (the deceased) can . . . hear all the weeping and wailing of his friends and relatives, and, although he can see them and can hear them calling upon him, they cannot hear him calling upon them, so he goeth away displeased."

The Tibetan Book of the Dead, Book I, Part II, Page 101-102, (Buddhism, Tibetan)

"We, verily, have made music as a ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not, therefore, as wings to self and passion."

*The Kitab-I-Aqdas, Page 38, No. 51, (Baha'i,
Author: Baha'u'llah)*

February 11

"It is I, John, who heard and saw these things, and when I heard and saw them I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. But he said to me, 'Don't! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets and of those who keep the message of this book. Worship God."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 22:8, (Christianity, Catholic)

"The enlightening beings who are thus skillful in effectuation of the science of these specific analytic knowledges, having reached the ninth stage, having attained the treasury of teachings of the enlightened, acting as great preachers of the Teaching, come to attain the concentration spell containing meanings, the concentration spell containing principles, the concentration spell containing evocation of knowledge, the concentration spell containing illumination . . . "

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 26, The Ten Stages, Page 782, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

February 12

"Because mountains are high and broad, the way of riding the clouds is always reached in the mountains; the inconceivable power of soaring in the wind comes freely from the mountains."

Moon in a Dewdrop, Mountain and Waters Sutra (Sansui-Kyo), No. 2, (Buddhism, Zen, Words of Zen Master Dogen)

"The discerning man straightens his mind, which is fickle and unsteady, difficult to guard and restrain, as the skilled fletcher straightens the shaft (of the arrow)."

Dhammapada, Canto III, No. 33, Page 17, (Buddhism)

February 13

"Hazardous and slow is the path to the Unrevealed, difficult for physical man to tread. But they for whom I am the supreme goal, who do all work renouncing self for me and meditate on me with single-hearted devotion, these I will swiftly rescue from the fragment's cycle of birth and death, for their consciousness has entered me."

*The Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 12, No.'s 5-7,
(Hinduism, Words of Krishna, Translation: Eknath
Easwaran)*

"So far concerning this mystery. Old man, old man! As thou has started to sail on the wide sea, go on boldly in all directions and breast its waves! I have now to reveal something more. I said that the 'redeemer,' when he enters into the 'vessel,' lets his spirit cleave to that 'vessel,' so that nothing is lost, not even the breath of the mouth. This is quite correct. Old man, old man! If thou art to reveal mysteries, speak out without fear!"

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume III, Mishpatim
(Exodus), Page 309, Paragraph 1, (Judaism)*

February 14

"God has also set the one over against the other; the good against the evil, and the evil against the good; the good proceeds from the good, and the evil from the evil; the good purifies the bad, and the bad the good . . . "

Sepher Yezirah, Chapter VI, Section V, (Judaism)

"Wisdom is poured forth like water, and glory fails not before him for ever and ever; for potent is he in all the secrets of righteousness. But iniquity passes away like a shadow, and possesses not a fixed station."

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter XLVIII, No.1, Page 55,
(Judaism, Christianity)*

February 15

"For whoever has the courage to conquer his passions, to subdue his appetites, and repulse even the least motions of his own will, performs an action more meritorious in the sight of God than if, without this, he should tear his flesh with the sharpest disciplines, fast with greater austerity than the ancient Fathers of the Desert, or convert multitudes of sinners."

*The Spiritual Combat, Chapter 1, Page 6,
Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Dom
Lorenzo Scupoli)*

"Was it not you, Lord, who taught this soul of mine which now makes its confession to you? Was it not you, Lord, who taught me that, before you gave shape and variety to this formless matter, there was nothing - no color, no outline, no body, no spirit? And yet not absolutely nothing; there was a kind of formlessness, lacking all definition."

*The Confessions of St. Augustine, Book XII,
Chapter 5, No. 3, Paragraph 2, Page 286,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)*

February 16

"Some lands are dirty, some are pure; Pleasant or painful, each is different. This comes from the inconceivable ocean of acts: Cyclic phenomena are always like this."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 4, The Formation of the Worlds, Page 190, Stanza 3, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"The demon knows cogitations better than the soul of another man does, not because the demon sees cogitations themselves but because he sees them through more hidden external signs."

On Evil, Question XVI, Article 8, Reply to 13, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Thomas Aquinas)

February 17

"Do not cling, in fondness and weakness, to this life. Even though thou clingest out of weakness, thou hast not the power to remain here. Thou wilt gain nothing more than wandering in this Sangsara (illusion). Be not attached (to this world); . . ."

The Tibetan Book of the Dead, Book I, Part II, Page 103, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism, Tibetan)

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.' He said in reply, 'It is written: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'Again, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.' Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, 'All these I

shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.' At this, Jesus said to him, 'Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.' Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 4:1-11, (Christianity, Catholic)

February 18

"But if you are able to confess, I wish you to do so, and if you are able, and do not, you will be deprived of the fruit of the Blood."

The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena, A Treatise of Prayer, Page 173, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of God as Received in Ecstatic Vision, Author: St. Catherine of Siena)

"The evil within a person is hell within him . . ."

*Heaven & Hell, Chapter 57, No. 547, Page 453,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

February 19

"The world, however, is given to pleasure, delighted with pleasure, enchanted with pleasure. Truly, such beings will hardly understand the law of conditionality, the Dependent Origination of everything; incomprehensible to them will also be the end of all formations, the forsaking of every substratum of rebirth, the fading away of craving, detachment, extinction, Nibbana."
The Word of the Buddha, Page 2, Paragraph 2,
(Buddhism, Theravadan, Author: Nyanatiloka)

"Were the eye to be anointed and illumined with the collyrium of the knowledge of God, it would surely discover that a number of voracious beasts have gathered and preyed upon the carrion of the souls of men."
The Kitab-I-Iqan, Part 1, Page 31, Middle, (Baha'i,
Author: Baha'u'llah)

February 20

"Perhaps I have lived before, In some strange world where first my soul was shaped. And all this passionate love, and joy, and pain, that come, I know not whence, and sway my deeds, are old imperious memories, blind yet strong, that this world stirs within me."

Reincarnation - An East-West Anthology, Western Thinkers, British, Page 146, The Spanish Gypsy

"The worst people of all are the ones who have been involved in evil pursuits as a result of self-love, with an accompanying inward behavior stemming from deceit. This is because the deceit penetrates their thoughts and purposes too thoroughly and fills them with poison, destroying their whole spiritual life."

Heaven & Hell, Chapter 60, No. 578, Paragraph 1, Page 483, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

February 21

"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."

*New American Bible, New Testament, 1
Corinthians 10:24, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"(Howbeit), in accordance with the tender mercy of God, in accordance with His goodness and with the wondrous manifestation of His glory, He has (always) granted it to some of the earth-born to gain admittance to the Congregation of the Holy, to be reckoned among the community of angelic beings who are with Him, to have station there for life everlasting and to be in one lot with His (celestial) Holy Ones. All men are punished(?) or marked out for distinction according to the lot which (God) has assigned to each, (some for eternal shame and contempt, and some) for life everlasting."

*The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Epochs of Time, Page
523, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

February 22

"The door of the lodge is soon opened for the second time, representing the coming of the purifying Power of the north, and also we see the light which destroys darkness, just as wisdom drives away ignorance."

The Sacred Pipe, Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux, Chapter III, Inipi, Page 40, Paragraph 3, (Tribal, Oglala Sioux, Words of Black Elk)

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

King James Bible, New Testament, Mark 10:14-15, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

February 23

"Which is the way to the dwelling place of the light, and where is the abode of darkness, that you may take them to their boundaries and set them on their homeward paths?"

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Job 38: 19-20,
(Judaism, Christianity)*

"Nor has any one known that there are three degrees of love and wisdom, in accordance with which the angelic heavens are arranged. Nor that the human mind is divided into that number of degrees, to the end that it may be raised after death into one of the three heavens, which takes place in accordance both with its life and its faith."

*The True Christian Religion, Volume I, No. 24,
Part 7-8, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

February 24

"Resentment and anger, these are foul things, too, and a sinner is a master at them both. Whoever exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin."

*The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament,
Ecclesiasticus 28:1, (Judaism)*

"The founder of our spiritual legacy, the mighty Buddha Shakyamuni, first gave birth to the altruistic aspiration to achieve highest enlightenment in order to be of maximum benefit to all living beings . . . All of his teachings can be subsumed under two categories: those of the Hinayana, or Smaller Vehicle; and those of the Mahayana, or Great Vehicle . . . In the first of these vehicles he revealed the means of achieving nirvana, or liberation from cyclic existence, which is accomplished through transcending the belief in a truly existent self . . . In the second category of teachings . . . the Buddha mainly emphasized the methods for eliminating the self-cherishing attitude and replacing it with universal love and compassion."

*Training the Mind in the Great Way, Point One,
Page 45-46, Bottom & Top, (Buddhism, Tibetan,
Author: Gyalwa Gendun Druppa, The First Dalai
Lama)*

February 25

"There is nobody who lives happily with anger. Hence the enemy, anger, creates sufferings such as these, but whoever assiduously overcomes it finds happiness now and hereafter."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter VI, No. 5-6, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"When seeing a Buddha's tomb, they should wish that all beings be honored as a shrine and receive the offerings of celestials and humans. Reverently gazing at the shrine, they should wish that all beings be looked up to by all celestials and humans. Bowing their heads to the shrine, they should wish that all beings be exalted beyond the view of gods and men. Circumambulating the shrine, they should wish that all beings act without offense and develop omniscience. Circling the shrine thrice, they should wish that all beings diligently see the Buddha's path without indolence of mind."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Purifying Practice, Page 328, Stanza 1-5, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

February 26

"From the intuitive kind of knowledge arises the highest possible mental acquiescence."

*The Ethics of Spinoza, On the Power of the Intellect, The Strength of the Mind, Page 153,
(Judaism, Author: Baruch Spinoza)*

"If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there."

*King James Bible, Old Testament, Psalms 139:8,
(Christianity)*

February 27

*"See that you do not reject the one who speaks.
For if they did not escape when they refused
the one who warned them on earth, how much
more in our case if we turn away from the one
who warns from heaven."*

*New American Bible, New Testament, Hebrews
13:25, (Christianity, Catholic)*

*"The only means of controlling and restraining
these elements and keeping the hellish mob
under restraint is the fear of punishment - no
other means exists. For if it were not for the
fear of punishment and torment, what is evil
would plunge into rages and the whole place
would fall apart, as happens to earthly
kingdoms where there is no law or
punishment."*

*Heaven & Hell, Chapter 60, No. 581, Page 485,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

February 28

"Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal."

*New American Bible, New Testament, 2
Corinthians 4:16, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"And in the same way likewise are sinners separated when they die, and are buried in the earth; judgment not overtaking them in their lifetime."

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter XXII. (Sect. V), No.
11, (Judaism, Christianity)*

March 1

***"When you find your place where you are,
practice occurs, actualizing the fundamental
point."***

*Moon in a Dewdrop, Actualizing Fundamental
Point (Genjo Koan), No. 11, (Buddhism, Zen,
Words of Zen Master Dogen)*

***"The devil flatters that he may deceive us; he
charms that he may injure us; he allures that
he may slay us."***

*The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 65,
No. 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. John
Vianney)*

March 2

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen . . . By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God, so that what is visible came into being through the invisible."

New American Bible, New Testament, Hebrews 11:1, (Christianity, Catholic)

"When Our Lady revealed at Fatima that Hell definitely exists and that unrepentant sinners go there after death, she was reminding us that Christ never forgave an unrepentant sinner and that God is, indeed, infinitely good and loving, but that His goodness and love are manifested not in the forgiveness of unrepentant sinners, but in the bountiful mercy He shows to repentant sinners."

The Forgotten Secret of Fatima, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Page 29, (Christianity, Catholic)

March 3

*"The sage dwells in affairs of nonaction,
carries out a doctrine without words. He lets
the myriad creatures rise up but does not
instigate them; He acts but does not presume;
He completes his work but does not dwell on
it."*

*Tao Te Ching, No. 46, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words
of Lao Tzu, Translation: Victor H. Mair)*

*"(After death), some are reborn in the womb;
evildoers are born in hell; those who commit
meritorious deeds go to heaven; and those who
are free from worldly desires realize nirvana."*

*Dhammapada, Canto IX, No. 126, Page 51,
(Buddhism)*

March 4

"So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please Him, whether we are at home or away."

*New American Bible, New Testament, 2
Corinthians 5:6, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"Moreover the same enemy instills into the parents a base neglectfulness and carnal love for their offspring; and he incites teachers to carelessness, so that the children find no support against evil in their education, but become depraved and spoiled by many bad habits, losing sight of virtue and their good inclinations and going the way of perdition."

*The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion,
Chapter II, Page 404, Middle, (Christianity,
Catholic, Words of Mary)*

March 5

"An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it . . ."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 13:39, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

King James Bible, New Testament, Romans 12:19, (Christianity)

March 6

"He who knoweth things as they are and not as they are said or seem to be, he truly is wise, and is taught of God more than of men. He who knoweth how to walk from within, and to set little value upon outward things, requireth not places nor waiteth for seasons, for holding his intercourse with God."

The Imitation of Christ, Second Book, Chapter 1, No. 7, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A Kempis)

"We can determine the nature of hellish spirits' malice by looking at their unspeakable arts . . .

These skills are virtually unknown in the world. One kind has to be with the misuse of correspondence; another with the misuse of the lowest elements of the Divine design; a third with the communication and inflow of thoughts and affections, using transformations, investigations, other spirits beyond themselves, and emissaries. A fourth kind involves working with hallucinations, a fifth, projection beyond themselves so that they seem to be present where their bodies are not. A sixth kind involves impersonation, persuasion and lies. An evil spirit comes by its very nature into the use of these skills when it has been released from its body. They are intrinsic to the nature of his evil . . . Hellish spirits torment each other with these skills in

the hells."

*Heaven & Hell, Chapter 60, No. 580, Page 484,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

March 7

"No longer is my consciousness limited to a phial of flesh, corked with ignorance. No more did I move through Thine Ocean of Spirit day and night, years, incarnations - so close, yet without contacting the

Sea. No longer do I thoughtlessly dwell in Thee, knowing and feeling Thee not."

Whispers from Eternity, Page 163, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

"And at the commandment of my Father, the First Mystery which looketh within, I myself went down into the chaos, shining most exceedingly, and approached the lion-faced power, which shone exceedingly, and took its whole light in it and held fast all the emanations of Self-willed, so that from now on they went not into their region, that is the thirteenth aeon. And I took away the power of all the emanations of Self-willed, and they all fell down in the chaos powerless. And I led forth Pistis Sophia, she being on the right of Gabriel and Michael. And the great light-stream entered again into her. And Pistis Sophia beheld with her eyes her foes, that I had taken their light-power from them. And I led Pistis Sophia forth from the chaos, she treading under foot the serpent faced emanation of Self-willed, and moreover

treading under foot the seven-faced basilisk emanation, and treading under foot the lion and dragon-faced power. I made Pistis Sophia continue to stand upon the seven-headed basilisk emanation of Self-willed; and it was more might than them all in its evil doings. And I, the First Mystery, stood by it and took all the powers in it, and made to perish its whole matter, so that no seed should arise from it from now on."

Pistis Sophia, Second Book, Page 117-118, Bottom & Top, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

March 8

"First keep thyself in peace, and then shalt thou be able to be a peacemaker towards others. A peaceable man doeth more good than a well-learned."

The Imitation of Christ, Second Book, Chapter III, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A. Kempis)

"So there we were until you, most high, not forsaking our dust, but pitying our pitiful state, came to our help in secret and wonderful ways."

The Confessions of St. Augustine, Book VI, Chapter 12, Page 131, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

March 9

"When exhaustively contemplated, these teachings merge in at-one-ment with the scholarly seeker who has sought them, although the seeker himself when sought cannot be found."

The Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation, The Seeing of Reality, The Yoga of the Nirvanic Path, Page 224, Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Tibetan)

"Long is the night to a sleepless person; long is the distance of a league to a tired person; long is the circle of rebirths to a fool who does not know the true Law . . ."

Dhammapada, Canto V, No. 60 & 62, Page 27, (Buddhism)

March 10

"Remember the last things, and stop hating, corruption and death, and be faithful to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your fellow ill-will, remember the covenant of the Most High, and ignore the offence."

*The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament,
Ecclesiasticus 28:6-7, (Judaism)*

"East of that is yet another sea where the sufferings are doubled still again. What the combined evil causes of the Three Karmic Vehicles evoke is called the sea of karma. This is that place."

*Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva,
Chapter 1, Page 84, Paragraph 6, (Buddhism, Pure
Land)*

March 11

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Revelation
13:10, (Christianity)*

"And I gave commandment unto Gabriel and Michael to bear Pistis Sophia in their hands, so that her feet should not touch the darkness below; and I gave them commandment moreover to guide her in the regions of the chaos, out of which she was to be led."

*Pistis Sophia, Second Book, Page 116, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

March 12

*"As you have done, so shall it be done to you,
your deed shall come back upon your own
head."*

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Obadiah
1:15, (Christianity, Catholic)*

*"There is a hell in which the offender is
followed everywhere by fire; there is a hell in
which there is cold and ice; there is a hell in
which there is limitless dung and urine; there is
a hell in which there are flying maces; there is
a hell in which there are many fiery spears;
there is a hell in which one is constantly
beaten on the chest and back; there is a hell in
which one's hands and feet are burned; there is
a hell in which the offender is wrapped and
bound by iron serpents . . . Humane One, such
are the retributions. In each hell there are a
hundred thousand kinds of utensils of karma,
and . . . any single hell would have hundreds
of thousands of kinds of acute suffering."*

*Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva,
Chapter 5, Page 140-141, (Buddhism, Pure Land)*

March 13

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot re-enter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?' Jesus answered, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit . . . Nicodemus answered and said to him, 'How can this happen?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?

Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

*New American Bible, New Testament, John 3:3-15,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

"It is only the Tathagatas and Bodhisattvas

who are firmly established on the seventh stage who can fully understand its workings. Those earnest disciples and masters who wish to fully understand all the aspects of the different stages . . . by the aid of their right-knowledge must do so by becoming thoroughly convinced that objects of discrimination are only seen to be so by the mind . . ."

A Buddhist Bible, The Lankavatara Scripture, Chapter VIII, Page 324, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism)

March 14

"Is it not rational that souls should be introduced into bodies, in accordance with their merits and previous deeds . . ."

"Every soul . . . comes into this world strengthened by the victories or weakened by the defeats of its previous life. Its place in this world as a vessel appointed to honor or dishonor is determined by its previous merits or demerits. Its work in this world determines its place in the world which is to follow this."

*Reincarnation - An East-West Anthology, Page 36,
Early Church Fathers, Contra Celsum, De
Principiis, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
Origen)*

"Woe, woe unto sinners, on whom the negligence and the forgetfulness of the rules lie until they come out of the body and are led to these chastisements! Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, son of the Holy (One), and have compassion with us, that we may be saved from these chastisements and these judgments which are prepared for the sinners; for we also have sinned, our Lord and our Light."

*Pistis Sophia, Sixth Book, Page 324-325, Bottom &
Top, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of the
Disciples to Jesus)*

March 15

"It is absolutely necessary that the soul should be healed and purified, and if this does not take place during its life on earth it must be accomplished in future lives."

*Reincarnation - An East-West Anthology,
Christianity, Early Church Father, Page 36,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Gregory)*

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother . . . for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 19:29,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

March 16

"Mary answered and said unto the Saviour: 'My Lord, before thou didst come to the region of the rulers and before thou didst come down into the world, hath no soul entered into the Light?' The Saviour answered and said unto Mary: 'Amen, amen, I say unto you: Before I did come into the world, no soul hath entered into the Light. And now, therefore, when I am come, I have opened the gates of the Light and opened the ways which lead to the Light. And now, therefore, let him who shall do what is worthy of the mysteries, receive the mysteries and enter into the Light.' Mary continued and said: 'But, my Lord, I have heard that the prophets have entered into the Light.' The Saviour continued and said unto Mary: 'Amen, amen, I say unto you: No prophet hath entered into the Light; but the rulers of the aeons have discoursed with them out of the aeons and given them the mystery of the aeons. And when I came to the regions of the aeons, I have turned Elias and sent him into the body of John the Baptizer, and the rest also I turned into righteous bodies, which will find the mysteries of the Light, go on high and inherit the Light-kingdom . . . The rest of the patriarchs and of the righteous from the time of Adam unto now, who are in the aeons and all the orders of the rulers, when I came to the region of the aeons, I have through the Virgin

of Light made to turn into bodies which will all be righteous,- those which will find the mysteries of the Light, enter in and inherit the Light-kingdom.' (Elias is the Greek form of Elijah)

*Pistis Sophia, Fourth Book, Page 293-294,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"God dwells in all beings. But you may be intimate only with good people; you must keep away from the evil-minded. God is even in the tiger; but you cannot embrace the tiger on that account."

*The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 1, Page 84,
Paragraph 5, (Hinduism, Words of Sri
Ramakrishna)*

March 17

"When the wise man casts off laxity through vigilance, he is like unto a man who, having ascended the high tower of wisdom, looks upon the sorrowing people with an afflicted heart. He beholds suffering ignorant men as a mountaineer beholds people in a valley."

*Dhammapada, Canto II - On Vigilance, Page 15,
No. 28, (Buddhism)*

"It is better to lead a solitary life; there is no companionship with a childish person! Let one live alone committing no sin, having few wishes . . ."

*Dhammapada, Canto XXIII, No. 330, Page 129,
(Buddhism)*

March 18

"They therefore want me to declare on their behalf that in all of heaven there is not a single angel who was created at the beginning, nor is there in hell any devil who was created an angel of light and cast down. Rather, all the individuals in both heaven and hell are from the human race. In heaven are the ones who lived in heavenly love and faith in the world; in hell are the ones who lived in hellish love and faith."

*Heaven & Hell, Chapter 35, Page 233, Paragraph 3,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

"Ye truly virtuous, enter and see, for permission is given you to enter as far as the place where the curtain is hung, happy is your lot!"

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Shelah Lecha
(Numbers), Page 133-234, Bottom & Top,
(Judaism)*

March 19

*"Naked I came forth from my mother's womb,
and naked shall I go back again."*

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Job 2:21,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

*"When the Holy One created man He set in
him all the images of the supernal mysteries of
the world above, and all the images of the
lower mysteries of the world below, and all
are designed in man, who stands in the image
of God."*

*The Zohar, Volume III, Jethro (Exodus), Page 229,
Paragraph 2 & 4, (Judaism)*

March 20

"I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness; for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. Therefore, I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

*The Apocrypha, The Prayer of Manasses, Page 254,
(Judaism, Christianity)*

"And on the day when the heaven bursts asunder with clouds, and the angels are sent down, as they are sent. The kingdom on that day rightly belongs to the Benificent, and it will be a hard day for the disbelievers."

*Holy Qur'an, 25:25-26, Page 701, (Islam, Words of
Mohammad)*

March 21

"Listening is understanding the mystery of vibration because listening has to do with the inner vibration of the descending intelligence of the moment. Meditators become silence so that they can go to true vibration, which becomes the audible workings of vibration, of which ideas are made. Inner listeners, or people who are continually listening to life as it is unfolding, are true humans because they are picking up vibrational messages before the messages become crystallized energy or perceptual forms that can then be articulated by the brain."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 2, Page 67,
Paragraph 2-3, (Tribal, Tiwa, Author: Joseph Rael)*

"Vasudeva tried to pacify Kamsa by good instruction as well as by philosophical discrimination, but Kamsa was not to be pacified because his association was demoniac. Because of his demoniac associations, he was a demon, although born in a very high royal family. A demon never cares for any good instruction. He is just like a determined thief: one can give him moral instruction, but it will not be effective. Similarly, those who are demoniac or atheistic by nature can hardly assimilate any good instruction, however authorized it may be. That is the difference between demigod and

demon. Those who can accept good instruction and try to live their lives in that way are called demigods, and those who are unable to take such good instruction are called demons."

*KRSNA, Chapter 1, Page 19, Paragraph 2,
(Hinduism, Author: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada)*

March 22

"Serenity displays a consciousness that does not flare up when provoked by people or things. In the face of difficulty, the serene person's sentiments remain cool and detached."

Secrets of Mayan Science/Religion, Chapter 3, Page 98, Ziiz Olal, (Tribal, Mayan, Author: Hunbatz Men)

"To encounter a true master is said to be worth a century of studying his or her teaching, because in such a person we witness a living example of enlightenment. How can we encounter Jesus or the Buddha? It depends on us. Many who looked directly into the eyes of the Buddha or Jesus were not capable of seeing them . . . When a sage is present and you sit near him or her, you feel peace and light."

Living Buddha, Living Christ, Chapter 4, Page 52, Paragraph 1, Page 53, Top, (Buddhism, Mahayana, Words of Thich Naht Hahn)

March 23

"For many are the pleasant forms which exist in numerous sins, and incontinencies, and disgraceful passions, and fleeting pleasures, which men embrace until they become sober and go up to their resting place. And they will find me there, and they will live, and they will not die again."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Thunder: Perfect Mind, Page 303, Stanza 2, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"Shaking the palaces of all demons, awakening the minds of all sentient beings, those who received the teaching and practiced it in the past, they cause to know the true meaning."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Ten Dedications, Page 667, Stanza 8, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

March 24

"Lord, I call to you; come quickly to help me; listen to my plea when I call. Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening sacrifice. Set a guard, Lord, before my mouth, a gatekeeper at my lips. Do not let my heart incline to evil, or yield to any sin."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Psalms
141:1-4, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"Let Him empty and transform you and afterwards fill the chalice of your hearts to the brim, that you in your turn, may give of your abundance. Seek Him. Knowledge will make you strong as death. Love Him trustfully without looking back, without fear. Believe that Jesus and Jesus alone is life. Serve Jesus, casting aside and forgetting all that troubles or worries you, make loved the love that is not loved."

*The Love of Christ, Part III, Page 75, Paragraph 3,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)*

March 25

"I mind not if I must pass through sextillions of lives, undergoing the throes of birth and the pangs of death; leaving behind me a heap of my mangled fleshly forms - if at last I find thee."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 21, Paragraph 2,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"Craving steadily grows in the mortal whose mind is agitated by (evil) thoughts, who is full of strong passions and ever yearning for what is pleasant. Such a one makes his fetters strong."

*Dhammapada, Canto XXIV, No. 349, Page 137,
(Buddhism)*

March 26

"A single soul can be reincarnated a number of times in different bodies, and in this manner, it can rectify the damage done in previous incarnations. Similarly, it can also achieve perfection that was not attained in its previous incarnations. The soul is then ultimately judged at the end of all these incarnations. Its judgment will depend on everything that took place in all its incarnations, as well as its status as an individual in each one."

*The Way of God, Part II, Chapter 3, No. 10,
Paragraph 2-3, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe
Chayim Luzzatto)*

"Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and tear you to pieces."
*New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew
7:6, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

March 27

"The first light that God created was so bright that the worlds could not endure it. God therefore made another light as a vestment to this one, and so with all the other lights, until all the worlds could endure the light without being dissolved. Hence grades were evolved and lights were wrapped in one another . . ."

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Balak (Numbers),
Page 301, Bottom, (Judaism)*

"Those in this stage, worthy of human and celestial respect, become lords of the heaven of timely portion, carrying out celestial justice; they withdraw beings from the tangle of views and accumulate good for the sake of enlightened knowledge."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 26, The Ten Stages, Page 735, Stanza 4, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

March 28

***"You were without life and He gave you life?
Again, He will cause you to die and again
bring you to life, then you shall be brought
back to Him."***

*The Holy Quran, Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 3, No.
28, (Islam, Words of Mohammed)*

***"To accept death at such a time, in order that
the Will of God may be fulfilled, merits for us
a reward similar to that of the martyrs,
because they accepted death to please God."***
*The Voice of the Saints, The Meaning of Suffering,
Page 122, No. 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
St. Alphonsus Liguori)*

March 29

"He who desires happiness for himself by inflicting injury on others, is not freed from hatred, being entangled himself in the bonds of hatred."

Dhammapada, Canto XXI, No. 291, (Buddhism)

"Transcendental Intelligence is the inner state of self-realisation of Noble Wisdom. It is realized suddenly and intuitively as the 'turning-about' takes place in the deepest seat of consciousness; it neither enters nor goes out - it is like the moon seen in water.

Transcendental Intelligence is not subject to birth nor destruction; it has nothing to do with combination nor concordance; it is devoid of attachment and accumulation; it transcends all dualistic conceptions."

A Buddhist Bible, The Lankavatara Scripture, Chapter VI, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism)

March 30

"Without anger, without trembling, not boasting, without remorse, speaking in moderation, not arrogant, he indeed is a sage restrained in speech. Having no attachment to the future, he does not grieve over the past. He sees detachment in respect of sense-contacts, and is not led into (wrong) views."

The Group of Discourses II, IV. The Chapter of Eights, Page 98, No. 850-851, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

"Commanded by wisdom, led by compassion, endowed with skill in means, pure in resolution and intent, measureless in power, unobstructed, direct, not relying on another's guidance, knowledge of the supreme mind equal to the enlightened, with the birth of this mind-jewel of enlightening beings, one transcends the sphere of the ignorant and reaches the sphere of the buddhas, is born in the family of the enlightened, impeccable . . . once one produces this mind, one attains this stage, the will immovable as a mountain, joyful and happy, serene, resolute, and forceful, with a buoyant mind, nonviolent, harmless, free from anger, modest and respectful, with superior honesty, self-controlled; one remembers the immeasurable knowledge that saves the world and becomes joyful in

anticipation of that state."

*The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 26, The
Ten Stages, Page 711, Stanza 4-5*

March 31

"But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality."

New American Bible, Old Testament, Wisdom 3:1-

4

"I saw there roses, white and red, and I thought them symbols of Christ's Passion and our Redemption."

*The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations,
The Creation, No. 2, Page 5, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Ven. Anne
Catherine Emmerich on Paradise and the Garden of
Eden)*

April 1

"Judge thou fairly, I adjure thee by God."

*The Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, Page 81,
Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)*

"Silence is equivalent to confession."

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 189, Paragraph 1,
Ketubot, 11, (Judaism)*

April 2

"If you have drawn your sword on a friend, do not despair; there is a way back."

*The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament,
Ecclesiasticus 22:21, (Judaism)*

"Whoever offends an innocent, pure and faultless person, the evil (of his act) rebounds on that fool, even as fine dust thrown against the wind."

*Dhammapada, Canto IX, No. 125, Page 51,
(Buddhism)*

April 3

"Know that He wishes more love than fear from you. Therefore, Abandon yourself to His love, and let Him act in you, with you and for you, according to His desire and good pleasure."

*Thoughts and Sayings of Saint Margaret Mary,
April, No. 29, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
Saint Margaret Mary)*

"He said to his disciples, 'Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the person through whom they occur. It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.'"

*New American Bible, New Testament, Luke 17:1-2,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

April 4

"Make no great account who is for thee or against thee, but mind only the present duty and take care that God be with thee in whatsoever thou doest."

*The Imitation of Christ, Second Book, Chapter II,
Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A
Kempis)*

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him . . . To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Revelations
3:20-21, (Christianity, Words of Christ)*

April 5

"My daughter, all your miseries have been consumed in the flame of My love, like a little twig thrown into a roaring fire. By humbling yourself in this way, you draw upon yourself and upon other souls an entire sea of My mercy."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook 1, Page 99, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska)*

*"If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I
make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there."
New American Bible, Old Testament, Psalm 139:8
(Words of David)*

April 6

"Of what use is it to be impatient in trouble and contradictions? We only increase our burden thereby. The two thieves who were crucified with our Blessed Redeemer were suffering similar torments; but the good thief was saved because he bore them with patience . . . The same trial , says St. Augustine, leads the good to glory because they suffer with patience and resignation."

The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, Chapter 12, Peace of Heart, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

"Be ye the master of all that surrounds thee, never be mastered by the effects of thy life. Create then ever more perfect causes, and in time shalt thou be a Sun of the Light."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet XI, Page 64, Paragraph 4, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

April 7

"I went up to the light of truth as if into a chariot: And the Truth took me and led me: and carried me across pits and gulleys; and from the rocks and the waves it preserved me: And it became to me a haven of Salvation: and set me on the arms of immortal life."

The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden, Odes of Solomon, Ode 38, (Judaism, Christianity)

"All the desolation of the poor people, their material poverty, their spiritual destitution might be redeemed by our sharing it, by our being one with them, by bringing God into their lives and bringing them to God."

The Love of Christ, Part III, Page 74, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)

April 8

"Simply give yourself over completely for the sake of your Enlightenment-seeking Eye; give up your life for the sake of the Teaching. How could you possibly arouse your will to realize enlightenment in the vain cause of fame and gain . . . just call to mind your own original intention to realize enlightenment and reflect upon whether this is what you are now concerned with or not."

*The Denkoroku, Chapter 17, Saint Ragorata,
(Buddhism, Zen)*

*"Everything is foreknown, but man is free."
The Talmudic Anthology, No. 97, Page 135, Stanza
4, (Judaism)*

April 9

*"I have spoken but according to my knowledge
and only with such sense of right as a creature
of clay may possess. But how can I speak
except Thou open my mouth, and how
understand, if Thou give me not insight."*

*The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Book of Hymns, Page
193, Stanza 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

*"Even though there may be an every-day
purity, silt-clear as a river's water in autumn,
how can it possibly compare with a luminous
spring night, the moon softened by haze?
Many are the houses where people yearn thus
for a spotlessly clean life, but, however much
they sweep this way and that, their
hearts are still not emptied and clear."*

*The Denkoroku, Chapter 7, Page 40, Stanza 1,
(Buddhism, Zen)*

April 10

"My dear Mother, I am a little brush which Jesus has chosen in order to paint His own image in the souls you entrusted to my care."

Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, Chapter XI , Page 235, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Theresa of Lisieux)

"My Son, let not the fair and subtle sayings of men move thee, for the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

The Imitation of Christ, The Third Book, Chapter XLIII, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A Kempis')

April 11

"For there is no part of the World void of the devil, which entering in privately, sowed the seed of his own proper operation, and the mind did make pregnant, or did bring forth that which was sown, Adulteries, Murders, Striking of Parents, Sacrileges, Impieties, Stranglings, throwing down headlong, and all other things, which are the works of Evil Demons."

*The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Thirteenth Book,
No. 44, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic,
Words of Hermes)*

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 10:17-19,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

April 12

"From that which was deficient in itself there came those things which came into being from his thought and his arrogance, but from that which is perfect in him he left it and raised himself up."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Tripartite Tractate, The Imperfect Begetting by the Logos, Page 73, Paragraph 6, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"The devil sleepeth not; thy flesh is not yet dead; therefore, cease thou not to make thyself ready unto the battle, for enemies stand on thy right hand and on thy left, and they are never at rest."

The Imitation of Christ, The Second Book, Chapter IX, No. 8, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A Kempis)

April 13

"The stage in which the consciousness of the living entity is attracted by the three modes of material nature is called conditional life. But when that same consciousness is attached to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one is situated in the consciousness of liberation."

The Teachings of Lord Kapila, Chapter Nine, Text 15, (Hinduism)

"And Moses said unto God, Behold when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

King James Bible, Old Testament, Exodus 3:13-14, (Christianity, Judaism)

April 14

"For shining steadfastly upon and round the whole mind, it enlighteneth all the Soul; and loosing it from the Bodily senses and motions, it draweth it from the Body, and changeth it wholly into the Essence of God."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Fourth Book, No. 18, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)

"Many times a deep and fervent gaze upon Christ is the best prayer. I look upon Him, He looks upon me, is the most perfect prayer."

The Love of Christ, Part I, Page 6-7, Bottom and Top, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)

April 15

"Many men are incited to do works of virtue for the sake of certain temporal goods; nevertheless inordinate desire for temporal goods is not on that account without sin. So even if most people perform works of virtue for the sake of glory, nevertheless inordinate desire for glory is not on that account without sin, since works of virtue should not be done for the sake of glory but rather for the good of virtue, or better still for the sake of God."

*On Evil, Question IX, On Vainglory, Article 1,
Page 339, Reply to 6, (Christianity, Catholic,
Author: St. Thomas Aquinas)*

"And corruption hath laid hold upon all things on Earth, and the Providence of the True encompasseth, and will encompass them."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, The Fifteenth Book, No. 39, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)

April 16

"Lord, as in days gone by many evil-doers lived in this city, so now I see it has pleased your abundant mercy to show this city the fullness of your grace. May it become a dwelling and a home for all who acknowledge you and seek to glorify your name forever and ever."

The Prayers of St. Francis, A prayer for Assisi, Page 46, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Francis)

"But, if they were not thus clothed with My Will, in true humility, they would often offend against their own perfection, esteeming themselves the judges of those who do not walk in the same path."

The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena, A Treatise of Prayer, Page 211, Middle, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Catherine of Siena)

April 17

"Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was (called) 'Faithful and True.' He judges and wages war in righteousness."

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
19:11, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"A soul of prayer can make progress without recourse to words, by learning to listen, to be present to Christ, and to look toward Him."

*The Love of Christ, Part I, Page 6, Paragraph 3,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)*

April 18

"Lord Jesus Christ, you are the good shepherd. You grant us your loving mercy without our having deserved it, and many a time it must endure the pangs of sharp pain. Since you have called me to your flock, I beg you by your grace and strength that in trouble, anguish and distress I may never turn away from you."

*The Prayers of St. Francis, Lord, help me, Page 38,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Francis)*

"That joyous happiness of yours would be a source of joy, not something prohibited, a precept given by the Excellent Ones and a supreme (means) for assembling others."

A Guide to the Bodhisatva's Way of Life, Chapter VI, No. 77, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

April 19

"For the knowledge of it is Divine Silence, and the rest of all the senses; for neither can he that understands that, understand anything else, nor he that sees that, see anything else, nor hear any other thing, nor in sum move the Body."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Fourth Book, No. 17, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)

"Fortunate is he who greeted him with 'Peace,' and to whom he responded 'Peace.'"

The Siddur, Zemiros for the Departure of the Sabbath, Page 629, Stanza 7, (Judaism)

April 20

"Therefore the sage is sharp but not cutting, pointed but not piercing, straightforward but not unrestrained, brilliant but not blinding."

Tao Te Ching, No. 58, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tsu, Translation: Gia Fu Feng and Jane English)

"To follow the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom: And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding . . . All Wisdom cometh from the Heavenly Father, and is with him forever.

Through the holy Law doth the Angel of Wisdom guide the Children of Light. Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the heights of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom hath been created before all things."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Book Three, Page 51, Top, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

April 21

"Blessed be Thy name, O God of mercies, for Thou hast done great and wondrous things . . . and in accordance with Thy goodness towards us, Thou has ofttimes opened for us gates of salvation, when we were oppressed."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The War of the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness, Of thanksgiving for victory, Page 422, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"By the law of nature, there is no pleasure in suffering; but Divine Love, when It reigns in a heart, makes it take delight in its sufferings."

The Voice of the Saints, The Meaning of Suffering, Page 122, No. 5, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Alphonsus Liguori)

April 22

"My soul, confined in a fragile frame, cried for release. Within the fenced garden of the charming senses no more I loved to abide."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 157, Paragraph 2,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"If one runs after that which is not his, it flies from him, and what is more, he loses his own as well."

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Korah
(Numbers), Page 238, Paragraph 2, (Judaism)*

April 23

"This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand . . . But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 13:13-16, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"And no bearer of a burden can bear the burden of another."

The Holy Qur'an, Part XV, Chapter 17, Section 2, No. 15, (Islam, Words of Mohammad)

April 24

***"I have seen God, face to face, and my life has
been saved."***

*The Five Books of Moses, The Schocken Bible
Volume 1, Genesis, 32:31, (Judaism)*

***"Hypocrites are excluded from the presence of
God."***

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 147, Page 201,
Stanza 5, Sotah, 42a, (Judaism)*

April 25

"The soul's secret door suddenly opens; and, oh, what bliss I feel at the sight of Thy light!"

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 185, Paragraph 2,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"The death from which you flee, that will surely overtake you; then you will be sent back to the Knower of the unseen and the seen, so He will inform you of that which you did."

*The Holy Qura'n, Part XXVIII, 62:8, (Islam,
Words of Mohammad)*

April 26

*"May my instruction soak in like the rain, and
my discourse permeate like the dew. Like a
downpour upon the grass, like a shower upon
the crops: For I will sing the Lord's renown.
Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!"*

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Deuteronomy
32: 2-3, (Judaism, Christianity)*

*"With the arising of cankers, there is an
arising of ignorance."*

*The Path of Purification, Chapter XVII, No. 36,
(Buddhism, Theravadan)*

April 27

"We are drawn to heaven by him, like beams by the sun, not being restrained by anything."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Treatise on the Resurrection, Page 55, Top, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"Ignorance is an outstanding cause of kamma that leads to unhappy destinies . . . But craving for becoming is an outstanding cause of kamma that leads to happy destinies."

The Path of Purification, Chapter XVII, No. 39-40, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

April 28

"Only sages are effectively able to know strategy, so their words prove truthful and their expectations prove accurate."

Wen-Tzu, Understanding the Mysteries, No. 85, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tzu)

"At Christmas I was talking to our lepers and telling them that the Leprosy is a gift from God, that God can trust them so much that He gives them this terrible suffering . . . and one man who was completely disfigured started pulling at my sari. 'Repeat that,' he said. 'Repeat that this is God's love. Those who are suffering understand you when you talk like this, Mother Teresa.' Christ is really living his passion in these homes. In our people you can see Calvary."

Prayertimes with Mother Teresa, Week Seven, Page 29, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)

April 29

"But I said, Sir, teach me about the faculty of these authorities - how did they come into being, and by what kind of genesis, and of what material, and who created them and their force? And the great angel Eleleth, understanding, spoke to me: 'Within limitless realms dwells incorruptibility. Sophia, who is called Pistis, wanted to create something, alone without her consort; and her product was a celestial thing.'"

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Hypostasis of the Archons, Page 167, Paragraphs 5-6, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"The Lord himself knows that in the last period there are (to be) wicked monks who do not understand mysterious speech. One will have to bear frowning looks, repeated disavowal (or concealment), expulsion from the monasteries, many and manifold abuses. Yet mindful of the command of the Lord of the world we will in the last period undauntedly proclaim this Sutra in the midst of the congregation."

Saddharma-Pundarika or the Lotus of the True Law, Chapter XII, Page 261, No.'s 16-18, (Buddhism, Nepalese)

April 30

"The experience of prophecy must come about through intermediaries. Man cannot attach himself directly to God's Glory, or perceive it as one sees a man standing in front of him.

The perception of God involved in true prophecy must therefore come about through God's servants, whose task it is to provide such a vision."

*The Way of God, Part 3, Chapter 3, No. 5,
Paragraph 1, Page 208, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi
Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)*

"You may say that there are many errors and superstitions in another religion. I should reply: Suppose there are, every religion has errors. Everyone thinks that his watch alone gives the correct time. It is enough to have yearning for God."

*The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 4, Page
112, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Words of Sri
Ramakrishna)*

May 1

"Their reward is with their Lord: Gardens of perpetuity wherein flow rivers, abiding therein for ever. Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him."

*The Holy Qur'an, Part XXX, Chapter 98, No. 8,
(Islam, Words of Mohammad)*

"The purpose of religion as revealed from the heaven of God's holy will is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world; make it not the cause of dissension and strife."

*The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Chapter 8, Ishra'q'at,
The ninth Ishra'q, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

May 2

***"Never begin a war yourself, God does not like
blood-shed, fight only in defence."***

*Nahjul Balagha, The Author, 34 to 40 A.H., Page
55, No. 1, Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib, (Islam)*

"Run not after rule."

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 146, Page 194,
Stanza 6, Pesikta Rabbati, 22, (Judaism)*

May 3

***"The Master said, A man can enlarge his Way;
but there is no Way that can enlarge a man."***

*The Analects of Confucius, Book XV, No. 28, Page
199, (Buddhism, Confucianism, Words of
Confucius)*

***"The Torah remains only with him who is
prepared to slay himself for its sake."***

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 370, Stanza 1,
Zohar, ii, 158b: c, 279a, (Judaism)*

May 4

"It is time for all to seek deliverance from the pains of birth, death, old age, and sickness.

Outflows of depravity and defilement are everywhere, and there is nothing in which you can find true joy."

The Three Pure Land Sutras, The larger Sutra, No. 33, Paragraph 3, (Buddhism, Pure Land, Words of the Buddha)

"Therefore, in order to benefit all beings I shall give up this body without any attachment . . ."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter VIII, No. 184, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

May 5

***"Moreover, the desire to go is the measure here.
When there is the desire to go, one who has
made his mental resolve in this way goes
visibly, carried by the force of the resolution
like an arrow shot by an archer."***

*The Path of Purification, Chapter XII, The
Supernormal Powers, No. 132, (Buddhism,
Theravadan)*

***"As it hath been said: 'Now Thou drawest me
to the summit of glory, again Thou castest me
into the lowest abyss.'"***

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The
Second Valley, Page 53, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i,
Author: Baha'u'llah)*

May 6

"He who lives under the guidance of reason endeavors, as far as possible, to render back love, or kindness, for other men's hatred, anger, contempt, etc., toward him."

The Ethics of Spinoza, On Human Bondage, The Little Pleasures and the Great Sin, Page 108, Paragraph 2, (Judaism, Author: Baruch Spinoza)

"In the other life, a person never suffers punishment because of inherited evil, because it does not belong to him. That is, he is not at fault for being what he is in this respect. Rather, he suffers punishment because of the realized evil that does belong to him - that is, the amount of inherited evil that he has made his own by his life activities."

Heaven & Hell, Chapter 37, No. 342, Paragraph 3, Page 258, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

May 7

"What these higher entities accomplish with the physical entities (below them) is called influence (Hashpa'ah). All influences that are directed from the higher entities toward those below, pass through the stars. The stars are therefore the closest things to the terrestrial world having such influence."

The Way of God, An Essay on Fundamentals, Page 373, Paragraph 2-3, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 6:41, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

May 8

"Those whose vital spirit is scattered outwardly and whose intellectual ruminations ramble inwardly cannot govern their bodies. When what the spirit employs is distant, then what it loses is nearby. So know the world without going out the door, know the weather without looking out the window; the further out it goes, the less knowledge is. This means that when pure sincerity emerges from within, spiritual energy moves in heaven."

*Wen-Tzu, Further Teachings of Lao-tzu, No. 20,
(Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tzu)*

"How much more reprehensible are those whose thoughts and deeds are concentrated upon their bodily desires and the time's vanities, whose souls do not ponder the fear of God nor draw it intimately into the fabric of their heart and of their innermost being, nor into their regularly appointed contemplations . . ."

The Gates of Repentance, Second Gate, IX, First Paragraph, (Judaism, Author: Rabbeinu Yonah of Gerona)

May 9

"Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Proverbs
23:12*

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Mark 11:25-26,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

May 10

"At the root of this precept lies the reason that we were commanded to emulate in our actions the qualities of the Eternal Lord, blessed is He. (One) of His attributes is that He abounds in loving-kindness - i.e. He deals with human beings beyond the strict line (letter) of the law."

*Sefer haHinnuch, Volume 1, No. 76, Paragraph 2,
(Judaism)*

"And he said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Galatians 1
12:9, (Christianity, Words of Christ)*

May 11

"The One Life, moreover, is not to be thought of as dividing and splitting itself up into bits, parts, and particles, in order to accomplish the process of Creation, and the Manifestation of the World. Instead, it is to be thought of as merely reflecting itself in the many individual mirrors of expression, just as the sun reflects itself as One in the millions of falling raindrops, or in a million tiny jars filled with water. There are millions of reflections of the One, but only the one One in reality."

*The Secret Doctrine of the Rosicrucians, Part V,
Page 64, Paragraph 2, (Mystery Religions,
Rosicrucian)*

"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 23:12,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

May 12

"They see the Lord in the cave of the heart and are granted all the blessings of life."

*The Upanishads, Taittiriya Upanishad, Part II, 1.1,
Page 142, (Hinduism, Translation: Eknath
Easwaran)*

"A holy man was coming that way one day, and the cowboys warned him of the serpent. 'My children,' said, the holy man, 'I am not afraid. I know Mantras to protect me from harm of all kinds.' And he continued his way and the snake attacked him with upraised hood. On the incantation of some charm by him the snake fell helpless at his feet. 'Why do you,' said the holy man, 'go about doing evil to others? Let me give you a holy name (of God) to repeat always, and you shall learn to love God, and your desire to do evil to others will leave you.' So saying he gave him the holy name and went away."

*Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, The Worldly
Minded, No. 285, (Hinduism, Words of Sri
Ramakrishna)*

May 13

"Love opens the minds interiors but fear closes them . . ."

Divine Providence, VII, No. 139, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

"And Jesus answering said unto them, 'They that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'"

King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 5:31-32, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

May 14

"All these things arise dependently, from causes, yet they are neither existent nor nonexistent. Therein is neither ego, nor experiencer, nor doer, yet no action, good or evil, loses its effects. Such is your teaching."

The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti, Chapter 1, Page 13, Stanza 4, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"You suffer, for Satan and his diseases torment your bodies. But fear not, for their power over you will quickly end . . . by your fasting and your prayer, you have called back the lord of your body and his angels. And now Satan torments you so grievously, for he feels that the end is come. But let not your hearts tremble, for soon will the angels of God appear, to occupy again their abodes and rededicate them as temples of God."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Book Four, Page 30-31, Bottom & Top, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

May 15

"You associate with living beings by frequenting their migrations. Yet your mind is liberated from all migrations."

The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti, Chapter 1, Page 15, Stanza 3, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"This divine purge stirs up all the foul and vicious humors of which the soul was never before aware; never did it realize there was so much evil in itself, since these humors were so deeply rooted. And now that they may be expelled and annihilated they are brought to light and seen clearly through the illumination of this dark light of divine contemplation. Although the soul is no worse than before, neither in itself nor in its relationship with God, it feels undoubtedly so bad as to be not only unworthy that God should see it but deserving of His abhorrence."

The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross, The Dark Night, Chapter 10, No. 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. John of the Cross)

May 16

"In a state where Being is fully maintained the process of experience becomes powerful, and the experience of the object becomes deeper and fuller than before. This art of being on the level of experience is natural in a fully integrated life where one is able to live all values of the transcendental, absolute bliss-consciousness of Being together with experiences of the various aspects of relative creation."

The Science of Being and Art of Living, Part 3, Chapter 2, Page 119, Paragraph 3, (Hinduism, Author: Maharishi Mahesh Yogi)

"When thy passions rebel, do thou rebel against them. When they fight, do thou fight them. When they attack thee, do thou attack them. Only beware lest they conquer thee."

The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 65, No. 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Augustine)

May 17

"If a piece of canvas painted upon by an artist could think and speak, it certainly would not complain at being constantly touched and retouched by the brush, and would not envy the lot of that instrument, for it would realize it was not to the brush but to the artist using it that it owed the beauty with which it was clothed. The brush, too, would not be able to boast of the masterpiece produced with it, as it knows that artists are not at a loss; they play with difficulties, and are pleased to choose at times weak and defective instruments."

*Story of a Soul, Chapter XI, Page 235, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Therese of
Lisieux)*

"Do not think lightly of evil, saying, 'It will not come to me.' By the constant fall of waterdrops, a pitcher is filled; likewise the unwise person, accumulating evil little by little, becomes full of evil."

*Dhammapada, Canto IX, No. 121, Page 51,
(Buddhism)*

May 18

"They perform their journey together, in union, and moving about collectively. For they act with cause or without cause, moving in a body. Of all these acting with one another, but differing in development, the increase and diminution will now be stated."

The Anugita, Chapter XXIV, No. 3-4, (Hinduism)

"Before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook 1, Page 42, No. 83,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska)*

May 19

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Revelations
21:23, (Christianity)*

"At death we will not be judged by the amount of work we did but by the love we put into it. And this love must come from self-sacrifice and be felt until it hurts."

*The Love of Christ, Part II, Page 55, Paragraph 7,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)*

May 20

"The Mahamati asked the Blessed One, saying: Blessed one, is the purification of the evil out-flowings of the mind which come from clinging to the notions of an objective world and an empirical soul, gradual or instantaneous? The

Blessed One replied: There are three characteristic outflows of the mind, namely, the evil out-flowings that rise from thirst, grasping and attachment . . . and from becoming attached to it, are gradually purified and not instantaneously."

A Buddhist Bible, The Lankavatara Scripture, Chapter VIII, Page 325, Paragraph 3-4, (Buddhism)

"Many people, when moved by fear, run to mountains, jungles, hermitages, shrines and trees in search of safety and asylum. But these are no real refuge and they afford no real protection . . . But if sometime someone turns for refuge to the buddha's, the dharma and the sangha . . . this is the real refuge."

Training the Mind in the Great Way, Point 1, Page 87-88, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Gyalwa Gendun Druppa, the 1st Dalai Lama)

May 21

*"So may you in both worlds, may you keep us
in both worlds, O Mithra, lord of wide
pastures! both in this material world and in
the world of the spirit."*

*The Avesta, Part II, Yast 10, No. 93,
(Zoroastrianism)*

*"A single word full of meaning, hearing which
one becomes at peace, is better than a
thousand words which are empty of meaning."*

*Dhammapada, Canto VIII, No. 100, Page 43,
(Buddhism)*

May 22

"So let one's mind be guarded. Let one's domain be right thought. By putting right view to the forefront . . . a bhikku will forsake all bad destinations."

*The Udana, Chapter 4, 4.2, Page 57, Stanza 1,
(Buddhism, Theravadan, Words of the Buddha)*

"They went into another garden and saw there people digging graves and dying immediately, and coming to life again with holy, luminous bodies. 'What does this mean?' they asked. He replied: 'They do this every day. As soon as they lie in the dust the evil taint which they received at first is consumed and they rise at once with new and luminous bodies, those in which they stood at Mount Sinai. As you see them, so they stood at Mount Sinai, with bodies free from all taint; but when they drew upon themselves the evil imagination, they were changed into other bodies.'"

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Shelah Lecha
(Numbers), Page 234, Top, (Judaism)*

May 23

*"Were all created things, visible and invisible,
to direct themselves towards Him, thou
wouldst find them winging their flight unto
the Supreme Goal, the Spot wherein the divine
Lote-Tree exclaimeth: Verily, no God is there
but Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful."*

*The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Tablet 13, Lawh-I-
Wiyyid-I-Mihdiy-I-Dahaji, Page 195-196, (Baha'i,
Words of Baha'u'llah)*

*"Many think that merely refraining from
adulteries in the body is chastity, when yet
that is not chastity unless there is abstention
in the spirit also."*

*Marital Love, Chapter VI, Page 213, No. 153,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

May 24

"If a lay person learning the Way still clings to wealth, covets comfortable housing, and keeps company with relatives, despite having the aspiration, he will confront many obstacles in learning the Way."

*Shobogenzo-zuimonki, Book 3, No. 11, Paragraph 3,
(Buddhism, Zen, Words of Zen Master Dogen)*

"The tempter, ever on the watch, wages war most violently against those whom he sees most careful to avoid sin."

*The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 64,
No. 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Leo the
Great)*

May 25

"On the mansion worlds, after your vision range is extended and you are freed from the fetters of material comparisons, you can begin to comprehend the meaning of those realities which 'eye cannot see nor ear hear, and which have never entered the concept of human minds,' even those things which 'God has prepared for those who love such eternal verities.' You are not always to be so limited in the range of your vision and spiritual comprehension."

*The Urantia Book, Paper 24, No. 6, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Urantia)*

"The devil is only permitted to tempt thee as much as is profitable for thy exercise and trial, and in order that thou, who didst not know thyself, mayest find out what thou art."

*The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 64,
No. 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St.
Augustine)*

May 26

"In order to be inspired to extract the essence of our precious human life we must appreciate the nature of our spiritual situation . . . The first of these is that we should make every effort to accomplish the spiritual path."

Training the Mind in the Great Way, Point One, Page 55-56, Bottom & Top, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Gyalwa Gendun Druppa the First Dalai Lama)

"The spiritual combat in which we kill our passions to put on the new man is the most difficult struggle of all. We must never weary of this combat, but fight the holy fight fervently and perseveringly."

The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 64, No. 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Nilus)

May 27

"Taken by the waves of afflictions, sunk in the torrents, they are tormented by a hundred miseries in the triple world, wrapped up in the clusters, thinking of them as self - For their sake we strive, to release them from pain."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, The Ten Stages, Page 720, Stanza 5, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"Dismiss all anger and look into yourself a little. Remember that he of whom you are speaking is your brother, and, as he is in the way of salvation, God can make him a Saint, in spite of his present weakness."

The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 68, No. 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Thomas of Villanova)

May 28

"The secrets of Divinington include the secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters. Their nature, origin, and the technique of their contact with the lowly creatures of the evolutionary worlds is a secret of this Paradise sphere."

*The Urantia Book, Paper 13, No. 1, Paragraph 5,
(Christianity, Urantia)*

"The dreaming mind recalls past impressions. It sees again what has been seen; it hears again what has been heard, enjoys again what has been enjoyed in many places. Seen and unseen, heard and unheard, enjoyed and unenjoyed, the real and the unreal, the mind sees all; the mind sees all."

*The Upanishads, Prashna Upanishad, Stanza 5,
Page 164, (Hinduism, Translation: Eknath
Easwaran)*

May 29

"His blessings will be sought for by the offerers, those who are living now, and those who have lived, as will they who are to me, the immortal souls of the righteous in eternity."

*The Avesta, Yasna 45, No. 7, (Zoroastrianism,
Words of Zarathustra)*

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . ."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Mark 16:16,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

May 30

"Jesus said, 'Come to me, for my yoke is easy and my mastery is gentle, and you will find rest for yourselves.' They said to him, 'Tell us who you are so that we may believe in you.'

He said to them, 'You examine the face of heaven and earth, but you have not come to know the one who is in your presence, and you do not know how to examine this moment.'"

The Gospel of Thomas, No. 90-91, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 3:11-12, (Christianity, Words of John the Baptist)

May 31

"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:16, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"How careful men should be,' he said, 'to abstain from sin and to watch their actions, for at many periods the world is judged and every day deeds are placed in the balance and examined on high and recorded before the Almighty; and when the deeds of men are not approved before the King, wrath arises and judgment is awakened. But if when the executioners of judgment are ready to strike and wrath impends, there is found in the generation a righteous man who is inscribed above, then God looks upon him and His wrath is mollified."

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Korah (Numbers), Page 239, Paragraph 3, (Judaism)

June 1

"Jesus said, 'Images are visible to people, but the light within them is hidden in the image of the father's light. He will be disclosed, but his image is hidden by his light.'"

*The Gospel of Thomas, No. 83, (Christianity,
Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"Ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Mark 14:62,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

June 2

"For he saith, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that wait for him."

*The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden, I Clement, Chapter XVI, Verse 8,
(Christianity)*

"My Heart was moved by great mercy towards you, My dearest child, when I saw you torn to shreds because of the pain you suffered in repenting for your sins . . . I see every abasement of your soul, and nothing escapes my attention. I lift up the humble even to my very throne, because I want it so."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook 1, Page 134, No. 282,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska)*

June 3

"Hence virtue is perpetually feeble, the great strength of evil being extremely intense, and except for a Fully Awakening Mind by what other virtue will it be overcome?"

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter 1, No. 6, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"Thou hast a few names . . . which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear."

King James Bible, New Testament, Revelations 3:4-6, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

June 4

***"For maintenance is perpetual creation, and
continuance is perpetual coming to be."***

*Divine Providence, Chapter 1, No. 3, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

***"A man who has obeyed one commandment is
helped by Heaven to obey many
commandments."***

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 108, Paragraph 7,
Mekilta Beshallah, (Judaism)*

June 5

"Although they are similar in appearance, common people behold forms and other such things and conceive of them to be really existent; they do not understand them to be like an illusion. But since yogis do understand them to exist in such a way, it is here that the yogis and the common people disagree . . . Although it does not appear to the common person, because it appears to those yogis who have merely seen personal identitylessness, there is no mistake in its being a deceptive truth . . . Compared to the worldly view of things as permanent and so forth, the yogi's vision of momentariness is posited as a vision of Reality itself."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter IX, Answers 5, 7, 8, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"People say: be the first to tell the low thing about thee."

The Talmudic Anthology, No. 146, Humility, Page 195, No. 2, Baba Kamma, 92, (Judaism)

June 6

"How shall I ever be able to tell you of the riches and the treasures and the delights which are to be found in the fifth Mansions? I think it would be better if I were to say nothing of the Mansions I have not yet treated, for no one can describe them, the understanding is unable to comprehend them and no comparisons will avail to explain them, for earthly things are quite insufficient for this purpose."

*Interior Castle, Fifth Mansions, Chapter 1,
Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St.
Teresa of Avila)*

"They, however, heavy with sleep, hardly hear the voice of Jesus, they barely perceive Him as a faint shadow, so much so that they are not aware of His countenance all disfigured from the internal agony which tortures Him."

*The Agony of Jesus, II, Page 22, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: Padre Pio)*

June 7

"When, through illusion, I and others are wandering in the Sangsara, Along the bright light-path of undistracted listening, reflection, and meditation, May the Gurus of the Inspired Line lead us, May the bands of Mothers be our rear-guard . . ."

*The Tibetan Book of the Dead, The Appendix, II,
The Path of Good Wishes for Saving from the
Dangerous Narrow Passageway of the Bardo, No.
2, Page 199, (Buddhism, Tibetan)*

***"This life is a master novel, written by God,
and man would go crazy if he tried to
understand it by reason alone. That is why I
tell you to meditate more. Enlarge the magic
cup of your intuition and then you will be able
to hold the ocean of infinite wisdom."***

*Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 66,
Article 2, Paragraph 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga,
Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)*

June 8

"When mindfulness is set with the purpose of guarding the doorway of the mind, then alertness will come about and even that which had gone will return. When, just as I am about (to act), I see that my mind is tainted (with defilement), at such a time I should remain unmoveable, like a piece of wood."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter V, No. 28-29, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"Divine Blood, spontaneously Thou flowest from the loving Heart of my Jesus; the flood of pain, the extreme bitterness, the steadfast perseverance which He sustains press Thee from that Heart, and sweating from His pores Thou dost flow to wash the earth!"

The Agony of Jesus, IV, Page 32, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Padre Pio)

June 9

"Moreover, such individuals are 'universal' in their sympathies, and can feel with any form of life with which they come in contact . . . Many of the great illumined souls of the race, having this consciousness in at least some degree, find themselves 'at home' with all manners and conditions of mankind, and in many cases with the lower life forms, as well. . . It may be seen at once that when one has a feeling of fellowship with all Life (and such individuals have this to some degree), then there are created certain bonds and links of sympathy and unity which serve to unite the individual more or less strongly to all living things."

*The Secret Doctrine of the Rosicrucians, Part VIII,
The Three Higher Planes, Page 14, Paragraph 2,
(Mystery Religions, Rosicrucian)*

"There is another type of dal, the poor in intelligence, and his lot is the worst of all. Chazal have declared (Nedarim 41a): 'No one is poor except the one who lacks in wisdom.' Here there are many classes. A person has foolish ideas, has strayed from the true path and become wicked. In this case, one has to think of ways to make him repent, how to restore him to the correct path. The merit for such an act is extremely great. The Zohar Chadash expresses it in these words (Lech

*Lecha): 'R. Eliezer said: How great is the
reward of a person who causes another to
repent.'"*

*Ahavath Chesed, Chapter 7, Page 221, Paragraph 2,
(Judaism, Author: Chafetz Chaim)*

June 10

"I looked about me and could see that what we then were doing was like a shadow cast upon the earth from yonder vision in the heavens, so bright it was and clear. I knew the real was yonder and the darkened dream of it was here."

*Black Elk Speaks, Chapter XIV, Page 169,
Paragraph 1, (Tribal, Oglala Sioux, Words of Black
Elk)*

"To live in the world or to leave it, depends upon the Will of God. Therefore work, leaving everything to Him. What else can you do?"

*Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, The Worldly
Minded, Page 96, No. 276, (Hinduism, Words of
Sri Ramakrishna)*

June 11

"The host of thieves who are my own disturbing conceptions will search for a good opportunity; Having found it they will steal my virtue and destroy (the attainment of) life in a happy realm. Therefore I shall never let mindfulness depart from the doorway of my mind. If it goes, I should recall the misery of the lower realms and firmly re-establish it there."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter V, No. 28-29, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

New American Bible, New Testament, John 3:16, (Christianity, Catholic)

June 12

*"Glorious is it to see the Noble Ones; their
company at all times brings happiness."*

Dhammapada, Chapter XV, No. 206, (Buddhism)

*"The Great Being saith: O well beloved ones!
The tabernacle of unity hath been raised;
regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are
the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one
branch."*

*The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Chapter 11, Lawh-I-
Maqsud, Page 164, Top, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

June 13

*"As long as you live outside the house of
maya, as long as there exists the cloud of
maya, you do not see the effect of the Sun of
Knowledge."*

*The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 30, Page
583, Paragraph 16, (Hinduism, Words of
Ramakrishna)*

*"Thanks be to Thee, Eternal Father, who hast
in Thy House many mansions.' And he rejoices
more in the different ways of holiness which he
sees, than if he were to see all travelling by one
road, because, in this way, he perceives the
greatness of My Goodness become more
manifest,
and thus, rejoicing draws from all the
fragrance of the rose."*

*The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena, A Treatise
of Prayer, Page 217, Top, (Christianity, Catholic,
Author: St. Catherine of Siena)*

June 14

"The simple fact that Being is the never-changing, eternal phase of existence and that It pervades the diverse forms of phenomenal creation gives us the hope of bringing all the diversified phases of our lives into harmony by co-ordinating their values with the values of absolute Being."

The Science of Being and Art of Living, Part 3, Chapter 2, Page 121, Paragraph 3, (Hinduism, Transcendental Meditation, Author: Maharishi Mahesh Yogi)

"During the past, this mind of mine roamed freely as it liked, as it desired, at its own pleasure. But today, I shall fully keep it in check, even as the elephant driver with the point of a goad controls an unruly elephant in rut."

Dhammapada, Canto XXIII, No. 326, Page 129, (Buddhism)

June 15

"The entire matter of reaching union with God consists of purging the will of its appetites and feelings, so that from a human and lowly will it may be changed into the divine will, made identical with the will of God."

*The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross, The Ascent of Mt. Carmel, Chapter 16, No. 3, Page 238,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. John of the Cross)*

"When a man is involved in worldly affairs, his thoughts are bound by chains of the burden that weighs upon them and it is impossible for them to become concerned with his deeds."

*The Path of the Just, Chapter V, Page 63,
Paragraph 2, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)*

June 16

"Wisdom's voice rings out from behind the doors of the righteous; wherever the godly foregather (is heard) her song."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, Poems/Qumran Hymnal, II, No. 12, Page 220, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"They (the beings of Hell) rot upon a couch of darkness; in lust and in pursuit of desire they give birth to each other and then destroy each other."

Gnosis on the Silk Road, Chapter 2, No. 2, Verse s, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

June 17

***"And the Lord took up word with me and said:
Write the vision, and make it plain upon
tablets that he who runs may read."***

*The Dead Sea Scriptures, Habakkuk, Chapter 2,
Paragraph 1, Page 321, (Christianity,
Gnostic/Essene)*

***"Man's power of speech is a spiritual force and
it has great effect in the higher spheres.
Consequently, the damage wrought by
improper speech in the higher worlds is severe
and awesome. And the greater the
damage, the greater is the punishment."***

*Taharas Halashon, Chapter 2, Page 28, Shmiras
Halashon, Sha'ar Hazchirah, Chapter 1, (Judaism)*

June 18

"Seeing the world of sentient beings so full of afflictions, the enlightening beings arouse their energy, thinking, 'I should rescue and liberate these beings; I should purify and emancipate them; I should lead them, direct them, make them happy, develop them, and cause them to reach perfect peace.'"

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 26, The Ten Stages, Page 722, Paragraph 3, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"If silence be good for wise men, how much better must it be for fools!"

The Talmudic Anthology, No. 323, Stanza 5, Peshahim, 98b, (Judaism)

June 19

***"Your reality body is transcendentally pure,
equal in all times, without distinction:
Therein all worlds are gathered, and form and
dissolve without obstruction. I see your body
in all realms, in a variety of manifestations:
And in your pores I see the moon and stars."***

*The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 39, Entry
into the Realm of Reality, Page 1294, Stanza 2-3,
(Buddhism, Mahayana)*

***"I tell you, on the day of judgement people will
render an account for every careless word they
speak. By your words you will be acquitted,
and by your words you will be condemned."***

*New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew
12:36-37, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

June 20

"I have dreamed many dreams; now I am awake."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 190, Paragraph 5,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"Paramahansaji frequently warned disciples of the dangers of spiritual idleness. 'The minutes are more important than the years,' he would say, 'If you do not fill the minutes of your life with thoughts of God, the years will slip by; and when you need Him most you may be unable to feel His presence. But if you fill the minutes of your life with divine aspirations, automatically the years will be saturated with them.'"

*Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 102,
Stanza 1, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of
Paramahansa Yogananda)*

June 21

"A person who is constantly engaged in devotional service to Krsna and who chants His holy name becomes so transcendently attached to the chanting that his heart becomes softened without extraneous endeavor. When this happens, he exhibits transcendental ecstasies and sometimes laughs, sometimes cries, sings and dances - not exactly in an artistic way, but just like a madman."

The Teachings of Lord Caitanya, Chapter 19, Page 208, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Bhakti Yoga, Author: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada)

*"One way of talking is like death."
The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament,
Ecclesiasticus 23:12, (Judaism)*

June 22

"Nothing more excellent is there, therefore, than these mysteries on which ye question, save only the mysteries of the seven Voices and their nine and-forty powers and their ciphers. And there is no name which is more excellent than them all, the name in which are all names and all lights and all powers."

Pistis Sophia, Fifth Book, Page 313, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man."

King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 15:18-20, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

June 23

"Who walketh upon the wings of the wind' to Raphael, who comes to give healing to the world. From that point on 'he maketh his angels spirits, his ministers a flaming fire.' Old man, old man! As thou art aware of all these things, fear not, but speak out boldly, and let the words of thy mouth spread light!"

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume III, Mishpatim (Exodus), Page 299, Top, (Judaism)

"R. Shmuel bar Nachmani said: 'They asked the snake, 'why are you found near fences?' He answered, 'because I breached the fence (that protected the world).' 'And why do you slither with your tongue protruding?' (The snake answered), 'it was my tongue that caused (my transgression).'"

Taharas Halashon, Chapter 5, Page 55, Bamidbar Rabbah 19:2, (Judaism)

June 24

"Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Matthew 8:13,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

"But habits of any kind are so strong in their possession of the minds of men that, even in the case of those that are evil (and these usually come from the dominant passions), we can more quickly condemn and detest them than we can abandon or change them."

*The Fathers of the Church, Volume 4, The Advantage of Believing, Chapter 17, No. 35,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)*

June 26

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more . . . 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race . . . He will wipe every tear from eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 21:1-4, (Christianity, Catholic)

"St. James tells us that this virtue comes from Heaven and that we shall never have it unless we ask it of God. We should, therefore, frequently ask God to give us purity in our eyes, in our speech and in all our actions."

The Voice of the Saints, The Challenge of Chastity, Page 59, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. John Vianney)

June 27

*"Through one pore they radiate infinite light
beams . . ."*

*The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 38,
Detachment from the World, Page 1130, Stanza 2,
(Buddhism, Mahayana)*

*"The man of Armaiti is bounteous, and with
understanding in his words and actions. May
Ahura give him that Righteousness which is
blessed, together with the Religion and that
Sovereign Power which is established through
the Good Mind. And I would pray for this
same blessing from His grace."*

*The Avesta, Yasna 52, No. 21, (Zoroastrianism,
Words of Zoroaster)*

June 28

"The Counsel,' he said, 'alludes to the sublime mystical knowledge which remains hidden and undisclosed save for those that fear the Lord continuously and thus prove themselves worthy of these secrets and able to keep them.'"

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume IV, P' Qude, (Exodus), Page 299, Bottom, (Judaism)

"In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. When the earth is shaken with her shaking, and the earth brings forth her burdens, and man says: What has befallen her? On that day she will tell her news, as if thy Lord had revealed to her. On that day men will come forth in sundry bodies that they may be shown their works. So he who does an atom's weight of good will see it. And he who does an atom's weight of evil will see it."

The Holy Qur'an, Part XXX, Chapter 99, No.'s 1-8, (Islam, Author: Mohammad)

June 29

"Said the old man: 'O ancient, O ancient, upon what a task hast thou entered! Thou hast plunged into the great sea, and now perforce must swim on till thou shalt have gained the farther shore! On, then! And if he take him another . . . How many ancient mysteries never revealed before, regarding transmigration are indicated here! All the matters of which I am about to speak are perfect truth not deviating by one hair's-breadth from the path of truth."

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume III, Mishpatim (Exodus), Page 299, Paragraph 1, (Judaism)

"In the spiritual world stars appear to fall from heaven to the earth there whenever knowledges of good and truth are rejected."
*Apocalypse Revealed, Chapter 6, Verse 13, No. 333,
 (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
 Emanuel Swedenborg)*

June 30

"Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones."

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
5:8, (Christianity)*

"And every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Revelations
6:12-16, (Christianity)*

July 1

"When a true seeker determineth to take the step of search in the path leading to the knowledge of the Ancient of Days, he must, before all else, cleanse and purify his heart, which is the seat of the revelation of the inner mysteries of God."

*The Kitab-I-Iqan, Page 192, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i,
Author: Baha'u'llah)*

"Even the greatest philosophical speculators cannot have access to the region of the Lord. It is said in the Upanisads that the Supreme Truth, the Absolute Personality of Godhead, is beyond the range of the thinking power of the greatest philosopher. He is unknowable by great learning or by the greatest brain. He is knowable only by one who has His mercy."

*Teachings of Queen Kunti, Chapter 3, Page 5,
Paragraph 1, (Hinduism)*

July 2

"If, then, the soul withdrew, sinking itself again into its primal unity, Time would disappear: the origin of Time, clearly, is to be traced to the first stir of the Soul's tendency towards the production of the sensible Universe with the consecutive act ensuing."

*Plotinus: The Enneads, Seventh Tractate, Page 267, Paragraph 4, (Mystery Religions, Greek,
Author: Plotinus)*

"The Word is not understood except by those who are enlightened. The human rational cannot apprehend Divine things, nor even spiritual things, unless it is enlightened by the Lord. Thus only they who are enlightened apprehend the Word."

Miscellaneous Theological Works, Heavenly Doctrine, No. 256, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

July 3

"I would it were possible for thee, O my Son, to have wings, and to fly into the Air, and being taken up in the midst, between Heaven and Earth, to see the stability of the Earth, the fluidness of the Sea, the courses of the Rivers, the largeness of the Air, the sharpness and swiftness of the Fire, the motion of the Stars, and the speediness of the Heaven, by which it goeth round about all these."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Book Five, No. 21, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Author: Hermes)

"A number of intellectuals who quote prophets are like victrolas. Just as a machine plays records of sacred writings without understanding their meaning, so many scholars who repeat Holy Writ are unaware of its true significance. They do not see the deep, life-transforming values of the scriptures. From their reading such men gain, not God-realization, but only a knowledge of words. They become proud and argumentative . . . That is why I tell all of you to read less and to meditate more."

Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 51, Stanza 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

July 4

"List ye, O man, to the depth of my wisdom, speak I of knowledge hidden from man. Far have I been, on my journeys through SPACE-TIME, even to the end of the space of this cycle. Found I there the great barrier, holding man from leaving this cycle. Ay, glimpsed I the HOUNDS of the Barrier, lying in wait for he who would pass them. In that space, where time exists not, faintly I sensed the guardians of cycles."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet VIII, Page 45, Paragraph 6, (Mystery Religions/Egyptian Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

July 5

"The Principle of Cycles manifests that universal circular direction of process or progress which is apparent in all the manifested world, from its highest to its lowest manifestation."

*The Secret Doctrine of the Rosicrucians, Part XIII,
Section V. Paragraph 1, (Mystery Religions,
Rosicrucian)*

"But, since things appear similar to each other in many ways, we should not imagine there is any precept that we must believe that, because a thing has a certain analogical meaning in one place, it always has this meaning."

*The Fathers of the Church Volume 2, Christian
Instruction, Chapter 25, No. 35, (Christianity,
Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)*

July 6

"Just as the present aeon, though a unity, is divided by units of time and units of time are divided into years and years are divided into seasons and seasons into months, and months into days, and days into hours, and hours into moments, so too the aeon of the Truth, since it is a unity and multiplicity, receives honor in the small and the great names according to the power of each to grasp it."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Tripartate Tractate, No. 5, Page 71, Paragraph 2-3, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"Past wrong actions have left seeds in your mind . . . You cannot achieve emancipation until you have burned the seeds of past actions in the fires of wisdom and meditation. If you want to destroy the bad effects of past actions, meditate. What you have done you can undo .

. . . When your present efforts become more powerful than the karma of past actions, you are free."

Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 108, Stanza 1, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

July 7

"Man's intention and understanding are governed by the Lord through angels and spirits. And since this is true of his intention and understanding, it is true of everything bodily, since this stems from them. Believe it or not, man cannot take a single step without heaven's inflow."

*Heaven & Hell, Chapter 26, No. 228, Page 166,
Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism,
Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)*

"The idea behind the trait of Cleanliness is that a person be completely clean of bad traits and of sins, not only those which are recognized as such, but also those which are rationalized, which, when we look at them honestly, we find to be sanctioned only because of the heart's being still partially afflicted by lust and not entirely free of it, so as to incline us towards a relaxation of standards. The man who is entirely free of this affliction and clean of any trace of evil which lust leaves behind it will come to possess perfectly clean vision and pure discrimination, and will not be swayed in any direction by desire, but will recognize as evil, and withdraw from every sin that he had committed, though it were the slightest of the

slight."

*The Path of the Just, Chapter X, Paragraph 1,
(Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe Cheam Suzette)*

July 8

"Between heaven and earth, the five realms are clearly distinguishable. They are vast and deep, extending boundlessly. In return for good or evil deeds, happiness or misery ensues. The result of one's karma must be borne by oneself alone and no one else can take one's place.

This is the natural law.

Misfortune follows evil deeds as their retribution, which is impossible to avoid."

The Three Pure Land Sutras, Larger Sutra, No. 39, Page 300, Paragraph 3, (Buddhism, Pure Land)

"Will you tell me one thing? Why did you harp so much on sin? By repeating a hundred times, 'I am a sinner,' one verily becomes a sinner. One should have such faith as to be able to say, 'What? I have taken the name of God; how can I be a sinner?' God is our Father and Mother. Tell Him, 'O Lord, I have committed sins, but I won't repeat them.' Chant His name and purify your body and mind. Purify your tongue by singing God's holy name."

The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 6, Page 159, Paragraph 3, (Hinduism, Words of Sri Ramakrishna)

July 9

"Hence, because of the natural working of karma, there are innumerable kinds of suffering in the three evil realms through which wicked beings must pass, life after life, for many kalpas, with no end in sight. It is indeed difficult for them to gain release, and the pain they must undergo is indescribable."
*The Three Pure Land Sutras, Larger Sutra, No. 39,
 Page 301, Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Pure Land)*

"These mitigations take place because of the love which is natural in a father and which causes him to deal gently with his son, so that even when he punishes him, his blows are not those of an enemy. And again, when the occasion demands it is his love which causes him to suspend judgment entirely."
*General Principles of Kabbalah, Chapter 18,
 Paragraph 2, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moses
 Chayim Luzzatto)*

July 10

"Love does indeed occur apart from wisdom, but this love is characteristic of human beings, not of the Lord. Wisdom too occurs apart from love, and while this wisdom is from the Lord, it does not have the Lord within it. It is like winter's light which does indeed come from the sun, and yet the essence of the sun, which is warmth, is not within it."

*Divine Love and Wisdom, No. 139, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel
Swedenborg)*

"Have we not been taught that 'hebel' (breath) is the basis of the world above and the world below . . . Every action done here below, if it is done with the intention of serving the Holy King, produces a 'breath' in the world above, and there is no breath which has no voice; and this voice ascends and crowns itself in the supernal world and becomes an intercessor before the Holy One, blessed be He."

*The Zohar (Kabbalah), Volume III, Beshalah
(Exodus), Page 184, Middle, (Judaism)*

July 11

"The door of the lodge is soon opened for the second time, representing the coming of the purifying Power of the north, and also we see the light which destroys darkness, just as wisdom drives away ignorance."

The Sacred Pipe, Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux, Chapter III, Inipi, Page 40, Paragraph 3, (Tribal, Oglala Sioux, Words of Black Elk)

"The Lord Himself not only shows us the evil we are to avoid and the good we are to do (which is all that the letter of the law can do), but also helps us to avoid evil and do good - things that are impossible without the spirit of grace. If grace is lacking, the law is there simply to make culprits and to slay; for this reason, the Apostle said: 'The letter killeth, the spirit giveth life.'"

The Fathers of the Church, Volume 2, Admonition and Grace, Chapter 1, Page 245-246, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

July 12

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 2:2, (Christianity, Catholic)

"A million distractions, disguised as Thee, constantly delude us. Come, O Perfect Joy, into the waiting temple of our devotion! Be Thou the Pole-star during our wanderings in the night of ignorance, leading us safely to our haven in Thee."

Whispers from Eternity, Page 103, Stanza 3, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

July 13

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 2:9-11, (Christianity, Catholic)

"From the very moment in which mortals begin to have use of their reason, each one of them is followed by many watchful and relentless demons. For as soon as souls are in a position to raise their thoughts to the knowledge of their God and commence the practice of the virtues infused by Baptism, these demons, with incredible fury and astuteness, seek to root out the divine seed; and if they cannot succeed in this, they try to hinder its growth, and prevent it from bringing forth fruit by engaging men in vicious, useless, or trifling things."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion, Chapter II, Page 403-404, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)

July 14

"But the wise, whose wisdom makes them full of eyes, pierce through the garment to the very essence of the word that is hidden thereby. And when the word is momentarily revealed in that first instant of which we have spoken, those whose eyes are wise can see it, though it is so soon hidden again . . . In the course of such passages a secret emerges from its sheath, and as soon as it has been revealed returns thereto and once more conceals itself therein."

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume III, Mishpatim (Exodus), Page 300, Middle, (Judaism)

"The Palace of Righteousness, Ananda, was surrounded by a double railing. One railing was of gold, and one was of silver. The golden railing had its posts of gold, and its cross bars and its figure head of silver. The silver railing had its posts of silver, and its cross bars and its figure-head of gold."

Dialogues of the Buddha II, XVII The Great King of Glory, Page 214, Stanza 28

July 15

"Quite oblivious they are to what the LORD is about, too blinded ever to see what He is actually doing. That is the reason why My people, likewise unconscious, have likewise been 'carried away' - away to an alien land, their gentry starving for hunger, their masses parched for thirst."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, Isaiah, Chapter 5, Page 303, No. 11-14, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"It may happen that, while the soul is not in the least expecting Him to be about to grant it this favour, which it has never thought it can possibly deserve, it is conscious that Jesus Christ Our Lord is near to it . . . "

Interior Castle, Sixth Mansions, Chapter VIII, Page 179, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Teresa of Avila)

July 16

"Amen, I say unto you: The soul for which ye shall pray, if it indeed is in the dragon of the outer darkness, he will draw his tail out of his mouth and let go that soul. And moreover if it is in all the regions of the judgments of the rulers, amen, I say unto you: The receivers of Melchisedec will with haste snatch it away, whether the dragon let it go or it is in the judgments of the rulers; in a word, the receivers of Melchisedec will snatch it away out of all the regions in which it is, and will lead it into the region of the Midst before the Virgin of Light."

*Pistis Sophia, Book Four, Page 271, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

"Ought we not to look upon it as a great grace and favor to be invited into His presence? Surely, we ought to find our delight in His company since He is delighted to be in ours. We ought to go to Him frequently and say to Him: 'My Jesus, why dost Thou love me so much? What good dost Thou see in me that Thou art so enamored of me? Hast thou already forgotten the sins by which I have offended Thee so grievously?"

*The Blessed Eucharist, Chapter 4, Page 58,
Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Fr.
Michael Muller)*

July 17

"More than this cannot be told, for the Holy Streams will take you to that place where words are no more, and even the Holy Scrolls cannot record the mysteries therein."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Book Four, The Holy Streams, Page 44, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"Repentance only occurs when a person abandons his sins and evil deeds.

Abandonment does not depend on knowledge alone but on will. Repentance is complete only when one changes the internal balance of his desires. He no longer sins because he has succeeded in making his desire to return stronger than the desire to sin."

Strive for Truth, Lovingkindness, Page 156, Paragraph 2, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Eliyahu E. Dessler)

July 18

"By the act of thought we are, as it were, collecting together things which the memory did contain, though in a disorganized and scattered way, and by giving them our close attention we are arranging for them to be as it were stored up ready to hand in that same memory where previously they lay hidden, neglected."

The Confessions of St. Augustine, Book X, Chapter 11, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

"And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, 'This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.'"

King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 4:18-19, (Christianity, Words of Christ)

July 19

***"Followed, I then, the path to the star planes;
followed I, then, the pathway to LIGHT. Deep
into earth's heart I followed the pathway,
learning the secrets, below as above."***

*The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet
V, Page 29, Paragraph 3, (Mystery
Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)*

***"And the Lord passed by before him, and
proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful
and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in
goodness and truth, keeping mercy for
thousands, forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin, and that will by no
means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of
the fathers upon the children, and upon the
children's children unto the third and to the
fourth generation."***

*King James Bible, Old Testament, Exodus 34:6-7,
(Christianity)*

July 20

"Only those who are initiated into the divine mysteries can comprehend the melodies uttered by the Bird of Heaven . . ."

The Kitab-I-Iqan, Page 191, Paragraph, 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

"Lead me from darkness to light. Lead me from hatred to love. Lead me from limitations to Thine inexhaustible power; lead me from ignorance to wisdom. Lead me from suffering and death to everlasting life and enjoyment in Thee. Above all, lead me from the delusion of human attachment into realization of Thy love eternal, which plays hide and seek with me in all forms of human love."

Man's Eternal Quest, Looking at Creation with Seeing Eyes, Page 260, Paragraph 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

July 21

"After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on land or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God."

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
7:1-2, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"The more illuminating the exposition given of the Torah, the more those clouds are lit up, and they become more and more transparent until the veil becomes visible, and from the midst of that veil they see a light brighter than that of all other lights, and this is the face of Moses. No one actually sees his face, but only the light which proceeds from the veil behind all the clouds . . . When they emerge from the Academy of Moses they fly to the Academy of the firmament, and those who are qualified fly to the highest Academy. Of that generation it is written: 'Happy is the people that is in such a case, yea, happy is the people whose God is the Lord.'"

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Shelah Lecha
(Numbers), Page 235-236, Bottom & Top,
(Judaism)*

July 22

"In the center and around the throne, there were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back. The first creature resembled a lion, the second was like a calf, the third had a face like that of a human being, and the fourth looked like an eagle in flight."

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
4:6-8, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"If you kept a record of our sins, Lord, who could stand their ground? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered."

*The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament, Psalm
130:3-4, (Judaism)*

July 23

"Lord, I consider Your Lordship to be eternal time, the supreme controller, without beginning and end, the all-pervasive one. In distributing your mercy, you are equal to everyone. The dissensions between living beings are due to social intercourse."

The Teachings of Queen Kunti, Chapter 11, Page 71, Srimad Bhagavatam 1.8.28, (Hinduism, Bhakti Yoga, Author: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada)

"God is one, but His names are many."

The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna, Chapter 4, Page 112, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Words of Sri Ramakrishna)

July 24

"They then went forth and created the upper world and the lower, the world of unification and the world of division."

The Zohar, Volume IV, P' Qude (Exodus), Page 299, Bottom, (Judaism)

"All members of the Academy enter the secret chamber. Then the Court assembles and the spirit of the man to be tried is brought up by two officers, and placed near a pillar of flashing flame which stands there and which is kept in shape by a current of air blowing on it . . . If his word was a fitting one, happy is he, for he is crowned with many radiant crowns by all the members of the Academy. If, however, his word was of another kind, alas for his disgrace. They thrust him outside, and he stands within the pillar until he is taken to his punishment."

The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume V, Balak (Numbers), Page 252-253, (Judaism)

July 25

*"Thereafter his disciples said unto him:
'Rabbi, reveal unto us the mystery of the Light
of thy father, since we heard thee say: 'There is
still a fire-baptism and there is still a baptism
of the holy spirit of the Light, and there is a
spiritual chrism . . . "*

*Pistis Sophia, Fifth Book, Page 312, Paragraph 6,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

*"Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his
father's sins which he hath done, and
considereth, and doeth not such . . . Neither
hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the
pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but
hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath
covered the naked with a garment, that hath
taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not
received usury nor increase, hath executed my
judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he
shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he
shall surely live."*

*King James Bible, Old Testament, Ezekiel 18:14-18,
(Christianity)*

July 26

"And Jesus said unto them: 'Bring me fire and vine branches.' They brought them unto him.

He laid out the offering, and set down two wine-vessels, one on the right and the other on the left of the offering . . . Jesus stood before the offering, set the disciples behind him, all clad with linen garments, and in their hands the cipher of the name of the father of the Treasury of the Light, and he made invocation thus, saying: 'Hear me, O Father of all fatherhood, boundless Light: . . . Forgive the sins of the souls of these disciples who have followed me, and purify their iniquities and make them worthy to be reckoned with the kingdom of the father.'"

*Pistis Sophia, Fifth Book, Page 310, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"He loves you and would not have you attach yourself to what is perishable, but to Himself Who alone can satisfy your heart, and He will do so and fill it in the measure in which you empty it of creatures."

*Thoughts and Sayings of St. Margaret Mary,
November, No. 15, (Christianity, Catholic, Words
of St. Margaret Mary)*

July 27

"He who loves God most in this world is the happiest. All that is not done for God turns to pain. He who desires only God is rich and happy: he is in want of nothing, and may laugh at all the world."

The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection, Part II, Various Practices, No. III, Page 351, Paragraphs 4 & 7, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

"When the wise realize the Self, formless in the midst of forms, changeless in the midst of change, omnipresent and supreme, they go beyond sorrow."

The Upanishads, Katha Upanishad, Part 2, No. 22, (Hinduism, Translation: Eknath Easwaran)

July 28

"It is they who will restore the world, which will never grow old and never die, never decaying and never rotting, ever living and ever increasing, and master of its wish, when the dead will rise, when life and immortality will come, and the world will be restored at its wish."

*The Avesta, Part II, Yast 19, No. 23,
(Zoroastrianism)*

"Though you may be alive today, do not think that you will necessarily be alive tomorrow.

*The danger of death is right at your feet!"
Shobogenzo-zuimonki, 4-8, Page 150, Paragraph 5,
(Buddhism, Zen, Words of Zen Master Dogen)*

July 29

"O Adam, look at that garden of joy and at this earth of toil, and behold the angels who are in the garden - that is full of them, and see thyself alone on this earth, with Satan whom thou didst obey. Yet, if thou hadst submitted, and been obedient to Me, and hadst kept My Word, thou'dst be with My angels in My garden. But when thou didst transgress and hearken to Satan, thou didst become his guest among his angels, that are full of wickedness; and thou camest to this earth, that brings forth to thee thorns and thistles."

*The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden, Adam and Eve, Chapter LVI, Verses 2-4,
(Christianity, Judaism)*

"Man, created innocent, fell by disobeying Him; the mark of original sin remained engraved on his forehead and that of his progeny who will bear its consequences until the end of time."

Meditation Prayer on Mary Immaculate, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Padre Pio)

July 30

"Gardens of perpetuity, wherein flow rivers, to abide therein. And such is the reward of him who purifies himself."

The Holy Qur'an, Part XVI, Chapter 20, Section 3, No. 76, (Islam, Words of Mohammad)

"Our best, our easiest remedy is the Name of Jesus. It drives the devil flying from our sides and saves us from countless evils."

The Wonders of the Holy Name, Chapter 10, Page 44, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P. (E.D.M.))

July 31

"Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God . . ."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 22:1, (Christianity, Catholic)

"I thought of my vision, and how it was promised me that my people should have a place in this earth where they could be happy every day. I thought of them on the wrong road now, but maybe they could be brought back into the hoop again and to the good road."

Black Elk Speaks, Chapter XXII, Paragraph 2, (Tribal, Oglala Sioux, Words of Black Elk)

August 1

"He said to me, 'They are accomplished, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.'"

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 21:6, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"They pass through kalpas as numerous as motes of dust, confused, deluded, obstructed, and afflicted by difficulties, like fish swimming down a long stream through nets."

Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva, Chapter 4, Page 119, Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Pure Land, Words of the Buddha)

August 2

"Wisdom's voice rings out from behind the doors of the righteous; wherever the godly foregather (is heard) her song. Whenso they eat and are filled, the word is of her; when they drink in fellowship together, their talk is of the lore of the Most High; the aim of their discourse is to further the knowledge of His power . . . Bless ye, the Lord, who redeems the humble from the grasp of the proud."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, Poems from a Qumran Hymnal, II, No. 12-18, Page 220, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"And speak unto me, and turn aside from me the evil of this abode and of that abode; And illuminate the band of Light and Splendor, and bless them and us, and purify them for ever and ever. So be it."

The Desatir, The Book of Shet the Prophet Feridun, No. 36-37, (Zoroastrianism)

August 3

"The Holy Scriptures are like a large house with many, many rooms and that outside each door lies a key - but it is not the right one. To find the right keys that will open the doors - that is the great and arduous task."

On the Kabbalah and its Symbolism, Chapter 1, Page 12, Bottom, A Quote from Origen, Selecta in Psalmos, (Judaism, Author: Gershom Scholem)

"The Highest Wisdom decreed that in order for all things to receive God's sustenance, they must first bind themselves to each other. The lowest things bind themselves to those above them, and these in turn to the ones that are still higher, continuing in this manner until the root Forces, which in turn depend on God Himself. His sustenance is then extended to these Forces, and it spreads downward appropriately to all levels of creation. In this manner, they all regain their ordained level and function."

The Way of God, Part IV, Chapter 6, No. 10, Paragraph 6, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)

August 4

"I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls . . . Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelation 20:12, 15, (Christianity, Catholic)

"She composed hymns of praise to the Divinity and the most holy humanity of Christ, while the angels set them to music and were sent with them to congratulate Him for the blessings won for the human race."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion, Book 5, Chapter VI, Page 446, Top, (Christianity, Catholic, Words Regarding Mary)

August 5

"In front of the throne was something that resembled a sea of glass like crystal."

New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations 4:6, (Christianity, Catholic)

*"The unvirtuous he cultivates, he visits not the virtuous, and in his ignorance he sees no fault in a transgression here, with wrong thoughts often in his mind his faculties will not guard -
- virtue in such a constitution comes to partake of diminution."*

The Path of Purification, Part I, Chapter 1, No. 39, Stanza 1, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

August 6

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

New American Bible, New Testament, John 4:13-15, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"Having renounced every selfish desire, he has found his rest in the Lord of Love. Wisdom is the staff that supports him now. Those who take a mendicant's staff while they are still at the mercy of their senses cannot escape enormous suffering. The illumined man knows this truth of life. For him the universe is his garment and the Lord not separate from himself. He offers no ancestral oblations; He praises nobody, blames nobody . . . The world of change and changeless Reality are one to him, for he sees all in God."

The Upanishads, Paramahansa Upanishad, No. 3-4, (Hinduism, Translation Eknath Easwaran)

August 7

"Concentration is their citadel, empty silence is their palace, with the armor of benevolence, the sword of wisdom, the bow of mindfulness, the arrows of insight, they spread the canopy of spiritual power on high and raise the banner of knowledge."

*The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 38,
Detachment from the World, Page 1132, Stanza 2,
(Buddhism, Mahayana)*

"That man implores you, and asks for pardon. Then forgive him; forgive him at once. If you refuse to forgive him, the refusal will injure you; it will not injure him, for he knows what to do. If you, a servant, refuse to forgive a fellow servant, he will go to your Lord and say to Him: 'Lord, I asked my fellow servant to forgive me, and he refused; do Thou forgive me?' Is it wrong for the Lord to loose His servant's debts? When that servant has obtained forgiveness from the Lord, he comes back free; you remain bound."

*The Fathers of the Church, Volume 11,
Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount and
other Writings, Sermon 56, On the Lord's Prayer,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)*

August 8

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me."

*New American Bible, New Testament, John 16:1-3,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

"Even in time of dispute and quarrel, we should treat intimates and enemies alike and never think of retaliation. In the thinking faculty, let the past be dead. If we allow our thoughts, past, present and future, to become linked up into a series, we put ourselves under restraint. On the other hand, if we never let our mind become attached at any time to any thing, we gain emancipation."

*A Buddhist Bible, Sutra Spoken by the Sixth Patriarch, Chapter IV, Page 524, Paragraph 1,
(Buddhism)*

August 9

"So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the Middle."

New American Bible, New Testament, John 19:17-18, (Christianity, Catholic)

"Many demons were expelled without their knowing who it was that thus hurled them back to hell. Yet they felt the divine power, which compelled them and wrought such blessings among men."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Incarnation, Book Four, Chapter IX, Page 376, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Ven. Mary of Agreda)

August 10

"Heaven's peace, being something Divine which most deeply touches with blessedness the good itself which is in angels, does not reach their conscious perception except as follows: through a pleasure of heart when they are engaged in the good proper to their lives, through a sense of fitness when they hear something true that is in harmony with their good, and through an exhilaration of mind when they perceive their bonding."

Heaven & Hell, Chapter 32, No. 288, Page 211-212, Bottom & Top, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

"All phenomena, existing and apparent, are ever transient, changing, and unstable; but more especially the worldly life hath no reality, no permanent gain (in it). And so, instead of doing work that's profitless, the Truth Divine I'll seek."

A Buddhist Bible, Life and Hymns of Milarepa, Page 569, Stanza 2, (Buddhism, Words of Milarepa)

August 11

"In time Unity will perfect the spaces. It is within Unity that each one will attain himself; within knowledge he will purify himself from multiplicity into Unity, consuming matter within himself like fire, and darkness by light, death by life."

*The Nag Hammadi Library, The Gospel of Truth,
No. 25, Verse 9-20, (Christianity/Gnostic)*

"It is the Blood of His well beloved Son, Who came down to purify the earth; It is the Blood of His Son, the God-Man, which ascends to His throne to pacify His justice, offended by our sins. He is superabundantly satisfied."

*The Agony of Jesus, Part IV, Page 32, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: Padre Pio)*

August 12

"At the root of the precept lies the purpose to establish firmly in our spirits that the watchful care of the Eternal Lord is individual, over each and every one among human beings, and His eyes are open to observe all their ways."

*Sefer haHinnuch, Volume II, No. 169, Paragraph 6,
(Judaism)*

"All the atoms of the earth have announced unto all created things that from behind the gate of the Prison-city there hath appeared and above its horizon there hath shone forth the Orb of the beauty of the great, the Most Mighty Branch of God - His ancient and immutable Mystery - proceeding on its way to another land."

*The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Chapter 16, Lawh-Ard-I-Ba, Page 227, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

August 13

"When God created the universe, He ordained that this world should be served from the world above. Hence when mankind are virtuous and walk in the right path, God puts in motion the spirit of life from above . . ."

*The Zohar, Volume 1, Bereshith, Page 186,
Paragraph 1, (Judaism)*

"Thou knowest well that I am insolvent. Imprison me, I am willing, provided the prison be that of Thy Sacred Heart. Keep me there a close captive, bound by the chains of Thy love, until I have paid all that I owe Thee."

*Thoughts and Sayings of St. Margaret Mary,
December, No. 31, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
St. Margaret Mary)*

August 14

"Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook V, Page 560, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

"A very important duty of charity towards our neighbor consists in giving him alms when he is poor and needy and we ourselves are in a position to do so . . . 'Alms delivereth from death,' said the Archangel Raphael to Tobias, 'and the same is that which purgeth away sins, and maketh to find mercy and life everlasting.' (Tob. 12:9) . . . If we can do nothing else let us at least recommend him to God, for prayer is also an alms."

*The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, Chapter 4,
Almsgiving, Paragraph 1-2, (Christianity, Catholic,
Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)*

August 15

"Many object to the doctrine of Re-Birth on the ground that the experiences of each life, not being remembered, must be useless and without value. This is an erroneous view of the subject, for while such experiences may not be fully remembered, yet they are not lost to us at all, but really form a part of the material of which our minds are composed. They exist in essence in the form of feelings, characteristics, attractions, repulsions, etc."

The Secret Doctrine of the Rosicrucians, Metempsychosis, Page 177, Paragraph 1, (Mystery Religions, Rosicrucian)

"Blessed art thou inasmuch as the darkness of vain imaginings hath been powerless to hinder thee from the light of certitude, and the onslaught of the people hath failed to deter thee from the Lord of mankind."

The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Chapter 17, Page 259, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

August 16

"Thou must still be tried upon the earth, and be exercised in many things. Consolation shall from time to time be given thee, but abundant satisfying shall not be granted. Be strong therefore . . . thou must put on a new man, and be changed into another man."

The Imitation of Christ, The Third Book, Chapter XLIX, No. 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Thomas A Kempis)

"The stages that mark the wayfarer's journey from the abode of dust to the heavenly homeland are said to be seven. Some have called these Seven Valleys . . . And they say that until the wayfarer taketh leave of self, and traverseth these stages, he shall never reach to the ocean of nearness and union, nor drink of the peerless wine."

The Seven Valleys and The Four Valleys, Page 4, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

August 17

"May my life merge in the Immortal when my body is reduced to ashes. O mind, meditate on the eternal Brahman. Remember the deeds of the past, Remember, O mind, remember."

The Upanishads, The Isha Upanishad, No. 17, Page 210, (Hinduism, Translation: Eknath Easwaran)

"Yea, I tell thee truly, the paths are seven through the Infinite Garden, and each must be traversed by the body, the heart and the mind as one, lest thou stumble and fall."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Book 2, Page 61, Bottom, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

August 18

"We should, in the same way, reflect on courage as a means of overcoming fear; the ordinary dangers of life should frequently be brought to mind and imagined, together with the means whereby through readiness of resource and strength of mind we can avoid and overcome them."

The Ethics of Spinoza, On the Power of the Intellect, Passions and Intelligence, Page 144, Paragraph 2, (Judaism, Author: Baruch Spinoza)

"Someday man should learn how to enjoy liberty without license, nourishment without gluttony, and pleasure without debauchery. Self-control is a better human policy of behavior regulation than is extreme self-denial."

The Urantia Book, Part III, Paper 89, No. 3, Paragraph 7, (Christianity, Urantia)

August 19

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

New American Bible, New Testament, Matthew 10:39, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 1:46-55, (Christianity, Words of Mary, The Magnificat)

August 20

"The direction of the East, the mental, number one on the wheel, is the direction where there is unity in all things. Then we go to the South, the emotional, which then becomes step number two, where we deal with polarities or opposites, like hot and cold or male and female. Then we move to the West, the physical, step three, the place of reconciliation of the opposites. Then to the North, the spiritual, step number four, where one finds direction and purpose. Finally, one comes to the Center, step five, which completes the circle and is the place of transformation possibilities."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 3, Page 91,
Paragraph 1, (Tribal, Tiwa)*

"Hence thou wilt understand the ignorance and error of mortals, and how far they drift from the way of light, when, as a rule, nearly all of them strive to avoid labor and suffering and are frightened by the royal and secure road of mortification and the Cross."

*The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion,
Book 5, Chapter V, Page 433, Bottom,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)*

August 21

"We shall walk the path of life, carrying in one hand the sacred pipe which You have given us, and in the other hand will be our children. In this way the generations will come and go and will live in a holy manner."

*The Sacred Pipe, Chapter VIII, Page 132,
Paragraph 3, (Tribal, Oglala Sioux)*

"On the trails of time I have carelessly fallen into pits of error; but have always been rescued, O Lord, by Thine unseen hand."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 39, Stanza 1,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

August 22

"For evil has many details, effects and influences, both in its intrinsic existence and in its relationship to man. Through all these, man is affected by evil and placed in its midst in such a way that he can overcome it, release himself from its fetters, and eventually conquer it completely."

The Way of God, Part IV, Chapter 4, No. 1, Paragraph 12, Page 261, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)

"O my daughter! How greatly do mortals misunderstand this truth, and how far they err from it in their actions! The Lord gives them life in order that they may free themselves from the effects of original sin, so as to be unhampered by them at the hour of their death; and the ignorant and miserable children of Adam spend all their life in loading upon themselves new burdens and fetters, so that they die captives of their passions . . . "

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Coronation, Chapter VI, Page 774-775, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)

August 23

"There is no fire like passion; there is no stranglehold like hatred; there is no snare like delusion; there is no torrent like craving."

*Dhammapada, Canto XVIII - Impurity, No. 251,
(Buddhism)*

"Deny thyself and put off all the works of human weakness, and, by the true light, which thou hast received concerning the works of my Son and my own, contemplate and study thyself in this mirror, in order to arrive at that beauty, which the highest King seeks in thee."

*The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion,
Book 5, Chapter III, Page 411, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)*

August 24

***"Woe to you who hope in the flesh and in the
prison that will perish!"***

*The Nag Hammadi Library, The Book of Thomas
the Contender, Page 205, Paragraph 1-2,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

***"The doors of Perdition shall close on all that
Perverseness has conceived, and everlasting
bars shut in all baleful spirits."***

*The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Book of Hymns, Page
154, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

August 25

"When you wish to contract something, you must momentarily expand it; When you wish to weaken something, you must momentarily strengthen it; When you wish to reject something, you must momentarily join with it; When you wish to seize something, you must momentarily give it up. This is called 'subtle insight.'"

Tao Te Ching, No. 80, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tzu, Translation: Victor H. Mair)

"A weak will is a mortal will. As soon as trials and failure cut it off, it loses its connection with the dynamo of the Infinite."
Man's Eternal Quest, Answered Prayers, Page 35, Paragraph 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Author: Paramahansa Yogananda)

August 26

"The holy angels gain a knowledge of God not by the spoken word but by the presence in their souls of that immutable Truth which is the only-begotten Word of God . . . Therefore, in the sense I have explained above, the knowledge which they have in Him is as clear as daylight, whereas what they have in themselves is like the twilight."

*City of God, Chapter 29, Paragraph 1-2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)*

"I should flee far away from childish people. When they are encountered, though . . . I should behave well merely out of courtesy, but not become greatly familiar."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter VIII, No. 15, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

August 27

"So, through us, life becomes aware, because life wants to experience itself through us, through our awareness. Life experiences beauty through the way. The way means being inside the purity of lifting, beyond time awareness, so that what we see and work is the beauty around us."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 3, Page 89,
Paragraph 2, (Tribal, Tiwa, Author: Joseph Rael)*

"Jesus said, 'Grapes are not harvested from thorn trees, nor are figs gathered from thistles, for they yield no fruit. A good person brings forth good from the storehouse; a bad person brings forth evil things from the corrupt storehouse in the heart . . .'"

*The Gospel of Thomas, Page 41, No. 45,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

August 28

"Through being attached to living beings I am completely obscured from the perfect reality, my disillusionment (with cyclic existence) perishes and in the end I am tortured by sorrow."

The Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter 8, No. 7, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"The women that first allowed themselves to be ruled by evil spirits were fully conscious of the fact, though others were ignorant of it. These women had it (the principle of possession) in them like flesh and blood, like original sin."

The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations, Sin and its Consequences, No. 5, Page 33, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of The Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich)

August 29

"The nearer you come to God the less you are disposed to question and reason When you come up to Him, when you behold Him as the Reality, then all noise, all disputations are at an end."

Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, Disputation, No. 568, Paragraph 2, (Hinduism)

"Devaki, the mother of Krsna, offered her prayers . . . Devaki said, 'My dear Lord, Your eternal forms . . . and millions of similar incarnations emanating from Visnu, are described in the Vedic literature as original . . . Such eternal forms are ever cognizant and full of bliss; they are situated in transcendental goodness and are always engaged in different pastimes. You are not limited to a particular form only; all such transcendental, eternal forms are self-sufficient. I can understand that you are the Supreme . . ."

KRSNA, Book 1, Chapter 3, Page 51, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Words of Devaki)

August 30

"Seek thou not what is pleasant and advantageous to thyself, but what is acceptable and honourable unto Me; for if thou judgest rightly, thou must choose and follow after My appointment rather than thine own desire . . . Already thou longest to be in the glorious liberty of the children of God . . . but the hour is not yet come there remaineth still another season, even a season of warfare, a season of labour and probation. Thou desirest to be filled with the Chief Good, but thou canst not attain it immediately. I AM that Good; wait for Me, until the Kingdom of God shall come."

The Imitation of Christ, The Third Book, Chapter XLIX, No. 3, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A Kempis)

"Whenever we desire to quote the sayings of the learned and of the wise, presently there will appear before the face of thy Lord in the form of a tablet all that which hath appeared in the world and is revealed in the Holy Books and Scriptures. Thus do We set down in writing that which the eye perceiveth. Verily His knowledge encompasseth the earth and the heavens."

Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 9, Lawh-I-Hikmat, Page 149, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

August 31

"In the flash of light are the ashes that fly us beyond us in wisdom and into memory, placing us into the here of vigilance and the now of seeking. In the beginning was a flash of light in which everything was known and seen. In that moment was the beginning, the end and everything in between."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter Three, Page 76,
Paragraph 2, (Tribal, Tiwa, Author Joseph Rael)*

*"No man shall ever discover its reason unless and until he be informed of the contents of My
Hidden Book."*

*Call to Remembrance, Part 3, Chapter 5, Page 69,
Top, (Baha'i, Words of Baha'u'llah)*

September 1

*"Approach not integrity with a double heart;
nor be associated with double-minded men:
but walk, my children, in righteousness, which
will conduct you in good paths; and be truth
your companion."*

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter XC. (Sect. XVIII), No.
5, Page 146, (Judaism, Christianity)*

*"We have revealed Our Self to a degree
corresponding to the capacity of the people of
our age."*

*The World Order of Baha'u'llah, The Dispensation
of Baha'u'llah, Page 116, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i,
Words of Baha'u'llah)*

September 2

"He who strives to attain that which is not for him loses that which was intended for him."

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 242, Stanza 1,
(Judaism)*

"If the mystic knowers be of those who have reached to the beauty of the Beloved One, this station is the apex of consciousness and the secret of divine guidance. This is the center of the mystery: 'He doth what He willeth, ordaineth what He pleaseth.'"

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Four Valleys, The Fourth Valley, Page 57, Paragraph 1,
(Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)*

September 3

"And five hundred and fifty days since he had risen from the dead, we said to him, 'Have you departed and removed yourself from us?' But Jesus said, 'No, but I shall go to the place from whence I came. If you wish to come with me, come!' They all answered and said, 'If you bid us, we come.' He said, 'Verily I say unto you, no one will ever enter the kingdom of heaven at my bidding, but (only) because you yourselves are full.'"

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Apocryphon of James, No. 2, Verses 20-35, (Christianity/Gnostic, Words of Christ)

"Our Lord preserves us most carefully when it seems to us that we are nearly forsaken and cast away for our sins, and because we have deserved it. But because of the meekness we get through these trials, we are wholly raised in God's sight by his grace. We are moved with such great contrition, compassion and true longing for God that we are suddenly delivered from sin and pain."

Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter 39, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Juliana of Norwich)

September 4

"Then he said to his disciples, 'Have I not told you that like a visible voice and flash of lightning will the good be taken up to the light?'"

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Dialogue of the Saviour, No. 38, (Christianity, Gnostic, Words of Christ)

By contrition we are made clean; by compassion we are made ready, and by true longing for God we are made worthy. These are the three means, as I understand it, by which all souls - that is to say, all souls that have been sinners on earth and shall be saved - come to heaven, for by these medicines it would profit every sinful soul to be healed."

Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter 39, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Juliana of Norwich)

September 5

"When the blessed one had said this, he greeted them all, saying, 'Peace be with you. Receive my peace to yourselves. Beware that no one lead you astray, saying, 'Lo here!' or 'Lo there!' for the Son of Man is within you. Follow after him! Those who seek him will find him. Go then and preach the gospel of the kingdom. Do not lay down any rules beyond what I appointed for you, and do not give a law like the lawgiver lest you be constrained by it.'

When he had said this, he departed."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Gospel of Mary, No. 8-9, (Christianity, Gnostic, Words of Christ)

"He saw that man must learn that ignorance is disregard and lack of understanding both of Divine Mind as the Creative Principle, and of his relation to that Principle. He saw that man may have all intellectual knowledge and be versed in worldly affairs, yet if he does not recognize the Christ as the living, vitalizing essence of God within him, he is grossly ignorant of the most important factor governing his life."

The Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East, Volume II, Chapter XI, Page 108, Paragraph 2, (Anthology)

September 6

"Blessed are ye of the inner circle who hear my word and to whom mysteries are revealed."

*The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection XX, No. 7,
(Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"Likewise if I wish to be happy, I should not be happy with myself, and similarly if I wish to be protected, I should constantly protect all others."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter VIII, No. 173, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Words of Shantideva)

September 7

"I have set you as the light of the world, and as a city that cannot be hid. But the time cometh when darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, and the enemies of truth and righteousness shall rule in my Name, and set up a kingdom of this world, and oppress the peoples, and cause the enemy to blaspheme, putting for my doctrines the opinions of men, and teaching in my Name that which I have not taught, and darkening much that I have taught by their traditions.

But be of good cheer, for the time will also come when the truth they have hidden shall be manifested, and the light shall shine, and the darkness shall pass away, and the true kingdom shall be established which shall be in the world, but not of it, and the Word of righteousness and love shall go forth . . . "

The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection XCV, No. 3-4, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"Humility is the abasement of the heart to Him Who knoweth the unseen."

The Doctrine of the Sufi's, Chapter XXXIX, (Islam, Sufism, Words of Ruwaym)

September 8

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead after the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in my name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

*The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection LXXXVIII,
No. 6, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

"God has sent forth the Prophets for the purpose of quickening the soul of man into higher and divine recognitions. He has revealed the heavenly Books for this great purpose. For this the breaths of the Holy Spirit have been wafted through the gardens of human hearts, the doors of the divine Kingdom opened to mankind and the invisible inspirations sent forth from on high. This divine and ideal power has been bestowed upon man in order that he may purify himself from the imperfections of nature and uplift his soul to the realm of might and power."

*The Promulgation of Universal Peace, Talks
Delivered in Montreal, No. 4, Page 310, Paragraph
1, (Baha'i, Words of Abdu'l Baha')*

September 9

***"For them that believe, these things are true.
For them that believe not, they are as an idle
tale."***

*The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection XCVI, No.
27, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

***"When you feel the assaults of passion and
anger, then is the time to be silent as Jesus was
silent in the midst of His ignominies and
sufferings."***

*The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 68,
Stanza 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Paul
of the Cross)*

September 10

"Samadhi but extends my conscious realm, beyond limits of the mortal frame to farthest boundary of eternity where I, the Cosmic Sea, watch the little ego floating in Me. Mobile murmurs of atoms heard, the dark earth, mountains, vales, lo! Molten liquid! Flowing seas change into vapors of nebulae! Aum blows upon vapors, opening wondrously their veils, oceans stand revealed, shining electrons, till, at last the sound of the cosmic drum, vanish the grosser lights into eternal rays of all-pervading bliss. From joy I came, for joy I live, in sacred joy I melt. Ocean of mind, I drink all creation's waves."

The Autobiography of a Yogi, Chapter 14, Page 170-171, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

"I have talked with angels about heaven's bond with the human race, noting that while a churchman might say that everything good is from the Lord and that angels are with man, few of them believe that angels are intimately connected to man, and fewer still that they are within his thought and affection."

Heaven & Hell, Chapter 33, No. 302, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Words of Emanuel Swedenborg)

September 11

"You aim at true devotion, my dear Philothea, because, as a Christian, you know how acceptable it is to the Divine Majesty. But inasmuch as trifling errors at the outset of any undertaking are wont to increase rapidly as we advance, frequently becoming almost irreparable, it is needful that, first of all, you should ascertain wherein lies the virtue of devotion; for there are many counterfeits, but only one true devotion; and, therefore, if you do not find that which is real, you will but deceive yourself, and vainly pursue an idle, superstitious form."

*An Introduction to the Devout Life, Page 1-2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Francis De
Sales)*

"When they return from the battle, they shall write on their standards: Salvation of God, Triumph of God, Help of God, Support of God, Praise of God, Thanksgiving to God, Acclaim of God, Peace of God."

*The Dead Sea Scriptures, The War, Page 405,
Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

September 12

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to thine house, forsomuch as thou art a just man, thou also art a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which ye deem to be lost."

The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection LIX, No. 18, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"I too had been marked for death on account of my sins, my wrongdoings had sold me to Sheol; but Thou, in accord with Thine abundant compassion, Thou, in accord with Thy bounteous ways, didst rescue me, O Lord."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, Poems from a Qumran Hymnal, No. IV, No. 10, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

September 13

'So long as we are immersed in body consciousness, we are like strangers in a foreign country,' the Master said. 'Our native land is Omnipresence.'"

Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 86, Stanza 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

"By corruption of the text is meant that in which all Muslim divines are engaged today, that is the interpretation of God's holy Book in accordance with their idle imaginings and vain desires."

The Kitab-I-Iqan, Page 86, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

September 14

"Buddha said, 'All things are ultimately liberated. There is nowhere that they abide.' You should know that even though all things are liberated and not tied to anything, they abide in their own phenomenal expression. However, when most human beings see water they only see that it flows unceasingly. This is a limited human view; there are actually many kinds of flowing."

Moon in a Dewdrop, Mountains and Waters Sutra, Sansui-Kyo, No. 13, (Buddhism, Zen, Words of Zen Master Dogen)

"These journeys have no visible ending in the world of time, but the severed wayfarer - if invisible confirmation descend upon him and the Guardian of the Cause assist him - may cross . . ."

The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Seven Valleys, The Valley of True Poverty and Absolute Nothingness, Page 40, Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

September 15

"When thou was under My control, all creatures yielded to thee; but after thou hast transgressed My commandment, they all rise over thee."

*The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden, Adam and Eve, Chapter XLV, Verse 2-4,
(Christianity, Judaism)*

"My Lord, I offer my respectful obeisance's unto You because You are the director of the unmanifested total energy and the ultimate reservoir of the material nature. My Lord, the whole cosmic manifestation is under the influence of time, beginning from the moment up to the duration of the year. All act under Your direction. You are the original director of everything and the reservoir of all potent energies. All the conditioned souls are continually fleeing from one body to another and one planet to another, yet they do not get free from the onslaught of birth and death. But when one of these fearful living entities comes under the shelter of Your lotus feet, he can lie down without anxiety of being attacked by formidable death."

*KRSNA, Book 1, Chapter 3, Page 51-52,
(Hinduism, Words of Devaki)*

September 16

"These three vertical levels are called natural, spiritual and heavenly . . . they grow along a continuum, gaining information and getting discernment thereby, ultimately reaching that highest level of discernment called a 'rational faculty.' This in itself, however, does not serve to open the second level, which is called spiritual. This is opened by a love of useful activities which stems from elements of discernment . . . Again, though, these in themselves do not serve to open the third level, which is called heavenly. This is opened rather by means of a heavenly love of useful activity, and this love is a love for the Lord."

Divine Love and Wisdom, No. 237, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

New American Bible, New Testament, Luke 7:37, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

September 17

"There are two birds, two sweet friends, who dwell on the self-same tree. The one eats the fruits thereof, and the other looks on in silence.

The first is the human soul who, resting on that tree, though active, feels sad in his un wisdom. But on beholding the power and glory of the higher Spirit, he becomes free from sorrow."

The Upanishads, Mundaka Upanishad, Part 3, Chapter 1, Paragraph 1-2, (Hinduism, Translation: Juan Mascaro)

"He said that He would return, and He did return, because the Holy Spirit came not alone, but with the power of the Father, and the wisdom of the Son, and the clemency of His own Essence."

The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena, A Treatise of Discretion, Page 88, Middle, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Catherine of Siena)

September 18

"Difficult is it to be born as a human being; difficult is the existence of mortals; difficult is the hearing of the Sublime Truth; rare is the appearance of the Enlightened Ones . . ."

*Dhammapada, Canto XIV - The Enlightened One,
No. 182, Page 73, (Buddhism)*

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Mark 13:31-37,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

September 19

"Therefore, water is not just earth, water, fire, wind, space, or consciousness. Water is not blue, yellow, red, white, or black. Water is not forms, sounds smells, tastes, touchables, or mind-objects. But water as earth, water, fire, wind, and space realizes itself."

Moon in a Dewdrop, Mountains and Waters Sutra, No. 12, Page 102, Paragraph 4, (Buddhism, Zen, Words of Zen Master Dogen)

"The denizens of this plane speak no words - but they gallop their chargers. They see but the inner reality of the Beloved. To them all words of sense are meaningless, and senseless words are full of meaning."

The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Four Valleys, The Third Valley, Page 55, Paragraph 4, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

September 20

***"Those who are beyond the dualities that arise
from doubts . . . achieve liberation in the
Supreme."***

*The Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 5, Verse 25,
(Hinduism, Translation: A.C. Bhaktivedanta
Swami Prabhupada)*

***"If any of the utterances of this Servant may
not be comprehended, or may lead to
perterbation, the same must be inquired of
again, that no doubt may linger, and the
meaning be clear as the Face of the Beloved
One shining from the 'Glorious Station.'"***

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Valley
of True Poverty and Absolute Nothingness, Page
40, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Words of Baha'u'llah)*

September 21

"Sometimes a way seems right to a man, but the end of it leads to death. Even in laughter the heart may be sad and the end of joy may be sorrow. The scoundrel suffers the consequences of his ways . . ."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Proverbs,
Chapter 14, Verse 12-14*

"I testify, O my God, that if I were given a thousand lives by Thee, and offered them up all in Thy path, I would still have failed to repay the least of the gifts which, by Thy grace, Thou hast bestowed on me."

*Call to Remembrance, Part 3, Chapter 5, Page 70,
Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Words of Baha'u'llah)*

September 22

"Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am cleansed of my sin?'"

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Proverbs 20,
Verse 9*

"With both his inner and his outer ear he will hear from its dust the hymns of glory and praise ascending unto the Lord of Lords, and with his inner eye will he discover the mysteries of 'return' and 'revival.'"

*The Kitab-I-Iqan, Page 198, Top, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

September 23

"Now I am overwhelmed that in accord with your instruction I assumed the garment of flesh and have to endure the fact that my own members, who are bound to me by the sacrament of baptism, should turn away from me and fall victim to the son of corruption and revere him. Yet I bring home again those among them who have fallen. But I reject those who remain rebellious and cling to evil."

Book of Divine Works, Vision Ten: 34, Page 260, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Hildegard of Bingen, Words of Christ)

"How great the difference between the condition of these people and the station of such valiant souls as have passed beyond the sea of names and pitched their tents upon the shores of the ocean of detachment. Indeed none but a few of the existing generations hath yet earned the merit of hearkening unto the warblings of the doves of the all-highest Paradise."

Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 6, Kalimat-I-Firdawsiyih, Page 57-58, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

September 24

***"Mountains have been the abode of great sages
from the limitless past to the limitless present.
Wise people and sages all have mountains as
their inner chamber, as their body and mind.
Because of wise people and sages, mountains
appear."***

*Moon in a Dewdrop, Mountain and Waters Sutra,
No. 17, Page 105, Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Zen,
Words of Zen Master Dogen)*

***"They regard a single drop of the sea of
delusion as preferable to an ocean of certitude.
By holding fast unto names they deprive
themselves of the inner reality . . ."***

*Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 6, Kalimat-I-
Firdawsiyyih, Page 58, Top, (Baha'i, Author:
Baha'u'llah)*

September 25

"Such is the greatness of this Day that the Hour itself is seized with perturbation, and all heavenly Scriptures bear evidence to its overpowering majesty."

*The Tablets of Baha' u' llah, Chapter 17, Page 237,
Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Author: Baha' u' llah)*

"There was once a lover who had sighed for long years in separation from his beloved, and wasted in the fire of remoteness He had given a thousand lives for one taste of the cup of her presence, but it availed him not."

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Seven Valleys, The Valley of Knowledge, Page 13,
Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha' u' llah)*

September 25

"When a spiritual guest enters the house, like a bright flame, he must be received well."

*The Upanishads, Katha Upanishad, No. 7,
(Hinduism, Translation: Eknath Easwaran)*

"Verily God is fully capable of causing all names to appear in one name, and all souls in one soul. Surely powerful and mighty is He. And this Return is realized at His behest in whatever form He willeth. Indeed He is the One Who doeth and ordaineth all things."

Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 12, Suriy-I-Vafa, Page 183, Paragraph 5, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

September 26

"Drag it to the light at once and say - 'My God, I have been guilty there.' If you don't, hardness will come all through."

My Utmost for His Highest, Page 76, March 16th, Middle, (Christianity, Author: Oswald Chambers)

"Know thou moreover that the former Manifestation affirmed that the return and rising of the spirits would occur on the Day of Resurrection, while in truth there is a return and resurrection for every created thing."

Tablets of Baha' u' llah, No. 12, Suriy-I-Vafa, Page 186, Paragraph 3, (Baha'i, Author: Baha' u' llah)

September 27

"The three qualities - goodness, passion, and darkness also - are always acting unperceived."

The Anugita, Chapter XXIV, Page 331, Middle, (Hinduism)

"Take notice also, my spouse, that very often I permit and cause differences of opinions among the doctors and teachers. Thus some of them maintain what is true and others, according to their natural disposition, defend what is doubtful. Others still again are permitted to say even what is not true, though not in open contradiction to the veiled truths of the faith, which all must hold. Some also teach, what is possible according to their supposition. By this varied light, truth is traced, and the mysteries of the faith become more manifest. Doubt serves as a stimulus to the understanding for the investigation of truth. Therefore, controversies of the teachers fulfill a proper and holy end."

The Mystical City of God, Vol. 1, Book 1, Chapter VI, No. 77, Page 80, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Ven. Mary of Agreda)

September 28

"Command it to fly into Heaven, and it will not need no wings, neither shall anything hinder it, not the fire of the Sun, not the Aether, not the turning of Spheres, not the bodies of any other Stars, but cutting through all, it will fly up to the last and furthest body."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Tenth Book, No. 122, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)

"She will not touch anything consecrated nor go to the sanctuary until the time of her purification is over."

The New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament, Leviticus 12:4, (Judaism)

September 29

"We are connected with them when we place ourselves at the top of this highest mountain which is made up of vibration composed of slowed down light that has crystallized into meaning."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 3, Page 111, Top,
(Tribal, Tiwa, Author: Joseph Rael)*

"Through Thy name, O my God, all created things were stirred up, and the heavens were spread, and the earth was established, and the clouds were raised and made to rain upon the earth. This, verily, is a token of Thy grace unto all Thy creatures."

*Prayers and Meditations, CXLVII, Paragraph 1,
Page 236, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)*

September 30

"We are connected with them when we place ourselves at the top of this highest mountain which is made up of vibration composed of slowed down light that has crystallized into meaning."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 3, Page 111, Top,
(Tribal, Tiwa, Author: Joseph Rael)*

"Consider! The station and the confirmation of the apostles in the time of Christ was not known, and no one looked on them with the feeling of importance - nay, rather, they persecuted and ridiculed them. Later on it became evident what crowns studded with the brilliant jewels of guidance were placed on the heads of the apostles . . ."

*Tablets of the Divine Plan, Tablet 7:3, Page 39,
Paragraph 2, (Baha'i, Words of 'Abdu'l Baha')*

October 1

"The tenth stage is called the Great Truth Cloud (Dharmamegha) . . . Only the Tathagatas can realise its perfect Imagelessness and Oneness and Solitude. It is . . . the land of Far Distances; surrounding and surpassing the lesser worlds of form and desire (kharmadhatu), in which the Bodhisattva will find himself at-one-ment."

A Buddhist Bible, Lankavatara Scripture, Chapter XI, Page 343, Paragraph1, (Buddhism)

"For thy enemy and adversary is laboring with ceaseless vigilance to obscure thy understanding in forgetfulness of the divine law, seeking to withdraw thy will, which is a blind faculty, from the practice of justification."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion, Chapter II, Page 405, Bottom, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)

October 2

"Jesus said, 'Whoever is near me is near the fire, and whoever is far from me is far from the kingdom.'"

The Gospel of Thomas, No. 82, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"The heavens shall thunder loud, and they that now do dwell on the crumbling dust of the earth be as sailors on the seas, aghast at the roaring of the waters; and all the wise men thereof be as mariners on the deep when all their skill is confounded by the surging of the seas, the seething of the depths, as high o'er the swirling tides the billows (surge), the breakers roar, while the gates of Hell burst open, and at every step they take, they face perditions shafts, and only the raging deep hears their cries. Yet anon shall the gates of (salvation) be opened; all baleful deeds (will cease)."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Book of Hymns, Page 153-154, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

October 3

"Know thou moreover that every created thing is continually brought forth and returned at the bidding of thy Lord, the God of power and might."

*Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Suri-i-vafa, Page 183,
Paragraph 3, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)*

'I thirst' is the echo of the Word of God in every human soul. This is the thirst of God to be thirsted for and the thirst of God to quench the thirst of man."

*The Divine Crucible of Purgatory, Chapter XII,
Page 104, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic,
Author: Mother Mary of St. Austin)*

October 4

"For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught."

*The Prophet, On Friendship, Page 71, Paragraph 4,
(Christianity, Author: Kahlil Gibran)*

"Clad in the hunter's green of selfish desires, I pursued Thee in the forest of consciousness, O Divine Heart! The sound of my loud prayers startled Thee; Thou didst swiftly flee. I raced after Thee; but my erratic chase, the hue and cry of restlessness caused Thee to retreat still farther. Stealthily I crept toward Thee with my spear of concentration, but my aim was unsteady. As Thou didst bound away I heard in secret echoes of Thy footfalls: 'Without devotion thou art a poor, poor marksman!'"

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 90, Paragraphs 3-4,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)*

October 5

"O virtuous one, you have only once seen My person, and this is just to increase your desire for Me, because the more you hanker for Me, the more you will be freed from all material desires."

*Srimad Bhagavatam, First Canto - Part One,
Chapter 6, Text 22, (Hinduism)*

"Even if you are considered to be the most sinful of all sinners, when you are situated in the boat of transcendental knowledge you will be able to cross over the ocean of miseries."

*Bhagavad Gita As-It-Is, Chapter 4, Text 36,
(Hinduism, Translator: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada)*

October 6

"And with a great voice he said: When love beckons to you, follow him, though his ways are hard and steep. And when his wings enfold you yield to him, though the sword hidden among his pinions may wound you. And when he speaks to you believe in him, though his voice may shatter your dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden."

*The Prophet, On Love, Page 11, (Christianity,
Author: Kahlil Gibran)*

"O chastiser of the enemy, the sacrifice performed in knowledge is better than the mere sacrifice of material possessions."

*Bhagavad Gita As-It-Is, Chapter 4, Text 33,
(Hinduism, Translator: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada)*

October 7

"And Aaron said to Moses, 'Oh my Lord, account not to us the sin' (Num. 12:11). He said to him, 'Since we sinned inadvertently, forgive us. It was not deliberate.'"

*The Classic Midrash, Numbers, Page 261,
Paragraph 3, (Judaism)*

"How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy."

*Divine Mercy, Notebook VI, No. 1784,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

October 8

***"To hear Thee, O Guardian Angel of All, with
soft touches of love I tuned my intuition
radio."***

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 186, Stanza 4,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

***"My daughter, let nothing frighten or
disconcert you. Remain deeply at peace.
Everything is in my hands."***

*Divine Mercy, Notebook I, No. 219, (Christianity,
Catholic, Words of Christ)*

October 9

"See then how He returns, not in actual flesh and blood, but, as I have said, building the road of His doctrine, with His power, which road cannot be destroyed or taken away from him who wishes to follow it, because it is firm and stable, and proceeds from Me, who am immoveable."

The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena, A Treatise of Discretion, Page 88, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Catherine of Siena)

"O Friend! In the Bayan We directed everyone in this Most Great Revelation to see with his own eyes and hear with his own ears. However, when the horizon of the world was illumined with the resplendent light of this Revelation, many people forgot this divine commandment . . ."

Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Excerpts from other Tablets, Page 236, Paragraph 3, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

October 10

"Hear me, you hearers, and learn of my words, you who know me. I am the hearing that is attainable to everything; I am the speech that cannot be grasped. I am the name of the sound and the sound of the name. I am the sign of the letter and the designation of the division."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Thunder: Perfect Mind, Page 302, Stanza 3

"Though my body be pained by the trials that befall me from Thee, though it be afflicted by the revelations of Thy Decree, yet my soul rejoiceth at having partaken of the waters of Thy Beauty, and at having attained the shores of the ocean of Thine eternity."

Prayers and Meditations, LX, Paragraph 3, Page 96, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

October 11

***"A dream that is uninterpreted is like a letter
that is unread."***

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 66, Stanza 2,
(Judaism)*

***"Let there be nothing we know of which it
would be a service to the Lord for us to do, and
which, with His help, we would not venture to
take in hand."***

*The Way of Perfection, Chapter 16, Page 122,
Paragraph 1-2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St.
Teresa of Avila)*

October 12

*'Evil has been committed by me,' thinking thus,
he repents. Having taken the path of evil he
repents even more."*

*Dhammapada, Canto 1 -The Twin Verses, No. 15 &
17, (Buddhism)*

*"They also lamented the sins of their parents,
as if knowing that all kinds of evils had
descended to them through their progenitors,
as if through them they were still in possession
of the sad heritage of sin."*

*The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations,
Volume II, From the Second Feast of Tabernacles to
the First Conversion of Magdalen, No. 1, Page 380,
Paragraph 1 (Christianity, Catholic)*

October 13

"For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you. Even as he is for your growth so is he for your pruning."

*The Prophet, On Love, Page 11, Bottom,
(Christianity, Author: Kahlil Gibran)*

"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth . . . "

King James Bible, New Testament, Ephesians 1:6-10, (Christianity, Words of St. Paul)

October 14

"He does not crave the object of desire because of any intrinsic value it may possess, but simply because it is perceived as something beyond his reach."

*Strive for Truth, Lovingkindness, Page 137,
Paragraph 5, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Eliyahu E.
Dessler)*

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 21:28,
(Christianity)*

October 15

"No one can be withdrawn from his evil unless he has first been brought into it."

*Marital Love, The Lust for Variety, No. 510,
Emanuel Swedenborg, (Christianity,
Swedenborgianism)*

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are . . . "

*King James Bible, New Testament, 1 Corinthians
1:27-28, (Christianity, Words of St. Paul)*

October 16

***"Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me.
The flames of mercy are burning Me -
clamoring to be spent. I want to pour them
out upon these souls."***

*Divine Mercy, Notebook 1, Page 24, No. 50,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

***"First, I lost sight of Jesus' head, then His
whole person, and lastly His feet, radiant with
light, disappeared in the celestial glory. I saw
innumerable souls from all sides going into
that light and vanishing on high with the lord .
. . Out of that cloud, something like dew, like a
shower of light fell upon all below . . ."***

*The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations,
Volume IV, Part 2, No. 15, Page 425, Paragraph 1-
2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Anne
Catherine Emmerich)*

October 17

"Of course it is bewildering, O soul of the universe, that You work, though You are inactive, and that You take birth, though You are the vital force and the unborn. You Yourself descend among animals, men, sages, and aquatics. Verily, this is bewildering."
 Teachings of Queen Kunti, Chapter 13, (Hinduism)

"The gates that open on the Placeless stand wide and the habitation of the loved one is adorned with the lovers' blood, yet all but a few remain bereft of this celestial city, and even of these few, none but the smallest handful hath been found with a pure heart and sanctified spirit."

*The Hidden Words, Part II, No. 17, (Baha'i,
 Author: Baha'u'llah)*

October 18

"True marital love increasingly unites two into one human being . . . And because true marital love persists to eternity, it follows that a wife becomes more a wife, and a husband more and more a husband. The ultimate reason is that in a marriage of true marital love each becomes a more and more interior human being."

*Marital Love, No. 200, Page 277, Top,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

"When a man is beloved of God, He sends him poor men as gifts; if the man aids them, God places upon him a thread of mercy, marking him as beyond the touch of the Angel of Punishment."

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 108, Stanza 5,
Zohar, i, 104a, (Judaism)*

October 19

"O ye My Branches! A mighty force, a consummate power lieth concealed in the world of being. Fix your gaze upon it and upon its unifying influence, and not upon the differences which appear from it."

The Tablets of Baha'u'llah, Chapter 15, Kitab-I-Ahd, Page 221, Paragraph 3, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

"The soul is absolutely perfect, but when identified with the body as ego, its expression becomes distorted by human imperfections."
Where There is Light, Chapter 1, Page 5, Stanza 1, (Hinduism, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

October 20

*"For the yoke that weighed on it, the bar
across its shoulders, the rod of its oppressor,
these you have broken . .*

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*New Jerusalem Bible, Old Testament, Isaiah 9:3,
(Judaism)*

*"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here
is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there
shall arise false Christs, and false prophets,
and shall shew great signs and wonders;
insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall
deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you
before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you,
Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold,
he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For
as the lightning cometh out of the east, and
shineth even unto the west; so shall also the
coming of the Son of man be."*

*King James Bible, New Testament, St. Matthew
24:23-27, (Christianity, Words of Christ)*

October 21

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure."

*New American Bible, New Testament, 1 John 3:2,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

"The Soul's nature and power will be brought out more clearly, more brilliantly, if we consider next how it envelops the heavenly system and guides all to its purposes: for it has bestowed itself upon all that huge expanse so that every interval, small and great alike, has been ensouled."

Plotinus: The Enneads, Fifth Ennead, First Tractate, No. 2, Paragraph 4, (Mystery Religions, Greek, Words of Plotinus)

October 22

"Jesus said, 'Fortunate are those who are alone and chosen, for you will find the kingdom. For you have come from it, and you will return there again.'"

*The Gospel of Thomas, No. 49, (Christianity,
Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"Grandfather, I am sending a voice! To the Heavens of the universe, I am sending a voice; that my people may live!"

*The Sacred Pipe, Chapter IV, Page 54, Stanza 1,
(Tribal, Oglala Sioux, Words of Black Elk)*

October 23

"Plans made after advice succeed; so with wise guidance wage your war . . . Say not, 'I will repay evil!', Trust in the Lord and he will help you . . . To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Proverbs 20:
18 & 22 & 21:3*

"He whose mental attachments are extinguished, who is not immoderate in food, who is within range of perfect deliverance through realization of the Void and the conditionlessness of all forms, his holy path is as difficult to trace as is the track of birds in the air."

Dhammapada, No. 93, (Buddhism)

October 24

"Suchness is said to be similar to the substance of gold because this essence is immutable, perfectly pure and most noble."

*The Changeless Nature, Buddha Nature, Page 66,
No. 148, (Buddhism, Words of Arya Maitreya,
Author: Acarya Asanga)*

"Truth is no theory, no speculative system of philosophy. Truth is exact correspondence with Reality . . . It is not a pumping-in from the outside that gives wisdom; it is the power and extent of your inner receptivity that determines how much you can attain of true knowledge, and how rapidly."

*Where There is Light, Chapter 5, Stanzas 2-5,
(Hinduism, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)*

October 25

"It is uncreated and indivisible, utterly purged, purified of the two extremes, definitively liberated from the obscurations three - the defilements, ideational knowledge and blockages to meditative mastery: stainless, completely beyond concept, and through being the domain of the Yogi . . . essentially pure, it is clarity."

*The Changeless Nature, Enlightenment, Page 90,
No. 212-213, (Buddhism, Words of Arya Maitreya,
Author: Acarya Asanga)*

"Just as a song is drawn from heaven to earth by the Holy Spirit, so these words were drawn from heaven to earth by the holy spirit."

*The Zohar, Volume V, Ha'azinu (Deuteronomy),
Page 378, Paragraph 3, (Judaism)*

October 26

"Through being completely under your care I shall benefit all with no fears of conditioned existence; I shall perfectly transcend my previous evils and in the future shall commit no more."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter 2, Stanza 9, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"Great indeed is the blessedness of him who attaineth Thy presence, drinketh the wine of reunion proffered by the hand of Thy bounteousness, inhaleth the fragrance of Thy signs, unlooseth his tongue in celebrating Thy praise, soareth high in Thy heavens, is carried away by the sweetness of Thy Voice, gaineth admittance into the most exalted Paradise and attaineth the station of revelation and vision before the throne of Thy majesty."

Tablets of Baha'u'llah, No. 8, Ishra'q'at, Page 116, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

October 27

"List ye, O man, drink of my wisdom, learn ye the secret, that is Master of TIME. Learn ye how those ye call Masters, are able to remember the lives of the past."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet XIII, Page 71, Paragraph 4, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

"The bodies of other martyrs will be torn with iron, but thou wilt be transfixed, and martyred in thy soul."

Victories of the Martyrs, Appendix, Part II, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

October 28

"The door of memories swings open. Among the motley I look for Thee but Thou appearest not. Halt, ye throng of countless thoughts and experiences past! Come not into my sanctuary."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 46, Stanza 2,
(Hinduism, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)*

"There was something featureless yet complete, born before heaven and earth; Silent - amorphous - it stood alone and unchanging. We may regard it as the mother of heaven and earth. Not knowing its name, I style it the 'Way.' If forced to give it a name, I would call it 'great.'"

*Tao Te Ching, No. 69, Stanza 1-2, (Buddhism,
Taoism, Translation: Victor H. Mair, Words of Lao
Tzu)*

October 29

*"That bhikkhu who has crossed the mire,
crushed the thorn of sensual desire and reached
the destruction of delusion, is not perturbed by
pleasures and pains."*

*The Udana, Chapter 3, 3.2, Page39, Stanza 1,
(Buddhism, Theravadan, Words of the Buddha)*

*"In every land We have set up a luminary of
knowledge, and when the time foreordained is
at hand, it will shine resplendent above its
horizon, as decreed by God, the All-Knowing,
the All-Wise. If it be Our will we are fully
capable of describing for thee whatever
existeth in every land or hath come to pass
therein. Indeed the knowledge of thy Lord
pervadeth the heavens and the earth."*

*Tablets of Baha' u'llah, No. 9, Lawh-I-Hikmat, Page
150, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha' u'llah)*

October 30

"The Lord, being love in its very essence or divine love, looks like the sun to angels in heaven."

*Divine Love & Wisdom, Chapter 1, No. 5,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

"And I earnestly pray for this whole company, with a hope against hope, that all of us, who once were so united . . . may even now be brought at length, by the Power of the Divine Will, into One Fold and under One Shepherd."

*Apologia Pro Vita Sua, Part VII, Page 353,
Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: John
Henry Cardinal Newman)*

October 31

"Jesus said, 'If they say to you, 'Where have you come from?' say to them, 'We have come from the light, from the place where the light came into being by itself, established (itself), and appeared in their image.'"

The Gospel of Thomas, No. 50, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"When the mother of Rabi saw that his son was weeping excessively and passing sleepless nights, she said to her son: O my darling, you have perhaps killed somebody. He said: O my mother, yes, I have killed. His mother said to him: Whom have you killed? I will take pardon of the family members of the murdered person. By God, if they see your condition, they will certainly show kindness to you and pardon you. He said: O mother, I have killed my baser self."

Ihya' Ulum-Ud-Din, Book IV, Chapter VIII, No. 21, Page 429, (Islam, Sufi, Author: Imam Gazzali)

November 1

"Everything inside of the house was created by the mirth of the yellow people, light made of truth. The house they created was time that had been slowed down so that we, the people, might seek to know the vastness of our inheritance. The house was made up of many dawns, midday's, and moonlit nights. Inside the house lay the principles that would hold and nurture life, that would carry us from dawn to dusk and then take us into beautiful and meaningful dream states, and then beyond them."

*Being and Vibration, Chapter 5, Page 149,
Paragraph 1, (Tribal, Tiwa, Author: Joseph Rael)*

"Mankind at first numbered two, then three, and at last they became innumerable. They had been images of God, but after the Fall, they became images of self, which images originated in sin. Sin placed them in communication with the fallen angels. They sought all their good in self and the creatures around them with all of whom the fallen angels had connection; and from that interminable blending, that sinking of his noble faculties in self and in fallen nature, sprang manifold wickedness and misery."

*The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations,
Volume 1, Sin and its Consequences, No. 1, The*

*Fall, Page 18, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic,
Words of the Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich)*

November 2

"Now, what is this 'Book of the Hidden Mystery?' Said R. Simeon: 'It contains five sections which are to be found in the midst of a great Hall, and whose wisdom fills the whole earth.' Said R. Judah: 'If this book of wisdom is enclosed in that Hall, it is of more worth than any other to me.' 'Verily,' returned R. Simeon, ' it is so, for one who is used to passing in and out of the courts of wisdom, but not to one who rarely or never enters into that Hall."

*The Zohar (Kaballah), Volume IV, Terumah
(Exodus), Page 112, Middle, (Judaism)*

"Liberty is a self-destroying technique of cosmic existence when its motivation is unintelligent, unconditioned, and uncontrolled."

*The Urantia Book, Paper 54, No. 1, Paragraph 3,
(Christianity, Urantia)*

November 3

"Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

*King James Bible, Old Testament, Psalms 68:18,
(Christianity)*

"After death everyone comes to know in the spiritual world what the uncleannesses are which titillate the body's fibers in such persons and comes to know the nature of them.

In general they are things cadaverous, excrementitious, filthy, malodorous, and urinous; for their hells teem with such uncleannesses."

*Divine Providence, Chapter II, No. 38,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Words of
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

November 4

"Brethren, there are monks who are keen on Dhamma and they disparage those monks who are meditators, saying: 'Look at those monks!

They think 'We are meditating, we are meditating,' and so they meditate and meditate, meditating up and down, to and fro! What, then, do they meditate and why do they meditate?' Thereby, neither these monks keen on Dhamma will be pleased nor the meditators. (By acting in that way,) their life will not be conducive to the welfare and happiness of the people, nor to the benefit of the multitude."

Anguttara Nikaya 1-3, Part II, Book of the Fives, No. 24, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

"Constantly with tactful methods he shall fearlessly preach the Law and lead incalculable beings to attain perfect knowledge."

The Threefold Lotus Sutra, The Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wonderful Law, Chapter VIII, Page 174, Middle, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

November 5

"They that are guided go not astray, but they that are lost cannot find a straight path. If thou go among men, make for thyself, Love, the beginning and end of the heart."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean Tablet III, Page 17, Paragraph 8, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

"That great soul must stand pictured before another soul, one not mean, a soul that has become worthy to look, emancipate from the lure, from all that binds its fellows in bewitchment, holding itself in quietude. Let not merely the enveloping body be at peace, body's turmoil stilled, but all that lies around, earth at peace, and sea at peace, and air and the very heavens. Into that heaven, all at rest, let the great soul be conceived to roll inward at every point, penetrating, permeating, from all sides pouring in its light. As the rays of the sun throwing their brilliance upon a luring cloud make it gleam all gold."

Plotinus: The Enneads, Fifth Ennead, First Tractate, No. 2, Paragraph 3, (Mystery Religions, Greek, Words of Plotinus)

November 6

"Then from the midst of the Fire came a voice, 'Behold the Glory of the First Cause.' I beheld that light, high above all darkness, reflected in my own being. I attained, as it were, to the God of all Gods, the Spirit-Sun, the Sovereign of the Sun spheres."

An Interpretation of the Emerald Tablets Together with the Two Extra Tablets

"This is the plane whereon the vestiges of all things are destroyed in the traveler, and on the horizon of eternity the Divine Face riseth out of the darkness, and the meaning of 'All on the earth shall pass away, but the face of thy Lord . . . ' is made manifest."

The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Valley of True Poverty and Absolute Nothingness, Page 37, Paragraph 1, (Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)

November 7

***"This ultimate truth of the spontaneously-born is to be understood through faith alone -
The orb of the sun may shine but it cannot be
seen by the blind!"***

*The Changeless Nature, Buddha Nature, Page 68,
No. 153, (Buddhism, Words of Arya Maitreya,
Author: Acarya Asanga)*

***"The living beings had been confused, but when
they heard this command of yours, their virtue
flowed like streams and rivers . . ."***

*Gnosis on the Silk Road, Chapter 23, Hymns to
Mani, No. 115, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

November 8

"Jesus said, 'If you bring forth what is within you, what you have will save you. If you do not have that within you, what you do not have within you (will) kill you.'"

*The Gospel of Thomas, No. 70, (Christianity,
Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)*

"The sun is love. The lover, a speck circling the sun. A Spring wind moves to dance any branch that isn't dead. Something opens our wings. Something makes boredom and hurt disappear. Someone fills the cup in front of us. We taste only Sacredness. I stand up, and this one of me turns into a hundred of me. They say I circle around you. Nonsense, I circle around me."

*The Essential Rumi, Chapter 27, Page 280, Stanzas
2, 3 & 5, (Islam, Sufi, Words of Rumi)*

November 9

"There are five mistakes: faint-heartedness, contempt for those of lesser ability, to believe in the false, to speak about the true nature badly and to cherish oneself above all else. The ultimate true nature is always devoid of any thing compounded: so it is said that defilements, karma and their full ripening are like a cloud etc. The defilements are said to be like clouds."

*The Changeless Nature, Buddha Nature, Page 70,
No. 157-160, (Buddhism, Words of Arya Maitreya,
Author: Acarya Asanga)*

"Conjunction of good and truth in others is provided by the Lord through purification in two ways; one through temptations, and the other through fermentations. Spiritual temptations are nothing else than combats against the evils and falsities exhaled from hell and affecting man. By these combats a man is purified from evils and falsities, and good and truth are united in him. Spiritual fermentations take place in many ways, and in heaven as well as on earth; but in the world it is not known what they are or how they come about. For evils and their falsities, let into societies, act as ferments do in meal or in must, separating the heterogeneous and conjoining the homogeneous until there is clarity and purity. Such fermentations are

meant in the Lord's words: 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened (Mt 13:33; Lu 12:21).'"

Divine Providence, No. 25, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

November 10

"He is convinced that his happiness depends on his attaining this particular object and that if he would only achieve this goal he would be happy ever after. If he only realized how deluded he was about this he would soon cease his pursuit."

Strive for Truth, Volume 1, Lovingkindness, Page 139, Top, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi Eliyahu E. Dessler)

"It is because the very divine essence is love and wisdom that the universe and everything in it, living and inert, remains in existence as a result of warmth and light. Warmth in fact corresponds to love, and light corresponds to wisdom. So spiritual warmth is love, and spiritual light is wisdom."

Divine Love & Wisdom, No. 32, (Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author: Emanuel Swedenborg)

November 11

"Jesus said, 'Look to the living one as long as you live, or you might die and then try to see the living one, and you will be unable to see.'"

The Gospel of Thomas, No. 59, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"The more our limited discourse seeks to make clear and extol the mysterious works of Christ, our Redeemer, and of his most holy Mother, the more evident it becomes, that mere human words are far from being able to compass the greatness of these sacraments . . . Nor can we ever fathom or compass them, and there will always remain many greater secrets than those we have sought to explain."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion, Chapter III, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Ven. Mary of Agreda)

November 12

"When he gives attention to formations as impermanent, they appear to him as exhaustion, when he gives attentions to formations as painful, they appear to him as terror. When he gives attention to formations as not-self, they appear to him as voidness."
The Path of Discrimination, Treatise on Liberation, Page 258, Paragraph 6, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

"Evil and sin visit their consequences in material and social realms and may sometimes even retard spiritual progress on certain levels of universe reality . . ."
The Urantia Book, Part III, Paper 67, No. 7, Paragraph 5, (Christianity, Urantia)

November 13

"Faithful words are often not pleasant; pleasant words are often not faithful. Well informed men do not dispute; men who dispute are not well informed. The wise man is not always learned; the learned man is not always wise."

*A Buddhist Bible, Tao Teh King, Chapter 81,
Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Taoism)*

"When you have a desire to go somewhere, your heart goes first, sees the place and finds out what it is like; then it returns and takes the body there. People are all 'bodies' in relation to the saints and prophets, who are the world's 'heart.' First they come out of their humanity, flesh and skin, and travel to the other world. They observe both the other world and this world high and low and traverse many leagues until they find out how to get there. Then they return and invite the people."
Signs of the Unseen, No. 44, Page 176, Paragraph 5, (Islam, Sufi, Words of Rumi)

November 14

"Then he said to me, 'Do not seal up the prophetic words of this book, for the appointed time is near. Let the wicked still act wickedly, and the filthy still be filthy. The righteous must still do right, and the holy still be holy.'"

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
22:10, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"The Prophet said: When flattery will grow in good people among you, the kingdom will go to the meanest of you and theology to those who will be corrupt."

*Ihya-Ulum-Ud-Din, Book 1, Chapter 1, Section 4,
Page 58, Top, (Islam, Author: Imam Gazzali)*

November 15

"Just as the disease needs to be diagnosed, its cause eliminated, a healthy state achieved and the remedy implemented, so also should suffering, its causes, its cessation and the path be known, removed, attained and undertaken."

The Changeless Nature, Buddha Activity, Page 134, No. 331, (Buddhism, Words of Arya Maitreya, Author: Acarya Asanga)

"The Prophet prohibited dispute about useless things . . . He said . . . If a man gives up disputation in matters of truth, a house will be built up for him in the highest paradise."

Ihya-Ulum-Ud-Din, Book 1, Chapter 1, Section 4, Page 60, Top, (Islam, Author: Imam Gazzali)

November 16

"For a certain higher part of the soul has advanced already to the point of judging the good of righteous action, while a slower, carnal part of the soul is not led by reason to this judgment. Thus, as a result of this very difficulty, the soul is urged to pray to the One who aids it towards its perfection, whom it recognizes as its Creator."

On Free Choice of the Will, Book Three, XXII, Page 139, Top, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

"Those who are thus bewildered are attracted by demonic and atheistic views. In that deluded condition, their hopes for liberation, their fruitive activities, and their culture of knowledge are all defeated."

The Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Section 9, Text 12, (Hinduism, Translated by: A.C. Bhaktivedata Swami Prabhupada)

November 17

"A person who devotes his mind, body and speech to the service of the Lord, even though in the midst of a miserable life fraught with past misdeeds, is assured of liberation."

*Teachings of Lord Caitanya, Chapter 26, Page 290,
Paragraph 2, Quote from Srimad-Bhagavatam,
(Hinduism, Author: A.C. Bhaktivedanta
Prabhupada)*

"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two . . ."

*King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 12:51-53,
(Christianity, Words of Christ)*

November 18

"Jesus continued again in the discourse and said unto his disciples: 'When I shall have gone into the Light, then herald it unto the whole world and say unto them: Cease not to seek day and night and remit not yourself until ye find the mysteries of the Light-kingdom, which will purify you and make you into refined light . . .'"

Pistis Sophia, Third Book, Page 213, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

"When physical conditions are ripe, sudden mental evolutions may take place; when mind status is propitious, sudden spiritual transformations may occur; when spiritual values receive proper recognition, then cosmic meanings become discernible, and increasingly the personality is released from the handicaps of time and delivered from the limitations of space."

The Urantia Book, Part III, Paper 65, No. 8, Paragraph 6, (Christianity, Urantia)

November 19

"Everything is foreknown, but man is free."

*The Talmudic Anthology, No. 97, Page 135, Stanza
4, (Judaism)*

***"I know your works; I know that you are
neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either
cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm,
neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my
mouth."***

*New American Bible, New Testament, Revelations
3:15-16, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

November 20

"My son, listen to my teaching which is good and useful, and end the sleep which weighs heavily upon you. Depart from the forgetfulness which fills you with darkness, since if you were unable to do anything I would not have said these things to you. But Christ has come in order to give you this gift. Why do you pursue the darkness when the light is at your disposal? Why do you drink stale water though sweet is available for you? Wisdom summons (you), yet you desire folly. Not by your own desire do you do these things, but it is the animal nature within you that does them."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Teachings of Silvanus, Page 383, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"Go down into the abyss, you evil appetites! I will drown you lest I myself be drowned."

The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 65, No. 5, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Jerome)

November 21

"Oh Lord of Law, may I wear my scars of trials like deserved medals of chastisement, presented to me by the sacred hands of Thy perfect justice."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 70, Paragraph 1,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"St. Peter and St. Paul warn us in the strongest language to beware of the devil, for he is using all his tremendous power, his mighty intelligence to ruin us, to harm, to hurt us in every way"

*The Wonders of the Holy Name, Chapter 10,
Paragraph 2 & 5, (Christianity, Catholic)*

November 22

"We must feel the suffering of our people. To be transfigured we have to be disfigured in our own sight."

*The Love of Christ, Part III, Page 84, 18 July 1968,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mother Teresa)*

"My persecutor did not cease to attack me in every way."

*The Autobiography of St. Margaret Mary, No. 89.
Page 102, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic,
Words of St. Margaret Mary)*

November 23

"Inasmuch as His so great goodness is omnipotent, He can accomplish good even from evils, whether it be by forgiving them, or by healing them . . ."

The Father's of the Church, Volume 14, St. Augustine - Treatises on Various Subjects, Contenance, Chapter 6, No. 15, Page 206, Bottom, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Augustine)

"Though my body be pained by the trials that befall me from Thee, though it be afflicted by the revelations of Thy Decree, yet my soul rejoiceth at having partaken of the waters of Thy Beauty, and at having attained the shores of the ocean of Thine eternity."

Prayers and Meditations, LX, Paragraph 3, Page 96, (Baha'i, Author: Baha' u'llah)

November 24

"He is ever the stay of my right hand. The path beneath my feet is set on a mighty rock unshaken before all things. For that rock beneath my feet is the truth of God, and His power is the stay of my right hand; from the fount of His charity my vindication goes forth."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Hymn of the Initiants, Page 141, Stanza 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"And he said unto them, Blessed are they who suffer many experiences, for they shall be made perfect through suffering; they shall be as the angels of God in Heaven and shall die no more, neither shall they be born any more, for death and birth have no more dominion over them."

The Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Lection XXXVII, No. 2, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

November 25

"Then from the throne there poured a great radiance, surrounding and lifting my soul by its power. Swiftly I moved through the spaces of Heaven, shown was I the mystery of mysteries, shown the Secret heart of the cosmos."

An Interpretation of the Emerald Tablets Together with the Two Extra Tablets, Tablet XI, Page 58, Paragraph 3, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic)

"We incline to the belief that the eternal future will witness phenomena of universe evolution which will far transcend all that the eternal past has experienced. And we anticipate such tremendous adventures, even as you should, with keen relish and ever-heightening expectation."

The Urantia Book, Part I, Paper 23, No. 4, Paragraph 6, (Christianity, Urantia)

November 26

"On the sleigh of incarnations we slide from dream to dream. Dreaming, in a chariot of astral light we roll from life to life. Dreaming, in a vibrant physical vessel tossed by alternating waves of birth and death, we sail uncharted seas. Becalmed waters of indifference, whirlpools of activity, eddies of laughter, inexorable swells of mighty outer events - dreams all! It was only in Thee I awoke! Then I realized that, thinking I was awake, I had been only dreaming."

*Whispers from Eternity, Page 165, Paragraph 2-3,
(Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa
Yogananda)*

"(He who) had understanding and remembered everything, the first, intermediate and final things; (his) lips and tongue responded and he uttered great praises with . . . his mouth. He revealed the path of salvation and the road of purity (to all) souls who were in harmony with him."

*Gnosis on the Silk Road, Chapter 3, No. 2, Verses k,
l, m, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)*

November 27

"Get up now, and stand on your feet, I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness of what you have seen (of me) and what you will be shown. I shall deliver you from this people and from the Gentiles to whom I send you, to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may obtain forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been consecrated by faith in me."

New American Bible, New Testament, Acts 26:16-18, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)

"In this world, there is nothing so sublime and pure as transcendental knowledge. Such knowledge is the mature fruit of all mysticism. And one who has become accomplished in the practice of devotional service enjoys this knowledge within himself in due course of time."

Bhagavad Gita As-It-Is, Chapter 4, Text 38, (Hinduism, Translator: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada)

November 28

***"O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant
and the son of Thy handmaid: Thou hast
broken my bonds in sunder. I will offer to Thee
the sacrifice of praise. Let my heart and my
tongue praise you."***

*The Confessions of St. Augustine, Book IX, Page
184, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of
St. Augustine)*

***"I will put my words in his mouth, and he will
speak to them whatever I command him. And
it shall be: (any) man who does not hearken to
my words which he speaks in my name, I
myself will require (a reckoning) from him."***

*The Five Books of Moses, Deuteronomy 18:18-19,
Old Testament, The Schocken Bible, (Judaism)*

November 29

*"One must, then, read the book of his own self,
rather than some treatise on rhetoric.*

*Wherefore He hath said, 'Read thy Book:
There needeth none but thyself to make out an
account against thee this day.'*

*The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, The Four
Valleys, The First Valley, Page 51, Paragraph 2,
(Baha'i, Author: Baha'u'llah)*

*"I was transported to a high place between
Heaven and earth. I saw the earth below me
gray and somber, and above me Heaven where,
among the choirs of angels and the orders of
the blessed, was the Blessed Virgin before the
throne of God. I saw prepared for her two
thrones of honor . . . and they were formed out
of the prayers of earth. They were built entirely
of flowers, leaves, garlands, the various
species typical of the different value and
characteristics of the prayers of individuals
and of whole congregations. Angels and saints
took them from the hands of those that offered
them and bore them up to Heaven."*

*The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations,
Volume I, Section 3 - The Most Holy Virgin, No. 5,
Paragraph 8, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St.
Anne Catherine Emmerich)*

November 30

"Lord, incline your heavens and come; touch the mountains and make them smoke. Flash forth lightning . . . reach out your hand from on high; deliver me from the many waters."

*New American Bible, Old Testament, Psalms
144:5-8, (Christianity, Catholic)*

"There are moments when I mistrust myself, when I feel my own weakness and wretchedness in the most profound depths of my own being, and I have noticed that I can endure such moments only by trusting in the infinite mercy of God."

Divine Mercy, Notebook II, No. 944, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Faustina)

December 1

"A veil exists between the world above and the realms that are below; and shadow came into being beneath the veil; and that shadow became matter; and that shadow was projected apart."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Hypostasis of Archons, Page 167, Paragraph 7, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"In their blind deception they follow darkness as their light, taste the bitter as sweet, take deadly poison for remedy of their souls . . . In thy actions take counsel first of all from the interior knowledge and light communicated to thee by God, in order that thou mayest not go blindly forward; and He shall always grant thee sufficient guidance."

The Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Coronation, Chapter III, Page 640, Middle, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of Mary)

December 2

"But the seed of man hath not understood all of which Thou hast made it heir, neither have men known Thee whensoever Thou hast spoken."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The New Covenant, Page 438, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"The pillar arose through the center of the church and there, like a tree, divided into several branches. Upon these branches stood the members of the Holy Family and their relatives. They stood as if on the stamens of flowers . . . But above them all, on the very summit of the tree sat the Child Jesus in unfading splendor, the imperial globe in His hand. In adoration around these groups, were the first choirs of the Apostles and disciples . . ."

The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations, Volume I, Part III - The Most Holy Virgin, No. 4, Page 145, Top & Bottom, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Anne Catherine Emmerich)

December 3

"The psychic race is like light from a fire . . . through a voice it was instructed and this was sufficient, since it is not far from the hope according to the promise, since it received, so to speak as a pledge, the assurance of the things which were to be."

The Nag Hammadi Library, The Tripartate Tractate, No. 14, Page 94-95, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"On the same night that Moses took possession of the Holy Thing, a golden casket shaped like a coffin was prepared, in which at their departure the Israelites took it with them . . . In the center of this coffin-like chest, was placed a little golden casket wherein was contained the Holy Thing . . . Only afterward on Mount Sinai, was made the chest inlaid with gold inside and outside, and in it the golden mummiform coffin with the Holy Thing was placed."

The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations, Volume I, Part II - Sin and its Consequences, No. 17, Page 108-109, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Anne Catherine Emmerich)

December 4

"The Divine Physician is keeping you in the hospital of earthly delusion until your disease of desire for material things is cured. Then He will let you go Home."

Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 70, No. 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

"Many times did He beseech his eternal Father not to allow the sins and the ingratitude of men to hinder their Redemption. As Christ in his foreknowledge was always conscious of the sins of the human race and of the damnation of so many thankless souls, the thought of dying for them caused Him to sweat blood many times on these occasions."

Mystical City of God (Abrid.), The Transfixion, Chapter III, Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Ven. Mary of Agreda)

December 5

"(Thou wilt make) an end of all that oppress us; and we shall give thanks unto Thy name for ever."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The New Covenant, Page 437, Stanza 4, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"By reflecting upon the evils of life in the round of successive existences, mayest thou be incited to seek Emancipation."

A Buddhist Bible, The Supreme Path, No. IX, (Buddhism, Tibetan)

December 6

"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13, (Christianity, Words of Paul)

"The nearer we approach our goal, the more will Hell strive to prevent our reaching it."
The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, Chapter 2,
Page 28, A Happy Death, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

December 7

"If you saw that a man was going to hit another, you could step in front of the intended victim and let the blow fall on you. That is what a great master does. He perceives, in the lives of his devotees, when unfavorable effects of their past bad karma are about to descend on them. If he thinks it wise, he employs a certain metaphysical method by which he transfers to himself the consequences of his disciples errors. The law of cause and effect operates mechanically or mathematically; yogis understand how to switch its currents."

*Sayings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Page 47,
Stanza 2, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of
Paramahansa Yogananda)*

"Attach thyself to a religious preceptor endowed with spiritual power and complete knowledge . . . Seek friends who have beliefs and habits like thine own and in whom thou canst place thy trust."

*A Buddhist Bible, The Supreme Path, No. III, No.'s
1 - 3, (Buddhism, Tibetan)*

December 8

"It would help much to increase the humility of those who are endeavoring to obtain that virtue, so dear to the heart of God, if they were to present themselves before Him with these sins, as it were, upon them, the sins that God in His Truth sees they would have committed if they had not been prevented by God's watchful Providence, turning them from paths in life that would have been fatal to them, giving special assistance at certain times of danger, and in the numberless other ways by which He shows His care for those who are dear to Him .

.. "

Devotion for the Dying, Mary's Call to Her Loving Children, Page 175, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Mother Mary Potter)

"The perfume is an announcement or the confirmation that he has heard our prayer or request."

Padre Pio, The Stigmatist, Chapter III, Paragraph 11, (Christianity, Catholic)

December 9

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who puttest the sense of discernment into the heart of Thy servants, (that they may walk blamelessly before Thee,) and be steeled against all the devi(ces) of wickedness, and that they may bless (Thy name,) (loving) all that Thou lovest and abhorring all that (Thou hatest,) (and stray not in the waywar)dness of men, but, through the spirit of (discern)ment which is theirs, (distinguish) the good from the wicked, (and keep) their deeds undefiled."

The Dead Sea Scriptures, The Book of Hymns, Page 196, Stanza 3, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

"By reflecting upon the irrevocable nature of the results which inevitably arise from actions, mayest thou be incited to avoid impiety and evil."

A Buddhist Bible, The Supreme Path, No. IX, No. 3, (Buddhism, Tibetan)

December 10

"Know that all states of being . . . are manifested by My energy. I am, in one sense, everything, but I am independent. I am not under the modes of material nature, for they, on the contrary, are within Me."

*The Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 7, Text 12, (Hinduism,
Translation: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada)*

"When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."
*The Prophet, On Eating and Drinking, Page 29,
Botton, (Christianity, Author: Kahlil Gibran)*

December 11

***"It is not death, but a bad life, which destroys
the soul."***

*The Pythagorean Sourcebook, Select Sentences of
Sextus the Pythagorean, No. 91, (Mystery
Religions, Pythagorean)*

***"And this is that holy and loving inebriation
which causes the blessed to lose memory of
themselves, to give themselves wholly to
praise . . ."***

*The Soul Sanctified, Chapter 30, Page 84,
Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic)*

December 12

"Sometimes they show entering the womb, sometimes birth, sometimes the attainment of enlightenment - Thus they cause all worldlings to see: This is the path traveled by the unbounded . . . The real cosmos is all equal, without distinction, containing infinite, boundless meanings; They enjoy contemplating oneness, minds unmoving: This is the path of the knowers of all times."

The Flower Ornament Scripture, Chapter 21, Ten Practices, Page 482, Stanza 4 & 7, (Buddhism, Mahayana)

"I am He who in an instant lift up the humble spirit, to learn more reasonings of the Eternal Truth, than if a man had studied ten years in the schools. I teach without noise of words, without confusion of opinions, without striving after honour, without clash of arguments. I am He who teach men to despise earthly things, to loathe things present, to seek things heavenly, to enjoy things eternal, to flee honours, to endure offences, to place all hope in Me, to desire nothing apart from Me, and above all things to love Me ardently."

The Imitation of Christ, The Third Book, Chapter XLII, No. 3, (Christianity, Author: Thomas A Kempis)

December 13

"Although (the consciousness) appears in other ways, its nature remains the same as before and is permanent . . . Consciousness appears in other ways, and although the (different modes) are not true, (their nature) is one and true . . . It is the nature of merely being conscious that is one and true."

A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life, Chapter IX, Part II, Page 155, Stanza 3, (Buddhism, Tibetan, Author: Shantideva)

"This Divine Bread is eaten, but it is not changed, because it assumes no other form in him who eats it. It transforms the worthy receiver into Him whom it contains."

The Blessed Eucharist, Chapter 13, Page 188, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: Fr. Michael Muller, C.S.S.R.)

December 14

"Note the unfolding order in the growth of a tree from seed to new seed; reflect on the continuous effort in all stages after self-propagation . . . Furthermore, if you can think spiritually enough, you will see that this energy does not come from the seed, nor from the sun of the world, which is only fire, but is in the seed from God the Creator . . . and is from Him not only at the moment of creation, but ever after, too."

*Divine Providence, Chapter 1, No. 3, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Swedenborgianism, Author:
Emanuel Swedenborg)*

"Illness and tribulations, being teachers of piety, are not to be avoided."

*A Buddhist Bible, The Supreme Path, No. V. No. 5,
(Buddhism, Tibetan)*

December 15

"And the wickedness of a Soul is ignorance; for the Soul that knows nothing of the things that are, neither the Nature of them, nor that which is good, but is blinded, rusheth and dasheth against the bodily passions; and unhappy as it is, and not knowing itself, it serveth strange bodies and evil ones, carrying the Body as a burden, and not ruling but ruled: And this is the mischief of the Soul."

The Divine Pymander of Hermes, Fourth Book, No. 27, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)

"When God gives you something to suffer, says St. Augustine, He acts as a physician, and the suffering He sends it not a punishment but a remedy."

The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, Chapter 12, Page 188, Top, (Christianity, Catholic)

December 16

"It often happens that we pray God to deliver us from some dangerous temptation, and yet God does not hear us but permits the temptation to continue troubling us. In such a case, let us understand that God permits even this for our greater good. When a soul in temptation recommends itself to God, and by His aid resists, O how it then advances in perfection."

*The Voice of the Saints, In Temptation, Page 68-69,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Alphonsus
Liguori)*

"Wherefore, every blessed soul will lose all her own desires and will have no other desire but to love God and to be loved by Him, and knowing that she is sure of ever loving Him and of being ever loved by Him, this very thing will be her blessedness . . ."

*The Soul Sanctified, Chapter 30, Page 84,
Paragraph 2, (Christianity, Catholic)*

December 17

"When the superior man hears the Way, he is scarcely able to put it into practice. When the middling man hears the Way, he appears now to preserve it, now to lose it. When the inferior man hears the Way, he laughs at it loudly. If he did not laugh, it would not be fit to be the Way."

Tao Te Ching, No. 3, Stanza 1, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tsu, Translation: Victor Mair)

"The hour of death is for us the time of greatest anxiety. Jesus Christ alone can give us the strength to suffer, with patience and profit, the trials of this last decisive moment. At the approach of death we have more than ever to fear from the assaults of Hell. The nearer we approach our goal, the more Hell will strive to prevent our reaching it. St. Eleazar, who had lived a life of great purity, was violently tempted in the hour of death, but he did not lose courage for a moment. To those standing around him he said: 'The efforts of Hell at this moment are very great, but by the merits of His suffering our Saviour takes from them all their power.'"

The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation, Chapter 2, Page 28, A Happy Death, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Catholic, Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

December 18

***"When we believe that ours is the only faith
that contains the truth, violence and suffering
will surely be the result."***

*Living Buddha, Living Christ, Chapter 1, Page 2,
Paragraph 1, (Buddhism, Author: Thich Naht
Hahn)*

***"What is your life? It is like a vapor, which is
dispersed by a breath of wind and is no more."***

*The Soul Sanctified, Chapter 23, Paragraph 1,
(Christianity, Catholic)*

December 19

"The angels, however, also have the power to function in a supernormal fashion within their own normal areas of activity. They then act with more strength and force than is required for the natural order. This occurs when they act to bring about miracles and wonders in the world, according to God's will."

*The Way of God, Part III, Chapter 2, No. 7,
Paragraph 4, Page 197, (Judaism, Author: Rabbi
Moshe Chayim Luzzatto)*

"I wish to accomplish the redemption of the human race with which Thou hast charged Me.

I wish to restore to this human nature the highest perfection and the plenitude of thy divine complaisance; and then I wish to pass from this world to thy right hand, bearing with Me all those whom Thou hast given Me without losing a single one of them for want of willingness on our part to help them."

*The Mystical City of God, Volume 3, Book II,
Chapter 11, Page 453, No. 473, (Christianity,
Catholic, Words of Christ)*

December 20

"You, O religious souls who live in the prison chosen by Love, often deemed useless and even dangerous in the eyes of the world, have no fear; in your solitude and moments of stress, let the world rant against you . . . only join your heart yet closer to God, the one object of your affections, and do all you can to repair for the sins and the outrages of mankind."

*The Way of Divine Love, Page 272, Paragraph 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ, Author:
Sister Josefa Menendez)*

"Who once did live in recklessness and then is reckless nevermore, shall light the world like the full moon when clouds unmask it. Who checks with wholesome deeds the evil deeds already done, shall light the world like the full moon when clouds unmask it."

*The Life of the Buddha, Chapter 9, Page 138, Stanza
1, (Buddhism)*

December 21

"Know ye, O man, that all of the future is an open book to him who can read. All effect shall bring forth its causes, as all effects grew from the first cause. Know ye, the future is not fixed or stable, but varies as cause brings forth an effect. Look in the cause thou shalt bring into being, and surely thou shalt see that all is effect."

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet XII, Page 65, Paragraph 2, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

"For a learner who is training in conformity with the direct path, the knowledge of destruction arises first, and final knowledge immediately follows. To one freed by that final knowledge, the topmost knowledge of freedom, there arises the knowledge of destruction: 'Thus the fetters are destroyed.' Certainly not by the lazy person, nor by the uncomprehending fool, is Nibbana to be attained, the loosening of all worldly ties."

The Ituvittaka, The Section of the Fours, No. 102, Page 80, stanzas 1-3, (Buddhism, Theravadan)

December 22

*"This day is salvation come to this house . . .
for the Son of man is come to seek and to save
that which was lost."*

*King James Bible, New Testament, Luke 19:9-10,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of Christ)*

*"The Highest Wisdom, however, perceives and
knows what is best to rectify all creation. In
its profound design, it weighs everything
together, and directs each individual element
of creation accordingly."*

*The Way of God, Part II, Chapter 3, No. 11,
Paragraph 2, (Judaism)*

December 23

"Beyond the six realms of heaven, earth, and the four directions, the sage accepts but does not discuss. Within the six realms, he discusses but does not pass judgment . . . When there is division, there is something which is not divided. When there is questioning, there is something beyond the question. Why is this? The sage keeps his wisdom to himself while ordinary men flaunt their knowledge in loud discussion."

Chuang Tsu, Chapter 2, Page 37, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tsu)

"For he who uses the gift of tongues to seek after riches, or to hold sway over his enemies, he shall no longer be a Son of Light, but a whelp of the devil and a creature of darkness." The Essene Gospel of Peace, Volume 4, The Essene Communion, Page 11, Paragraph 4, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

December 24

"The adviser says to him, 'If you see those whom you know personally, as well as other travelers, be they men or women, tell them that there are many poisons and evils on that path which can cause them to lose their very nature and life. Do not let them seek their own deaths.'"

*Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva,
Chapter 8, Page 182, Paragraph 2, (Buddhism,
Pure Land)*

"Do thou set thyself to endure tribulations, and reckon them the best consolations; for the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us, nor would they be even if thou wert to endure them all. When thou hast come to this, that tribulation is sweet and pleasant to thee for Christ's sake, then reckon that it is well with thee, because thou hast found paradise on earth."

*The Imitation of Christ, Second Book, Chapter XII,
No. 10-11, (Christianity, Catholic)*

December 25

*"Great are Your deeds and mighty, humbling
the haughty and straightening the bent; even if
man lived thousands of years, he could not
fathom the extent of your powerful deeds . . .*

*God to Whom belongs honor and greatness,
save Your sheep from the mouth of lions, and
bring Your people out from the nation of its
exile . . . "*

*The Siddur, Sabbath Evening Meal, Page 367,
Stanza 2-4, (Judaism)*

*"Oh that thou wert worthy to suffer something
for the name of Jesus, how great glory should
await thee, what rejoicing among all the
saints
of God . . ."*

*The Imitation of Christ, Second Book, Chapter XII,
No. 13, (Christianity, Catholic)*

December 26

***"In all space there is only ONE wisdom,
though seeming divided, it is ONE in the ONE.
All that exists comes forth from the LIGHT,
and the LIGHT comes forth from the ALL."***

*The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet
VII, Page 39, Paragraph 6, (Mystery Religions,
Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)*

***"Let us understand that God is a Physician,
and that suffering is a medicine for salvation,
not a punishment for damnation."***

*The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 15, No. 1,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Augustine)*

December 27

"Pythagorus said that, 'Those who do not punish bad men are really wishing that good men be injured.'"

The Pythagorean Sourcebook and Library, Select Pythagorean Sentences, No. 166, (Mystery Religions, Pythagorean)

"And your ears were made not only to hear the words of men, the song of birds, and the music of falling rain, but they were also made to hear the Holy Stream of Sound."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Vol. 4, Page 43, Paragraph 3, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene)

December 28

"O Kali Primordial, from Thy hand of creative power issue the vibrations of Aum, materializing in an inexhaustible, bewildering, and wondrous variety of finite forms. Another hand holds the astral sword of preservation, keeping guard over planetary rhythms and balances . . . Thy fourth hand stills the storm of delusion and bestows on devotees Thy rays of salvation."

Whispers from Eternity, Page 178-179, (Hinduism, Kriya Yoga, Words of Paramahansa Yogananda)

"More than this cannot be told, for the Holy Streams will take you to that place where words are no more, and even the Holy Scrolls cannot record the mysteries therein."

The Essene Gospel of Peace, Volume 4, The Holy Streams, Page 44, Paragraph 1, (Christianity, Gnostic/Essene, Words of Christ)

December 29

"Then Sudhana Climbed the path up the cliff of the mountain, a mass of razor edges, and threw himself into the fire. As he was falling he attained an enlightening concentration called 'well-established.' On contact with the fire he attained an enlightening concentration called 'mystic knowledge of the bliss of tranquility.'"

*The Flower Ornament Scripture, Entry into the Realm of Reality, Page 122, Paragraph 3,
(Buddhism, Mahayana)*

"Conquer yourself and the world lies at your feet."

The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 14, Page 114, No. 3, (Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Augustine)

December 30

"Hark ye, O man, and list to my Voice, open thy mind-space and drink of my wisdom. Dark is the pathway of LIFE that ye travel, many the pitfalls that lie in the way. Seek ye, ever, to gain greater wisdom, attain and it shall be light on thy way . . . Open thy Soul to the BROTHERS of BRIGHTNESS, let them enter and fill thee with light . . . "

The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet VII, Page 39, Paragraph 1 & 3, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)

"We see with our own eyes how often a person neglects his duty in spite of his awareness of it and in spite of his having come to recognize as a truth what is required for the salvation of his soul and what is incumbent upon him in respect to his Creator."

The Path of the Just, Chapter VI, Page 79, Paragraph 1, (Judaism)

December 31

"Governing things is not done by things, but by harmony. Governing harmony is not done by harmony, but by people. Governing people is not done by people, but by rulers. Governing rulers is not done by rulers, but by desires. Governing desires is not done by desires, but by virtue. Governing virtue is not done by virtue, but by the Way."

*Wen-Tzu, No. 134, Page 130, Paragraph 1,
(Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tsu)*

"It is necessary that temptations should happen; for who shall be crowned but he that shall lawfully have fought . . ."

*The Voice of the Saints, Chapter 9, No. 2,
(Christianity, Catholic, Words of St. Bernard)*

"Light and darkness, life and death, right and left, are brothers of one another. They are inseparable. Because of this neither are the good good, nor the evil evil, nor is life life, nor death death. For this reason each one will dissolve into its earliest origin. But those who are exalted above the world are indissoluble, eternal."

*The Nag Hammadi Library, The Gospel of Philip,
Page 142, Paragraph 4, (Christianity,
Gnostic/Essene)*

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