

## At the Feet of the Masters Ancient Sacred Texts Outline

**Krishna** - *"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)*

There are three gates to **self**-destruction and hell: Lust, **Anger** & Greed."

**Devaki** - *"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)*

Sri Krishna was born to Devaki and Vasudeva. But as fate would have it, it was Yashoda and Nanda who brought Him up. Because Kamsa killed the seven children born to them before Krishna. Prabhupada said "there were auspicious stars visible in the sky and on that surface in all towns and villages and pasturing grounds and within the minds of everyone there were signs of good fortune. The rivers were flowing full of waters, and lakes were beautifully decorated with lotus flowers. The forests were full with beautiful birds and peacocks . . . just on the point of Krsna's appearance, automatically their minds became full of joy because they could hear transcendental vibrations in the sky proclaiming the appearance of the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

**Babaji** - 'Love is the undisturbed balance that binds this universe together.' 'Even in the world, the yogi who faithfully discharges his responsibilities, without personal motive or attachment, treads the sure path of enlightenment.

**Mataji** - No words attributed to her, very ancient

**Lord Kapila** - *"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)*

**Pralhada Maharaja** - "Through practices one cannot behold God, He can be seen through inner longing."

**Sri Ramakrishna** - *"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 Sri Ramakrishna)*

**Sri Sarada Devi** - *"The Master is always with you. You have many more things to accomplish for the welfare of the world."*

*Teachings of Sri Sarada Devi The Holy Mother, Chapter X, No. 4, (Hinduism, Words of Sri Sarada Devi)*

**Swami Vivekananda** - "All power is within you; you can do anything and everything. Believe in that, do not believe that you are weak; do not believe that you are half-crazy lunatics, as most of us do nowadays. You can do any thing and everything, without even the guidance of any one. Stand up and express the divinity within you."

"All love is expansion, all selfishness is contraction. Love is therefore the only law of life. He who loves lives, he who is selfish is dying. Therefore love for love's sake, because it is the only law of life, just as you breathe to live."

**Gandhi** - *An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind.*

*Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.  
Where there is love there is life.*

**Sri Yukteswar** -

- everything in future will improve if you are making a spiritual effort now.
- forget the past. ...
- attachment is blinding; it lends an imaginary halo of attractiveness to the object of desire. ...
- remember that finding god will mean the funeral of all sorrows.
- a beggar cannot renounce wealth.

**Paramahansa Yogananda** - *"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)*

*"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)*

*"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 season of failure is the best time for sowing the seeds of success.*

*The man form is higher than the angel form; of all forms it is the highest. Man is the highest being in creation, because he aspires to freedom.*

*Remain calm, serene, always in command of yourself. You will then find out how easy it is to get along.*

**Sri Gyanamata** – Paramahansa Yogananda's tribute to her ““Everybody followed her example. Whoever came near her was changed. When Madame Ganna Walska met her she said, “She is a great saint.” Of all the women disciples, she has been one of the greatest. Never did I see in that face, in those eyes, anger, or anguish, or pain, only the sweetness of God. And I said to her once, **“Sister, your seat is reserved in Heaven when you go,” and it is so.**

“Many times her life seemed to be going, but it didn't go... So the Divine Spirit kept the promise with me. I am not taking any credit; I am telling you exactly as it happened. How great the Spirit is, that His promise is ever true to the devotee!...I tell you these things that you may desire to get to Him faster. As much as you can work with the thought of Him, work only for Him, don't work for yourself...

### **She Suffered Because of the Sins of Others**

“She had been suffering because of the sins of many others who became saintly through her life. There was not a sin of her own I could find. I want you to know that. But such is the mystery of God. **Though she suffered all these years, what is that compared to eternity with God?**

“She has finished her work. As a great saint said, “Insult not my dust with your pity, ye who are left on this desolate shore still to mourn and deplore. It is I who pity you!” She is actually pitying a great many here, though of course she can't pity those who are on their way to freedom!

“One of the Encinitas disciples called up and told us, “Sister is suffering awfully.” I was in another room, but I began to feel it right away. My heart throbbed and I became very restless. I knew it was Sister. So I took the call, and when they told me how Sister had bed sores, what they described just went through me. I began to cry; I began to pray. And I wrote this little note:

*Mother Divine*

*Break the troth of mine*

*With Thee 'bout good Sister.*

*Release if you will, Mother dear!*

*Her test is greater*

*Than she can bear.*

*From this nightmare of suffering  
Take her to the wakefulness  
Of ever-new Bliss.*

'That was when I gave up the covenant that I had with God. Then I couldn't sleep. I sat up and I prayed, "Mother, will you listen to me?" **And a great light appeared, and I saw Sister in the arms of the Divine.Mother.** I cried out, "Sister, do not go. Wait!" And even that desire was fulfilled.  
**Those spiritual footprints will always be there."**

**Maharishi Mahesh Yogi** - *"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)*

*"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)*

- Prabhupada - "Anyone who is steady in his determination for the advanced stage of spiritual realization and can equally tolerate the onslaughts of distress and happiness is certainly a person eligible for liberation." ...
- "Religion means to know God and to love Him." ...
- "Concerning Concealment as a symptom of love for Krsna:

**Guru Nanak** - *I am not the born; how can there be either birth or death for me?*

*Death would not be called bad, O people, if one knew how to truly die.  
Whatever kind of seed is sown in a field, prepared in due season, a plant of that same kind, marked with the peculiar qualities of the seed, springs up in it.*

**Huzur Maharaj Sawan Singh** -

- "The devil can only enter your mind only through whisperings. . . .
- "All dishonest earnings are the blood of the innocent. Honest earnings are like sweet milk and make the mind pious." ...
- "Shah Fakir, Hindu Da Guru, Musalman Da Pir."

The Tirthankara - In **Jainism**, a *tirthankara* (*tīrthaṅkara*; literally a 'ford-maker') is a saviour and spiritual teacher of the *dharmā* (righteous path). The word *tirthankara* signifies the founder of a *tirtha*, which is a fordable passage across the sea of interminable births and deaths, the *samsāra*. According to Jains, a *tirthankara* is an individual who has conquered the *samsāra*, the cycle of death and rebirth, on their own, and made a path for others to follow. After understanding the true nature of the self or soul, the *Tīrthaṅkara* attains *Kevala Jnana* (omniscience). The first Tirthankara founded **Jainism**. **Tirthankara** provides a bridge for others to follow the new teacher from *samsāra* to *Mahaviraswami* (liberation).

Mahavira, was the twenty-fourth Jain Tirthankara. He was one of the principle figures of Jainism and a great philosopher.

*"Attachment and aversion are the root cause of karma, and karma originates from infatuation. Karma is the root cause of birth and death, and these are said to be the source of misery. None can escape the effect of their own past karma."*

*"Kill not, cause no pain. Nonviolence is the greatest religion."*

*"Anger begets more anger, and forgiveness and love lead to more forgiveness and love."*

*"The most important principle of environment is that you are not the only element."*

**Moses -**

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*"You shall die on the mountain that you are about to ascend, and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; for you both broke faith with me among the Israelite people, at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to uphold My sanctity among the Israelite people. You may view the land from a distance, but you shall not enter it - the land that I am giving to the Israelite people."*

*The Torah, Deuteronomy 32:50-52, (Judaism, Words of God to Moses, Translator: Jewish Publication Society)*

*"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)*

*"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)*

**"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)*

**"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)*

## **Ten Commandments -**

### The 10 Commandments List, Short Form\*

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

**Abraham - Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.**

Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

- To his nephew Lot, as quoted in *Genesis 13:8 (KJV)*
- I have lifted up mine hand unto the LORD, the highest God, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich...
  - To the King of Sodom, in *Hebrews 14:22 - 23 (KJV)*
- **Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?** That be far from Thee to do after this manner, to

slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from Thee; shall not the Judge of all the earth do justly? ... Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, who am but dust and ashes. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous; wilt Thou destroy all the city for lack of five? ... **Oh, let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. Peradventure ten shall be found there?**

**Enoch** - *"He showed me all the hidden things of the extremities of heaven, all the receptacles of the stars, and the splendours of all, from whence they went forth before the face of the holy."*

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter LXX, No. 5, (Christianity, Words of Enoch)*

*"Let the righteous man arise from slumber; let him arise, and proceed in the path of righteousness in all its paths; and let him advance in goodness and in eternal clemency. Mercy shall be showed to the righteous man; upon him shall be conferred integrity and power for ever."*

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter XCI (Section XIX), No. 3, (Christianity)*

*"I will bring them into the splendid light of those who love my holy name: and I will place each of them on a throne of glory, of glory peculiarly his own . . . Righteous is the judgment of God!"*

*The Book of Enoch, Chapter CV, No. 26, (Christianity)*

**The Jewish Rabbi** - Two Jewish Rabbi's approached quickly and quietly, covering me in ceremonial robes and leading me away. As they led me through an ancient ritual of purification, I silently fell to sleep. In awe of God's true power, I meditated upon the strength of the Lord to whisk us away from Satan's very grasp, if only our heart remains true to Him.

As I sat quietly watching the rabbi's, an old man walked in. Dressed as if from the middle ages, he quietly spoke, "I believe we should let all people worship as they please," he said. "The Jewish rabbi's have always given me nothing but light, and I will always support them." Nodding in agreement, I felt absolute gratitude for their help this harrowing night.

*"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)*

*"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)*

**Job** - *"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)*

*"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)*

**Spinoza** - *"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)*

*"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)*

**Moses Maimonides** - *Do not consider it proof just because it is written in books, for a liar who will deceive with his tongue will not hesitate to do the same with his pen.*

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. The risk of a wrong decision is preferable to the terror of indecision.*

**Moses Mendelssohn** - *Divine religion ... does not prod men with an iron rod; it guides them with bands of love. It draws no avenging sword, dispenses no temporal goods, assumes no right to any earthly possessions, and claims no external power over the mind. Its weapons are reason and persuasion; its strength is the divine power of truth.*

Time is a part of eternity, and of the same piece with it.

The state gives orders and coerces, religion teaches and persuades. The state prescribes *laws*, religion *commandments*. The state has *physical* power and uses it when necessary; the power of religion is *love* and *benifcence*. The one abandons the disobedient and expels him; the other receives him in its bosom and seeks to instruct, or at least to console him.

**Rebecca Gratz** - If I had been provided with agreeable intelligence you would have heard from me long ago but to repeat the same dull talk could afford you little satisfaction and therefore I have been silent

**Founder of the First Jewish Sunday School and Orphanage in America**

**Rabbi Joseph Kahamen** - The Ponevezher Rav was extremely careful to avoid speaking any words of the Zionist language, modern Hebrew. Once, Rabbi Ozer Yonah Kushner, a teacher in a yeshiva in Miami Beach,



asked the Ponvezher Rav to give a lecture in his yeshiva. The students of this yeshiva did not know Yiddish, and the Ponvezher Rav did not speak English, so they were in a quandary as to how he should communicate with them. Finally, it was decided that the Rav would speak in classical Hebrew, the Holy Tongue. So he began in halting Hebrew, but after a minute, he switched to his native Yiddish for the remainder of the lecture. Afterwards Rabbi Kushner asked him why he had done this. The Rav replied, "I am careful to avoid using any word that was invented by the Zionists. Someone from our community published a dictionary indicating which words may be used. But it is very hard to remember, and it was taking too long, so I had no choice but to speak in Yiddish."

**Rabbi Eleazar Kallir – Wrote Liturgical Poems in the Jewish Prayer Book**

**Rabbi Elio Toaff** - the heart opens itself to the hope that the misfortunes of the past will be replaced by fruitful dialogue.

**Rabbi Barbatt - Torah Teacher**

**Rabbi KaRabbi Ben Ish Hay - He personally funded the publishing of his books, refusing sponsorship or charity, and any income from these books would be distributed to the poor**

His seminal work, the Ben Ish Chai.

"May your home be open wide, may the poor be members of your household". A person, generous of heart, seeks to have the hungry enter his home and satiated . . . You are therefore commanded that "the poor be members of your household": This refers to those members of the household who are in charge of your property and your kitchen, who dwell in your home as tenants. Choose people who were once poor, who are familiar with the hardships of poverty, whether with hunger or with deprivation, that

affect the body's health - How harsh and bitter these lacks can be for the needy person, and leave them helpless! - so that they may be filled with pity for the needy who are forced to knock at your door, respond to their plea, and give them what they require from the food and drink with which the house has been blessed, and not send them away empty-handed.

Hasdei Avot, Chapter 1, Mishna 5, p. 17, Jerusalem

**Rabbi Satmar - The Satmar lineage** - It is characterized by extremely strict religious adherence, complete rejection of modern culture, and fierce anti-Zionism. **Satmar** sponsors a comprehensive education and media system in Yiddish, and its members use Yiddish as a **primary** language. The sect also heads the Central **Rabbinical** Congress.

**The Talmudists -**

## **THE UNIQUENESS AND SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

This doctrine of equality does not assert that individuals duplicate one another. "A man," the Talmud explains, "strikes many coins from one die and they are all alike. The Holy One, blessed be He, however, strikes every person from the die of the first man, but no one resembles another." Their uniqueness is mental as well as physical, and they all have a special function to fulfill in the realization of the cosmic purpose. A person thus has a right to feel that "the universe was created for his sake," for he has a unique role to play in it, so that the cosmic scheme will be incomplete without him.

The specific role that one's particular faculties enable him to play is immaterial. Humble or exalted, all roles are equally invaluable to the fulfillments of history. In the words of a Talmudic illustration, "I am a creature of God and my neighbor is also His creature; my work is in the city and his is in the field; I rise early to my work and he rises early to his. As he cannot excel in my work, so I cannot excel in his work. But you may be tempted to say, 'I do great things and he small things!' We have learned that it matters not whether one does much or little, if only he directs his heart to serve the divine purpose."<sup>3</sup>

Deriving from this conception of man's place in the universe is the sense of the supreme sanctity of all human life. "He who destroys one person has dealt a blow at the entire universe, and similarly, he who makes life livable for one

person has sustained the whole world." All law, civil and religious, has as its purpose the promotion of human life, and when it ceases to serve that end it becomes obsolete and is to be superseded. To quote a good Talmudic maxim, "The Sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath"; and what was true for the Sabbath applied likewise to all

**Jewish Cabalists** - "This brings us to a further aspect of the doctrine of Tikkun, which is also the most important for the system of practical theosophy. The process in which God conceives, brings forth and develops himself does not reach its final conclusion in God. Certain parts of the process of restitution are allotted to man. Not all the lights which are held in captivity by the powers of darkness are set free by their own efforts; it is man who adds the final touch to the divine countenance; it is he who completes the enthronement of God, the king and the mystical Creator of all things, in His own Kingdom of Heaven; it is he who perfects the maker of all things! In certain spheres of being, divine and human existence are intertwined. The intrinsic, extramundane process of Tikkun, symbolically described as the birth of God's personality, corresponds to the process of mundane history. The historical process and its innermost soul, the religious act of the Jew, prepare the way for the final restitution of all scattered and exiled lights and sparks."

**Thoth** - *"Know ye, O my brother, that fear is an obstacle great; be master of all in the brightness, the shadow will soon disappear. Hear ye, and heed my wisdom, the voice of LIGHT is clear, seek not the valley of shadow, and light only will appear."*

*The Emerald Tablets of Thoth the Atlantean, Tablet VIII, Page 45, Paragraph 5, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Thoth)*

*"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)*

*"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)*

**Hermes** - *"And if thou wilt even break the whole, and see those things that are without the world (if there be anything without), thou mayest. Behold, how great power, how great swiftness thou hast!"*

*The Divine Pyramider of Hermes, Book 10, No. 123-124, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic)*

*"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 Pyramider of Hermes, Tenth Book, No. 122, (Mystery Religions, Egyptian/Hermetic, Words of Hermes)*

**Nefertiti** - "I wonder if our names determine our destiny, or if destiny leads us to choose certain names." "You can't change the desert. You can only take the fastest course through it. Wishing it's an oasis won't make it so..." "My love is unique and none can rival her."

**Isis, Virgin of the World** - The Bembine Table of Isis

A MANUSCRIPT by Thomas Taylor contains the following remarkable paragraph:

"Plato was initiated into the 'Greater Mysteries' at the age of 49. The initiation took place in one of the subterranean halls of the Great Pyramid in Egypt. The ISIAC TABLE formed the altar, before which the Divine Plato stood and received that which was always his, but which the ceremony of the Mysteries enkindled and brought from its dormant state. With this ascent, after three days in the Great Hall, he was received by the Hierophant of the Pyramid (the Hierophant was seen only by those who had passed the three days, the three degrees, the three dimensions) and given verbally the Highest Esoteric Teachings, each accompanied with Its appropriate Symbol. After a further three months' sojourn in the halls of the Pyramid, the Initiate Plato was sent out into the world to do the work of the Great Order, as Pythagoras and Orpheus had been before him."

**Oracle at Delphi** -

- **Oracle at Delphi** - "...the whole 'know thyself' thing isn't a journey to a fixed destination. ..."
- "Over the entrance to the temple at **Delphi** was a famous inscription: KNOW THYSELF! ..."
- "**Oracle of Delphi** Speaks: ..."

- “They were not beggars; well, not in the usual sense. ...
- “In peace sons bury fathers; in war fathers bury sons.”

**Robert Fludd, Rosicrucian Adept** - Particulars are frequently fallible, but universals never. Occult philosophy lays bare Nature in her complete nakedness, and alone contemplates the wisdom of universals by the eyes of intelligence.

**Father C.R.C., Rosicrucian Philosopher** - It is described that his body, as discovered by a Brother of the Order, was in a perfect state of preservation 120 years after his death (which occurred in absolute secrecy) - as Rosenkreuz had predicted - in a heptagonal chamber erected by himself as a storehouse of knowledge. It is described that on the Sarcophagus in the centre of the Crypt of Christian Rosenkreutz were written, among other inscriptions the words, "Jesus mihi omnia, nequaquam vacuum, libertas evangelii, dei intacta gloria, legis jugum" ("Jesus is everything to me, by no means empty, the freedom of the gospel, the untouched glory of God, the yoke of the law"), testifying to the builder's Christian character.

**Francis Bacon** - *Knowledge is power*

*Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.*

**Jacob Boehme** - “It is not to be thought that the life of darkness is sunk in misery and lost as if in sorrowing. There is no sorrowing. For sorrow is a thing that is swallowed up in death, and death and dying are the very life of the darkness.”

A shepherd, in whom the spirit of God works, is more highly esteemed before God than the wisest and most potent in self-wit, without the divine dominion.

Love is higher than the Highest. Love is greater than the Greatest. Yea, it is in a certain sense greater than God; while yet, in the highest sense of all, God is Love, and Love is God. Love being the highest principle is the virtue of all virtues; from whence they flow forth.

**Parsifal and the Holy Grail** - “Parsifal is on his way to the temple of the Grail Knights and says: “I hardly move, yet far I seem to have come”, and the all-knowing Gurnemanz replies: “You see, my son, time turns here into space”

— Richard Wagner

“Three Grand Masters of the Freemasonry Lodge in Jerusalem -

1. “Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the

Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother." – *George Washington*

Well done is better than well said.

**Pythagorus** - *As soon as laws are necessary for men, they are no longer fit for freedom.*

*Above all things, reverence yourself.  
Silence is better than unmeaning words.*

**Louis Claude De St. Martin** -

For our personal advancement in virtue and truth one quality is sufficient, namely, love; to advance humanity there must be two, love and intelligence; to accomplish the Great Work there must be three love, intelligence, and activity. And yet love is ever the root and the source.

**Manly P. Hall** -

"When the human race learns to read the language of symbolism, a great veil will fall from the eyes of men. They shall then know truth and, more than that, they shall realize that from the beginning truth has been in the world unrecognized, save by a small but gradually increasing number appointed by the Lords of the Dawn as ministers to the needs of human creatures struggling to regain their consciousness of divinity."

— **Manly P. Hall**, *Melchizedek and the Mystery of Fire*

"The esoteric system is all based upon the ultimate motive. Ultimate motive is the service of truth itself, a complete dedication to the service of the realities of existence."

— **Manly P. Hall**, *Esoteric Wisdom for Modern Living*

**Count St. Germain** -

Attention is the key; for where man's attention goes, there goes his energy, and he himself can only follow. Anxiety must go. It must be replaced by faith and solemn confidence in the outworking of the divine plan.

**Ceres, The Patron of the Mysteries** -

Where the satyrs are chattering, nymphs with their flattering Glimpse of the forest enhance  
All the beauty of marrow and cucumber narrow And **Ceres** will join in the dance.

## **Odin of Scandinavia - "I am **Odin**. King of Asgard. Protector of the Nine Realms."**

"Thor looked out on the two great rolling rivers of cloud. It was a bad way for one to go, cold and suffocating. Yet if he went that way he could keep on his shoulder the hammer which he would not leave in another's charge. He stepped out into the Cloud River that flowed by the Rainbow Bridge, and with his hammer upon his shoulder he went struggling on to the other river.

Odin, Tyr, and Baldur were beside Urda's Well when Thor came struggling out of the Cloud River, wet and choking, but with his hammer still upon his shoulder. There stood Tyr, upright and handsome, leaning on his sword that was inscribed all over with magic runes; there stood Baldur, smiling, with his head bent as he listened to the murmur of the two fair swans; and there stood Odin All-Father, clad in his blue cloak fringed with golden stars, without the eagle-helmet upon his head, and with no spear in his hands."

— **Padriac Colum, THE CHILDREN OF ODIN: The Book of Northern Myths**

**Queen of Avalon, Druidic Practitioner Morgan Le Fay** - "Your music hurts, the way sunshine hurts when you've existed for a long time in darkness."

— **Thea Harrison, Spellbinder**

Morgan le Fay Quotes in *Le Morte d'Arthur*

Queen Morgan loved Sir Launcelot best, and ever she desired him, and he would never love her nor do nothing at her request, and therefore she held many knights together for to have taken him by strength. And because she deemed that Sir Launcelot loved Queen Guenever paramour, and she him again, therefore Queen Morgan le Fay ordained that shield to put Sir Launcelot to a rebuke, to that intent that King Arthur might understand the love between them.

**Dechtire, Druidic Celtic Woman - Who Returned with a Child of the Heavenly Realms,  
Cuchulain - Disappeared for three years into a heavenly realm, returned with a child from the heavenly realms, Cuchulain  
Cuchulain -**

# Cuchulain Quotes

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When Pearse summoned Cuchulain to his side, What stalked through the Post Office? What intellect, What calculation, number, measurement, replied? We Irish, born into that ancient sect But thrown upon this filthy modern tide And by its formless spawning fury wrecked, Climb to our proper dark, that we may trace The lineaments of a plummet-measured face.

Merlin, *Druidic Practitioner in the Court of King Arthur* - Then Merlin said, "You must now go on in the service of God who restored you as you now see yourself, you who for so many years lived in the desert like a wild beast, going about without a sense of shame. Now that you have recovered your reason, do not shun the bushes or the green glades which you inhabited while you were mad, but stay with me that you may strive to make up in service to God for the days that the force of madness took from you. From now on all things shall be in common between you and me in this service so long as either lives."

The *Vita Merlini*, Latin text by Geoffrey of Monmouth, Bishop of St. Asaph, [1100?-1154], Translated by John Jay Parry [1889-1954], The University of Illinois, Urbana, IL., , 1925], *University of Illinois studies in language and literature*, vol. X, no. 3



**Zarathustra** - "Turn yourself not away from three best things: Good Thought, Good Word, and Good Deed." "Do not hold grain waiting for higher prices when people are hungry." "By my love and my hope I beseech you - do not forsake hero in your soul!" "Doing good to others is not a duty.

In the Avesta, Zarathustra taught, "Each of the two spirits created in turn, the One created life and the other created absence of life, and this determined how the last shall be, the worst life for the wicked, the Best Mental State for the holy." The Avesta 30:4 (Translation by Ernestine G. Busch) Thus, Zarathustra taught the delicate balance between light and darkness, temperance.

Avalokiteswara and the golden Buddha were in the forefront, as the Buddha pointed me in the direction of another room. His arms held within them a power expressed in moderate movement, almost as if he were performing a spiritual aspect of martial arts in response to the forces of the dark. Avalokiteswara emitted an aura of kindness which shone around her in white and green flames. Interiorly, I understood that the Buddha was fighting the darkness with his singular arm which represented his special power, the *balance of wisdom*; while Avalokiteswara was fighting the darkness with this spectacular aura, the *essence of love*. Following their guidance to the next room, I saw a third statue, this one of the prophet Zarathustra, wearing intensely green robes. Coming to life, he began fighting in a very physical manner the forces of darkness with a sword, which was a personification of the *light of truth*.

Interestingly, I had noticed that both the Buddha and Avalokiteswara had appeared fully oriental, but Zarathustra also had a small amount of oriental blood which could be seen in the partial slant of his eyes. Ceasing not once his battle with the forces of darkness on my behalf, he pointed to a room in the far off corner for which he wished me to traverse.

As I walked closely towards it, I opened the door to find a stunning pronouncement regarding the mysteries of the redemption revealed before my eyes. Having his back to my view, the personification of the second coming of Christ stood wearing a long white robe. Brown hair was cut short to his upper neck, as I wondered if I was witnessing the manner in which He would manifest in the flesh. Wondrous inexplicable things were revealed to me energetically regarding His second coming, and I was made to know the power of this moment. Displaying a power and peace indescribable, I felt holy honor. Something inexplicable was revealed to me regarding the power of this second incarnation, that it instilled a fresh terror amongst the demons who so wished for it to never occur. Saying no words, I turned when bidden to do so by the Lord.

*"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)*

## Thus Spoke Zarathustra Quotes

- "The higher we soar the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly." ...
- "you must be ready to burn yourself in your own flame; ...
- "Silence is worse; all truths that are kept silent become poisonous." ...

- “The lonely one offers his hand too quickly to whomever he encounters.”
- Miraculous Birth - "It was said that (**Zoroaster's**) **birth** was foretold from the beginning of time, and that the moment he was born, he burst out laughing and the whole universe rejoiced with him." After his **birth** evil demons tried to destroy him, but with Ahura Mazda's protection, he survived all attempts on his life.  
Miracle of the Bridge of Ice -  
Brings Back the Light and the Law -  
Teacher and Reformer -  
Death at the Fire Temple -  
Yearly Celebration of Zoroastrians at Fire Temple -  
Ancient Drawing of Zarathustra -

**Buddha** - *"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)*

*"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)*

*"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)*

*We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world. Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.*

**Avalokiteswara** - “Form is Emptiness and Emptiness is Form.”

**Om mani padme hum** is an ancient Buddhist mantra. In English, this rhythmic chant literally translates to “Praise to the Jewel in the Lotus.” This might not make much sense to new yogis or even to well-practiced yogis, but the mantra's essence is powerful and pure.

From Texts attributed to Avalokiteshwara:

The Buddha told Ananda, “If the mind and eyes create a common perception, how then can the mind be outside? 1:183

“Therefore you should know you state the impossible when you say

that the mind which knows, understands, and is aware is outside the body." 1:184

Ananda said to the Buddha, "World Honored One, it is as the Buddha has said, since I cannot see inside, my mind does not reside in the body. Since my body and mind have a common awareness, they are not separate and so my mind does not dwell outside my body. As I now consider it, I know it is in a certain place." 1:185

The Buddha said, "Now where is it?" 1:185

Ananda said, "Since the mind which knows and understands does not perceive what is inside but can see outside, upon reflection I believe it is concealed in the organ of vision. 1:185

"For example, when someone places crystal bowls over his eyes, the bowls cover his eyes but do not obstruct his vision. The organ of vision is thus able to see, and discriminations are made accordingly. 1:186

"And so my mind which knows, understands, and is aware does not see within because it resides in the organ. It can gaze outside clearly, without obstruction for the same reason: it is concealed in the organ." 1:187

The Buddha said to Ananda, "Assuming that it is concealed in the organ, as you assert in your analogy of the crystals: if someone were to cover his eyes with the crystals and look at the mountains and rivers, would he see the crystals as well?" 1:188

"Yes, World Honored One, if a person were to cover his eyes with the crystals, he would in fact see the crystals." 1:188

The Buddha said to Ananda, "If your mind is analogous to the eyes

covered with crystals, then when you see the mountains and rivers, why don't you see your eyes? 1:189

"If you could see your eyes, your eyes would be part of the external environment. If you cannot see them, why did you say that the mind which understands, knows, and is aware is concealed in the organ of vision as eyes are covered by crystals? 1:189

"Therefore you should know that you state the impossible when you say that the mind which knows, understands, and is aware is concealed in the organ of vision in the way that the eyes are covered by crystals." 1:190

**Earth Store Bodhisattva** - *"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)*

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*"There are eighteen great hells and five hundred secondary ones, their names all different. In addition, there are another hundred thousand with distinct names . . ."*

*Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva, Chapter 3, Page 114, Paragraph 3, Buddhism, Pure*

*"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)*

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*"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)*

"Why the name "Earth Store"? Earth nurtures the growth of all things, and "Store" refers to treasure troves – all the treasure troves are in the ground. "Store" can also mean "to keep hidden", i.e., "to keep from view." All the treasure troves are hidden from view underground. The earth can grow the myriad things; it can also keep the myriad things hidden – buried underground.

Like the great earth, this Bodhisattva is able to make the myriad things grow. Like the great earth, he has endless, boundless treasure troves in the ground for people to uncover. Those who believe in this Bodhisattva are entitled to the treasures within."

"What were the vows he made? He vowed:

Until the hells are empty I vow to forgo Buddhahood;  
When beings are saved will I then certify to Bodhi." [yet] empty, he will hold off on becoming a Buddha; only when the hells are completely empty will he become a Buddha. Now, think about that. How great is that vow-power?"

**Vimalakirti** - *"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)*

Friends, this body is so impermanent, fragile, unworthy of confidence, and feeble. It is so insubstantial, perishable, short-lived, painful, filled with diseases, and subject to changes. Thus, my friends, as this body is only a vessel of many sicknesses, wise men do not rely on it. This body is like a ball of foam, unable to bear any pressure. It is like a water bubble, not remaining very long. It is like a mirage, born from the appetites of the passions. It is like the trunk of the plantain tree, having no core. Alas! This body is like a machine, a nexus of bones and tendons. It is like a magical illusion, consisting of falsifications. It is like a dream, being an unreal vision. It is like a reflection, being the image of former actions. It is like an echo, being dependent on conditioning. It is like a cloud, being characterized by turbulence and dissolution. It is like a flash of lightning, being unstable, and decaying every moment. The body is ownerless, being the product of a variety of conditions.

Therefore, you should be revulsed by such a body. You should despair of it and should arouse your admiration for the body of the Tathagata. Friends, the body of a Tathagata is the body of Dharma, born of gnosis. The body of a Tathagata is born of the stores of merit and wisdom. It is born of morality, of meditation, of wisdom, of the liberations, and of the knowledge and vision of liberation. It is born of love, compassion, joy, and impartiality. It is born of charity, discipline, and self-control. It is born of the path of ten virtues. It is born of patience and gentleness. It is born of the roots of virtue planted by solid efforts. It is born of the concentrations, the liberations, the meditations, and the absorptions. It is born of learning, wisdom, and liberative technique. It is born of the thirty-seven aids to enlightenment. It is born of mental quiescence and transcendental analysis. It is born of the ten powers, the four fearlessnesses, and the eighteen special qualities. It is born of all the transcendences. It is born from sciences and superknowledges. It is born of the abandonment of all evil qualities, and of the collection of all good qualities. It is born of truth. It is born of reality. It is born of conscious awareness. Friends, the body of a Tathagata is born of innumerable good works. Toward such a body you should turn your aspirations, and, in order to eliminate the sicknesses of the passions of all living beings, you should conceive the spirit of unexcelled, perfect enlightenment.

**Maitreya** - *"The creation, preservation, and dissolution of the universe are all divine play. In the universe, the Self, who is the Self of all beings, appears as many. Before creation, and in dissolution, the world exists as one absolute existence, which is God. Then there is neither the seer nor the seen, neither subject nor object. There exists only consciousness itself. In that consciousness, which is the absolute God, is the power which divides itself into the seer and the seen, the cause and the effect. This power is called Maya."*

*Srimad Bhagavatam, Book Third, Chapter 1, Page 32, Paragraph 1, (Hinduism, Translation: Swami Prabhavananda, Words of Maitreya)*

**"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)*

**"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)*

- "Hold the thoughts, know the thoughts and you realize the thoughts have slowed showing breaks and gaps, be the witness to them and you shall be meditating" ...
- "Have you seen anybody dancing? ...
- "The moment you are there You know but the moment cannot be explained for it is beyond language and expression.

**Milarepa** - "*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)*

- "I need nothing. ...
- "My religion is to live - and die - without regret." ...
- "However beautiful a song may be, ...
- "If ye realize the Emptiness of All Things, Compassion will raise within your heart; ...

**Cha'n School of Meditation - Chan Buddhism** is a major Chinese **Buddhist** sect attributed to Bodhidharma that emphasizes attaining Buddhahood, the supreme **Buddhist** religious goal, through enlightenment of one's own mind, which subsequently spreaded to Japan and named as Zen.

**Chan Buddhism** is the predecessor and Chinese ancestor of Japanese **Zen Buddhism**. They are both branches of Mahayana **Buddhism** and attribute their lineage founder to be Bodhidharma. They differ culturally as one was cultivated in Chinese culture with a heavy influence of Taoism and the other in Japanese culture.

“Followers of the Way, do not acknowledge this dreamlike illusory world, for sooner or later death will come. Just what is it that you are seeking in this world that you think will give you emancipation? Go out into the world and, seeking only the barest minimum of food, make do with it; spend your time in the shabbiest garments and go to visit a good teacher. Do not heedlessly seek after pleasure. Time is precious and things change with each moment. In their grosser aspects they are subject to the four elements, earth, water, fire, and wind; in their more detailed aspects they are subject to the incessant oppression of the four states, birth, existence change, and death. Followers of the Way, come to know the states of the four kinds of non-form and keep yourselves from being swayed by environment." Someone asked, "What are the states of the four kinds of non-form?" The Master said, "With a single instant of doubt in your mind, the element earth comes and impedes you; with a single instant of love in your mind, water comes and drowns you; with a single instant of anger in your mind, fire comes and burns you; with a single instant of joy in your mind, wind comes and shakes you. If you understand this well, you will not be swayed by the things around you, and everywhere you will be able to take advantage of your environment. You may rise in the east and set in the west, rise in the south and set in the north rise in the center and set on the borders, rise on the borders and set in the center [an allusion to the six different kinds of shakings of the universe when the Buddha entered into the *samādhi* of "joyful wandering"]. You may walk on water as if it were land and walk on land as if it were water. Why is this so? It is because you have realized that the four elements are nothing but a dream and an illusion.

**Hui-Neng School of Meditation -**

- "Truth has nothing to do with words. ...

- “Look within! ...
- “When our mind works freely without any hindrance, and is at liberty to 'come' or to 'go', we attain Samadhi of Prajna, or liberation. ...
- “The Master said, “Fa-ta, when your mind practices, it reads the Lotus. ...
- “Just be true, and there are no barriers.”

### Pure Land School -

Ratnākara, you should understand that an upright mind is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When the bodhisattva attains Buddhahood, then beings who are free of flattery will be born in his country. A deeply searching mind is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who are endowed with blessings will be born in his country.

A mind that aspires to bodhi or enlightenment is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings dedicated to the Great Vehicle will be born in his country.

Almsgiving is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who are capable of casting away everything will be born in his country.

Keeping of the precepts is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who fulfill their vow to carry out the ten good actions will be born in his country.

Forbearance is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who are adorned with the thirty-two features will be born in his country.

Assiduousness is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who strive diligently to acquire all manner of blessings will be born in his country.

Meditation is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who can regulate their minds and keep them from disorder will be born in his country.

Wisdom is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who are correct and certain in understanding will be born in his country.

A mind devoted to the four immeasurable qualities is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings perfect in the exercise of pity, compassion, joy, and indifference will be born in his country.

The four methods of winning people are the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who are regulated by the emancipations will be born in his country.

Expedient means are the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings who can employ all manner of expedient means with complete freedom will be born in his country.

The thirty-seven elements of the Way are the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings will be born in his country who are proficient in the four states of mindfulness, the four types of correct effort, the four bases of supernatural power, the five roots of goodness, the five powers, the seven factors of enlightenment, and the eightfold holy path.

A mind intent on transferring merit to others is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, he will acquire a country endowed with all manner of blessings.

Teaching others to avoid the eight difficulties is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, his country will be free of the three evils and the eight difficulties. Observing the precepts himself but not taxing others with their shortcomings is the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, no one in his country will be called a violator of



prohibitions.

The ten good actions are the pure land of the bodhisattva. When he attains Buddhahood, beings will be born in his country who suffer no untimely death, possess great wealth, are pure in action, sincere and truthful in word, ever mild in speech, never alienated from kin or associates, skillful in solving disputes, invariably speaking profitable words, never envious, never irate, and correct in understanding.

Therefore, Ratnākara, because the bodhisattva has an upright mind, he is impelled to action. Because he is impelled to action, he gains a deeply searching mind. Because he has a deeply searching mind, his will is well controlled. Because his will is well controlled, he acts in accord with the teachings. Because he acts in accord with the teachings, he can transfer merit to others. Because he transfers merit to others, he knows how to employ expedient means. Because he knows how to employ expedient means, he can lead others to enlightenment. Because he leads others to enlightenment, his Buddha land is pure. Because his Buddha land is pure, his preaching of the Law is pure. Because his preaching of the Law is pure, his wisdom is pure. Because his wisdom is pure, his mind is pure. And because his mind is pure, all the blessings he enjoys will be pure.

Therefore, Ratnākara, if the bodhisattva wishes to acquire a pure land, he must purify his mind. **When the mind is pure, the Buddha land will be pure.**

- Gautama Buddha to Ratnākara, on the practices carried out by bodhisattvas in purifying the lands. *Vimalakirti Sutra*, Chapter I, as translated by Burton Watson, *Columbia University Press*, 2000, ISBN: 0231106572.

From *Approaching the Land of Bliss*:

- For those who wish to become buddhas swiftly, it is necessary to pray for rebirth in a pure buddha-field. There are differing fields beyond number, and it has been declared that they are difficult to delimit in speech. Among them, in order to be born in the other superior fields excepting Sukhavati, you must attain at least the eight bhumi, having entirely cut off the two obscurations. Even to be born in the middling fields, you must entirely cut off even the most subtle aspects of the obscuration of the afflictions and attain at least the first moment on the path of contemplative cultivation. And for even the least of the fields, you must cut off attachment to self from the roots, and attain the path of seeing, that is, selflessness, the real truth. Until you've attained the path of seeing, though you pray for re-birth in a buddha-field, you'll not achieve it. But even without attaining the path of seeing, should you strive at prayer, while not engaging even in the most subtle disciplinary faults with respect to your commitments and moral training, and purifying sins and gathering the profits of virtue, you may just be born in some of the trifling fields such as Tusita, and even that will be difficult. Because in those fields there is no room for the births of common, ordinary persons (prthagjana), who wallow in the afflictions, from now on you must pray at length! Therefore, it would seem that afflicted, common persons will not be born in the field of a buddha. Nevertheless, through the power of Buddha Amitabha's prayers, birth in the Sukhavati field has been vouchsafed by lord Amitabha himself, for which reason you must by all means strive at prayer for rebirth in Sukhavati! Without doubt, suspicion, laziness, or irresolution, and by means of certainty and with ardent exertion you must pray, while recollecting the array of the Sukhavati field and its qualities. Because even common, ordinary persons, who are burdened with the afflictions, may be born in Sukhavati, it is exceptional. And

having been born there, all of your wishes will be realized just as soon as you conceive them, and you will not be tainted by the merest obscuration of affliction. Moreover, because you are permitted to journey to whichever among the buddha-fields you wish, it is exceptional; and it is exceptional because buddhahood is swifter than in the other fields. Because there is nowhere another field that is closer to being attained than Sukhavati, which is endowed with the aforementioned and other qualities beyond all conception, it is exceeding important that you strive in prayer for birth in Sukhavati.

**Tibetan Buddhism** – *"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)*

*"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)*

*"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)*

*"By quitting one's own country and dwelling in foreign lands one should acquire practical knowledge of non-attachment."*

*A Buddhist Bible, The Supreme Path, No. VII, No. 2, (Buddhism, Tibetan)*

*"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)*

"As a man is taught, so he believes. Thoughts being things, they may be planted like seeds in the mind of the child and completely dominate his mental content. Given the favourable soil of the will to believe, whether the seed-thoughts be sound or unsound, whether they be of pure superstition or of realizable truth, they take root and flourish, and make the man what he is mentally."

— **W Y Evans-Wentz**

"Primordial wisdom [Skt. jñāna; Tib. རེ་ཤེས་, yeshé; Wyl. ye shes] has many names, but in truth it refers simply to the inseparability of the ground and fruit, the one and only essence-drop [thig le nyag gcig] of the dharmakaya. If it is assessed from the standpoint of its utterly pure nature, it is the actual dharmakaya, primordial Buddhahood. For, from its own side, it is free from every obscuration. We must understand that we are Buddha from the very beginning. Without this understanding, we will fail to recognize the spontaneously present mandala of the ground, and we will be obliged to assert, in accordance with the vehicle of the paramitas, that Buddhahood has a cause. We will fail to recognize the authentic view of the Secret Mantra."

— **Jamgön Mipham, White Lotus: An Explanation of the Seven-line Prayer to Guru Padmasambhava**

“It is always beneficial to be near a spiritual teacher. These masters are like gardens or medicinal plants, sanctuaries of wisdom. In the presence of a realized master, you will rapidly attain enlightenment. In the presence of an erudite scholar, you will acquire great knowledge. In the presence of a great meditator, spiritual experience will dawn in your mind. In the presence of a bodhisattva, your compassion will expand, just as an ordinary log placed next to a log of sandalwood becomes saturated, little by little, with its fragrance.”

— Dilgo Khyentse, **The Hundred Verses of Advice: Tibetan Buddhist Teachings on What Matters Most**

“The initial function of spirituality emerged from questioning the human condition and also from deep experiences of wonder. The word religion itself, initially meaning to “reconnect,” seems to have come from direct experiences of something larger than just a set of fixed ideas. It marked a return to something essential that we just failed to recognize in the myopia of our everyday lives. How curious that we turn experiences of awe into dogmas and stagnant ideas. That we have come to associate faith with fundamentalism, blindness, and even terrorism gives us something important to look at.”

— Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, **The Logic of Faith: A Buddhist Approach to Finding Certainty Beyond Belief and Doubt**

“The external teacher figure in Tibetan Buddhism is considered more of a friend than a mentor. Your esoteric teacher, by contrast, is one you imagine and visualize to be indivisible from the Buddha himself, someone who is a living exemplar of enlightenment. You use your mental power of imagination to propel you toward the enlightened state, to mobilize you to become like your teacher. This altered focus makes the teaching more accessible and immediate. It gives you a personal guide from the outset, a companion on the path but one who is always ahead of you, motivating you. The mentor figure empowers you, not just to play at self-transformation but actually to realize the teaching, to experience the higher goal state. Thus, „mentor devotion“ is a practice of acknowledging or worshiping the Buddha in a model figure of your choice. (p. 9)”

— Robert A.F. Thurman, **The Jewel Tree of Tibet: The Enlightenment Engine of Tibetan Buddhism**

*The Dalai Lama - The goal is not to be better than the other man, but your previous self.*

*Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.*

*We need to learn to want what we have, not to have what we want, in order to get stable and steady happiness.*

*It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others.*

*Compassion is the radicalism of our time.*

*To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in a battle.*

*People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.*

*If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.*

*My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.*

*Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay.*

*It is very rare or almost impossible that an event can be negative from all points of view.*

*If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.*

*Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.*

*Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent.*

*The world doesn't belong to leaders. The world belongs to all humanity.*

**Tantric Buddhism -**

*"Tantra is a complete science of self-realization, based on the cumulative wisdom of centuries of exploration into the meaning of life and consciousness." ~ Osho*

“Tantra is about truly loving and embracing all of life, and through this love remembering our essence, the divine. Tantra is a life path. How we make love is how we create the life we lead and vice versa.” ~ Osho

“Lovers have known sometimes what saints have not known.” ~  
Rajneesh

“The body can become a vehicle to that which is beyond body, and sex energy can become a spiritual force.” ~ Osho

“Tantra is primarily about uniting love, spirituality and sexuality with awareness.” ~ Osho

“Love is overflowing joy. Love is when you have seen who you are; then there is nothing left except to share your being with others. Love is when you have seen that you are not separate from existence. Love is when you have felt an organic, orgasmic unity with all that is. Love is not a relationship. Love is a state of being; it has nothing to do with anybody else. One is not in love, one is love. And of course one is love, one is in love – but that is an outcome, a by-product, that is not the source. The source is that one is love.” ~ Osho

“The word ‘tantra’ means techniques, the method, the path. Tantra is a set of powerful, transformative tools that can be used to bring new meaning and joy to every aspect of our daily lives. It is not concerned with the “why” of things, It is concerned with “how”, not with what is truth, but how the truth can be attained. Tantra is an experience. Only a daringness to experiment is enough; courage to experiment is enough.”

### Zen Buddhism -

*"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)*

- 1) The temptation to give up is strongest just before victory.
- 2) The goal in life is to die young, but to do as late as possible.
- 3) Don't speak if it doesn't improve on silence.
- 4) A thousand-mile journey begins with just one step.
- 5) A strong man overcomes an obstacle, a wise man goes the whole way.
- 6) Don't be afraid to go slowly. Be afraid of stopping.
- 7) Even the happiness of a fool is a stupid kind of happiness.
- 8) Even if you stumble and fall down, it doesn't mean you've chosen the wrong path.
- 9) A hut full of laughter is richer than a palace full of sadness.
- 10) Always look on the bright side of things. If you can't comprehend this, polish that which has become dull until it begins to shine.
- 11) Whatever happens always happens on time.
- 12) Someone who points out your flaws to you is not necessarily your enemy. Someone who speaks of your virtues is not necessarily your friend.
- 13) Don't be afraid that you do not know something. Be afraid of not learning about it.
- 14) A good teacher opens the door for you, but you must enter the room by yourself.

**Zen Master Dogen -**

*"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)*

***"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)*

*A flower falls, even though we love it; and a weed grows, even though we do not love it.  
When we discover that the truth is already in us, we are all at once our original selves.  
Working with plants, trees, fences and walls, if they practice sincerely they will attain enlightenment.*

**Taoism – *"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)*

***"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 a target is set, arrows are shot at it, when a woods is luxuriant, axes are taken to it. It is not that they beckon it, but it happens as the result of the situation."***

*Wen-Tzu, No. 94, Page 86, Paragraph 5, (Buddhism, Taoism, Words of Lao Tsu)*

***"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)*

**Confucianism – *"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)*

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

- *"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."*
- *"They must often change who would be constant in happiness or wisdom."*
- *"What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others."*
- *"In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of."*

**Mencius** - *Friendship is one mind in two bodies.*

*Sincerity is the way of Heaven.*

*The great man is he who does not lose his child's-heart.*

**Jesus Christ** - "Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike."

**Jesus Christ, Matthew 5:43-47**

*"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)*

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

**Mary** - The only words attributed to the Blessed Mother besides the Magnificat DURING HER LIFE.

The Epistle of Ignatius to the Virgin Mary  
Her friend Ignatius to the Christ Bearing Mary

Thou oughtest to have comforted and consoled me who am a neophyte, and a disciple of thy beloved John. For I have heard things wonderful to tell respecting thy son Jesus, and I am astonished by such a report. But I desire with my whole heart to obtain information concerning the things which I have heard from thee who wast always intimate and allied with Him, and who wast acquainted with all His secrets. I have also written to thee at another time, and have asked thee concerning the same things. Fare thou well; and let the neophytes who are with me be comforted of thee, and by thee, and in thee. Amen.

REPLY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN TO THIS LETTER.

The lowly handmaid of Christ Jesus to Ignatius, her beloved fellow-disciple.

"The things which thou hast heard and learned from John concerning Jesus are true. Believe them, cling to them, and hold fast the profession of that Christianity which thou hast embraced, and conform thy habits and life to thy profession. Now I will come in company with John to visit thee, and those that are with thee. Stand fast in the faith, and show thyself a man; nor let the



fierceness of persecution move thee, but let thy spirit be strong and rejoice in God thy Saviour.  
Amen.”

## The Magnificat

### “Modern

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for He has looked with favor on His humble servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed,  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of His servant Israel  
for He has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise He made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen, Alleluia. <sup>[8]</sup>

## St. John the Baptist -

- Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near. **John the Baptist.** ...
- Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **John the Baptist.**  
...
- He must increase, but I must decrease. **John the Baptist.** ...
- Anyone with two tunics should share with him who has none. **John the Baptist.**

## St. Peter -

“Man's salvation and perfection consists of doing the will of God which he must have in view in all things, and at every moment of his life.” ...

- “Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing,” ...
- “Our Lord said.

**St. Paul -**

- “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” ...
- “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” ...
- “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.”

**St. Francis of Assisi -**

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

**St. Clare of Assisi -**

- “Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love.” ...
- “We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. ...
- “Love that cannot suffer is not worthy of that name.” ...
- “Totally love Him who gave Himself totally out of love for you.” ...
- “Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal.

**St. Catherine of Siena -**

- “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” ...

- “Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear.” ...
- “Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.” ...
- “All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, "I am the way." ...
- “If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!”

### **St. Teresa of Avila -**

*To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.  
There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.  
Be gentle to all and stern with yourself.*

***"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)*

***"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)*

***"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)*

### **St. John of the Cross -**

***"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)*

***"Now, my God, You can easily look upon and bear high esteem for the soul You behold, for by Your look You present her with valuables and jewels and then esteem her and are captivated."***

*The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross, The Spiritual Canticle, Page 540, Stanza 33, No. 9*

### **St. John of the Cross's Drawing of his Vision of Christ Crucified -**

**Venerable Mary of Agreda -** “Doubt serves as a stimulus to the understanding for the investigation of truth.” “He hath showed might in his arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.”

**Ven. Ann Catherine Emmerich** - "The reason why Mary became His Mother and why He did not come sooner was that she alone, and no creature before her or after her, was the pure Vessel of Grace, promised by God to mankind as the Mother of the Incarnate Word, by the merits of whose Passion mankind was to be redeemed from its guilt. The Blessed Virgin was the one and only pure blossom of the human race, flowering in the fullness of time. All the children of God from the beginning of time who have striven after salvation contributed to her coming. She was the only pure gold of the whole earth. She alone was the pure immaculate flesh and blood of the whole human race, prepared and purified and ordained and consecrated through all the generations of her ancestors, guided, guarded, and fortified by the Law until she came forth as the fullness of Grace. She was pre-ordained in eternity and passed through time as the Mother of the Eternal."

— **Anne Catherine Emmerich, The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Emanuel Swedenborg** - *Love in its essence is spiritual fire.*

*Love consists in desiring to give what is our own to another and feeling his delight as our own.*

*The Divine of the Lord in heaven is love, for the reason that love is receptive of all things of heaven, such as peace, intelligence, wisdom and happiness.*

**Hildegard Von Bingen** -

- "She is so bright and glorious that you cannot look at her face or her garments for the splendor with which she shines. ...
- "The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. ...
- "Like billowing clouds,

**St. Alphonsus Liguori** -

*Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.*

*God is displeased at the diffidence of souls who love Him sincerely and whom He Himself loves. But You never reject a repentant and humble heart.*

**St. Thomas Aquinas** -

*To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.*

*The things that we love tell us what we are.*

*Beware of the person of one book.*

**St. Therese of Lisieux** -

- "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily. ...
- "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

**St. Padre Pio** -

1. Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart.
2. Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God.
3. Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.
4. Endeavor to unite the simplicity of children with the prudence of adults.
5. Do not be so given to the activity of Martha as to forget the silence of Mary. May the Virgin who so well reconciled the one with the other be your sweet model and inspiration.
6. It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass.
7. A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
8. How can the mother of Jesus, present at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, who offered her Son as Victim for the salvation of souls, be absent at the mystical Calvary of the altar?

**Mother Teresa -**

*There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.  
Peace begins with a smile..  
If you judge people, you have no time to love them.*

**St. Paul the Hermit -**

"All the science of the Saints is included in these two things: To do, and to suffer.

**St. Porphyry -**

The utility of a science which enables men to take cognizance of the travellers on the mind's highway, and excludes those disorderly interlopers, verbal fallacies, needs but small

**attestation.** Its searching penetration by definition alone, before which even mathematical precision fails, would especially commend it to those whom the abstruseness of the study does not terrify, and who recognise the valuable results which must attend discipline of mind. Like a medicine, though not a panacea for every ill, it has the health of the mind for its aim, but requires the determination of a powerful will to imbibe its nauseating yet wholesome influence: it is no wonder therefore that puny intellects, like weak stomachs, abhor and reject it.

**St. Henry Suso -**

- “If you strive to do your best in all things, people will take it as being the worst thing possible from you. ...
- “By ignorance the truth is known.” ...
- “One should not judge pleasure according to the senses.

**St. Francis Cabrini -**

- “We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success . . . but on Jesus alone.” ...
- “I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him.”

**St. Demetrius, Warrior-Saint -**

“O God of Demetrius help me!” Said by Saint Nestor, fellow martyr of Saint Demetrius.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr -**

- “No one in the world can change Truth. ...
- “25. ...
- “every fall, even if it be very grave and repeated, serves us always and only as a little step towards a higher perfection.” ...
- “The Immaculate will conquer, through us, the whole world and every single soul.”

**St. Dominic -**

- A man who governs his passions is master of his world. ...
- We must sow the seed, not hoard it. ...
- One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world. ...
- Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.

**St. Veronica -**

**St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars, Patron Saint of Parish Priests -**

- 1 - There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. ...
- 2 - Do not try to please everybody. ...
- 3 - We put pride into everything like salt. ...
- 5 - Humility is like a pair of scales: the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. ...
- 6 - The virtue of obedience makes the will supple...

**St. Cajetan, Founder of the Theatines** - Cajetan had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His piety was rewarded one Christmas eve when she appeared to him and placed the Infant Jesus in his arms. When Saint Cajetan was on his death-bed, resigned to the will of God, she appeared to him again, this time surrounded by ministering angels. He said, "Lady, bless me!" Mary replied, "Cajetan, receive the blessing of my Son, and know that I am here as a reward for the sincerity of your love, and to lead you to Paradise." She then told him to have patience with the illness that had attacked him, and gave orders to the choirs of angels to escort his soul to heaven. "Cajetan," she said, "my Son calls you. Let us go in peace." And so, he did.

**St. Rita** - "Let me, my Jesus, share in your suffering, at least one of your thorns."

**St. Patrick** -

- "Christ with me, ...
- "Christ be with me, Christ within me, ...
- "Be still and know that I am God. ...
- "I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life for my God."

**St. Climacus who Climbed a Ladder to Heaven** -

- "The offspring of virtue is perseverance. ...
- "When the soul betrays itself and loses the blessed and longed-for fervor, let it carefully investigate the reason for losing it.

**Short Bull Lakota Holy Man** - Short Bull was one of the delegates chosen by the Lakota to visit Wovoka (named Jack Wilson in English), a Northern Paiute, during the solar eclipse on January 1, 1889. He claimed that, in his dream, he was taken into the spirit world and saw all Native Americans being taken up into the sky and the Earth opening up to swallow all Whites and to revert back to its natural state. The Native Americans, along with their ancestors, were put back upon the earth to live in peace. He also

claimed that he was shown that, by dancing the round-dance continuously, the dream would become a reality and the participants would enjoy the new Earth.

His teachings followed a previous Paiute tradition predicting a Paiute renaissance. Varying somewhat, it contained much Christian doctrine. He also told them to remain peaceful and keep the reason for the dance secret from the Whites. Wovoka's message spread quickly to other Native American peoples and soon many of them were fully dedicated to the movement. Representatives from tribes all over the nation came to [Nevada](#) to meet with Wovoka and learn to dance the Ghost Dance and to sing Ghost Dance songs.

### **White Buffalo Calf Woman -**

The legend of the White Buffalo Calf Woman tells how the People had lost the ability to communicate with the Creator. The Creator sent the sacred White Buffalo Calf Woman to teach the People how to pray with the Pipe. With that Pipe, seven sacred ceremonies were given for the people to abide in order to ensure a future with harmony, peace, and balance.

Legend says that long ago, two young men were out hunting when from out of nowhere came a beautiful maiden dressed in white buckskin. One of the hunters looked upon her and recognizing her as a wakan, or sacred being lowered his eyes. The second hunter approached her with lust in his eyes desiring her for his woman. White Buffalo Calf Woman beckoned the lustful warrior to her, and as he approached a cloud of dust arose around them causing them to be hidden from view. When the dust settled, nothing but a pile of bones lay next to her.

As she walked toward the respectful young hunter, she explained to him that she had merely fulfilled the other man's desire, allowing him, within that brief moment, to live a lifetime, die and decay. White Buffalo Calf Woman instructed the young man to go back to the People and tell them to prepare for her arrival to teach them of the way to pray. The young hunter obeyed.

When White Buffalo Calf woman arrived with the sacred bundle (the prayer pipe) she taught the People of the seven sacred ways to pray. These prayers are through ceremonies that include the Sweat Lodge for purification; the Naming Ceremony for child naming; the Healing Ceremony to restore health to the body, mind and spirit; the adoption ceremony for making of relatives; the marriage ceremony for uniting male and female; the Vision Quest for communing with the Creator for direction and answers to one's life; and the Sundance Ceremony to pray for the well-being of all the People.



When the teaching of the sacred ways was complete, White Buffalo Calf Woman told the people she would again return for the sacred bundle that she left with them. Before leaving, she told them that within her were the four ages and that she would look back upon the People in each age, returning at the end of the fourth age, to restore harmony and spirituality to a troubled land. She walked a short distance, she looked back towards the people and sat down. When she arose they were amazed to see she had become a black buffalo. Walking a little further, the buffalo laid down, this time arising as a yellow buffalo. The third time the buffalo walked a little further and this time arose as a red buffalo. Walking a little further it rolled on the ground and rose one last time as a white buffalo calf signaling the fulfillment of the White Buffalo Calf prophecy.

The changing of the four colors of the White Buffalo Calf Woman represents the four colors of man—white, yellow, red and black. These colors also represent the four directions, north, east, south, and west. The sacred bundle that was left to the Lakota people is still with the People in a sacred place on the Cheyenne River [Indian](#) reservation in South Dakota. It is kept by a man known as the Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe, Arvol Looking Horse.  
The legend of the White Buffalo Calf Wom

### **Wovoka Paiute Prophet - Prophet of the Ghost Dance -**

- When the sun died, I went up to heaven and saw God and all the people who had died a long time ago. ...
- You ask me to plow the ground. ...
- All Indians must dance, everywhere keep on dancing. ...
- Grandfather says that when your friends die you must not cry. ...
- I want my people to stay with me here. ...
- Do right always.

### **Baldwin Twins, Keeper of the Sacred Arrows of the Cheyenne -**

**Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.**

### **Tenkwatawa -**

My name is **Tenkwatawa** (He-Who-Opens-The-Door). I have been shown how to open the door that has shut us out from happiness. I died and went to the World Above, and saw it. I had done every sin against my people and myself.

**A-Mah-Ah, Kiowa Tai-May Keeper from 1894 - 1939 the Power Symbol for the Sun Dance** - "Thank you, God, for your help... I cried out in desperation and you have helped me" (Hofstra, 1992, 55).

**Swimmer, Cherokee Priest** - His Cherokee name, Ayunini, meant "he is swimming" or "he is a swimmer." Trained by the masters of his tribe to be a priest, a doctor, and the keeper of tradition.

#### THE SWIMMER MANUSCRIPT.

Some time afterward an acquaintance was formed with a man named A'yûn'inî or "Swimmer," who proved to be so intelligent that I spent several days with him, procuring information in regard to myths and old customs. He told a number of stories in very good style, and finally related the Origin of the Bear<sup>1</sup>. The bears were formerly a part of the Cherokee tribe who decided to leave their kindred and go into the forest. Their friends followed them and endeavored to induce them to return, but the Ani-Tsâ'kahî, as they were called, were determined to go. Just before parting from their relatives at the edge of the forest, they turned to them and said, "It is better for you that we should go; but we will teach you songs, and some day when you are in want of food come out to the woods and sing these songs and we shall appear and give you meat." Their <sup>[pg 311]</sup>friends, after learning several songs from them, started back to their homes, and after proceeding a short distance, turned around to take one last look, but saw only a number of bears disappearing in the depths of the forest. The songs which they learned are still sung by the hunter to attract the bears.

When Swimmer had finished the story he was asked if he knew these songs. He replied that he did, but on being requested to sing one he made some excuse and was silent. After some further efforts the interpreter said it would be useless to press the matter then as there were several other Indians present, but that to-morrow we should have him alone with us and could then make another attempt.

The next day Swimmer was told that if he persisted in his refusal it would be necessary to employ some one else, as it was unfair in him to furnish incomplete information when he was paid to tell all he knew. He replied that he was willing to tell anything in regard to stories and customs, but that these songs were a part of his secret knowledge and commanded a high price from

the hunters, who sometimes paid as much as \$5 for a single song, "because you can't kill any bears or deer unless you sing them."

He was told that the only object in asking about the songs was to put them on record and preserve them, so that when he and the half dozen old men of the tribe were dead the world might be aware how much the Cherokees had known. This appeal to his professional pride proved effectual, and when he was told that a great many similar songs had been sent to Washington by medicine men of other tribes, he promptly declared that he knew as much as any of them, and that he would give all the information in his possession, so that others might be able to judge for themselves who knew most. The only conditions he made were that these secret matters should be heard by no one else but the interpreter, and should not be discussed when other Indians were present.

As soon as the other shamans learned what was going on they endeavored by various means to persuade him to stop talking, or failing in this, to damage his reputation by throwing out hints as to his honesty or accuracy of statement. Among other objections which they advanced was one which, however incomprehensible to a white man, was perfectly intelligible to an Indian, viz: That when he had told everything this information would be taken to Washington and locked up there, and thus they would be deprived of the knowledge. This objection was one of the most difficult to overcome, as there was no line of argument with which to oppose it.

These reports worried Swimmer, who was extremely sensitive in regard to his reputation, and he became restive under the insinuations of his rivals. Finally on coming to work one day he produced a book from under his ragged coat as he entered the house, and said proudly: "Look at that and now see if I don't know something." It <sup>[pg 312]</sup>was a small day-book of about 240 pages, procured originally from a white man, and was about half filled with writing in the Cherokee characters. A brief examination disclosed the fact that it contained just those matters that had proved so difficult to procure. Here were prayers, songs, and prescriptions for the cure of all kinds of diseases – for chills, rheumatism, frostbites, wounds, bad dreams, and witchery; love charms, to gain the affections of a woman or to cause her to hate a detested rival; fishing charms, hunting charms – including the songs without which none could ever hope to kill any game; prayers to make the corn grow, to frighten away storms, and to drive off witches; prayers for long life, for safety among

strangers, for acquiring influence in council and success in the ball play. There were prayers to the Long Man, the Ancient White, the Great Whirlwind, the Yellow Rattlesnake, and to a hundred other gods of the Cherokee pantheon. It was in fact an Indian ritual and pharmacopœia.

After recovering in a measure from the astonishment produced by this discovery I inquired whether other shamans had such books. "Yes," said Swimmer, "we all have them." Here then was a clew to follow up. A bargain was made by which he was to have another blank book into which to copy the formulas, after which the original was bought. It is now deposited in the library of the Bureau of Ethnology. The remainder of the time until the return was occupied in getting an understanding of the contents of the book.

**Ruby Modesto, Deser Cahuilla Medicine Woman -**

"Grandfather Francisco taught me how to pray to Umna'ah, our Creator. He told me to go alone into the mountains, to find a quiet beautiful place and to pray. He said I should talk out everything, say whatever I felt or needed, and then listen for an answer.

"That's the secret: to listen. You have to say everything that's in your mind, cry until you're empty. Then listen. He will speak to you."

**Julie Plenty Wolf, Lakota Sioux Medicine Woman, Sun Dance -**

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand. - Tribe Unknown.

**Handsome Lake, Allegheny Seneca Prophet Preaching in Longhouse -**

"Brother our seats were once large and yours were small. You have now become a great people, and we have scarcely a place left to spread our blankets. You have got our country, but are not satisfied: You want to force your religion upon us.

"Brother...you say that you are sent to instruct us how to worship the Great Spirit agreeably to his mind, and, if we do not take hold of the religion which you white people teach, we shall be unhappy hereafter. You say that you are right and we are lost. How do we know this to be true? We understand that your religion is written in a book. If it was intended for us as well as you, why has not the Great Spirit given it to us...why did he not give to our forefathers, the knowledge of that book, with the means of

understanding it right?... How shall we know when to believe, being so often deceived by the white people?

"...You say there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit. If there is but one religion, why do you white people differ so much about it? Why [are] not all agreed, as you can all read the book?

"...We are told that your religion was given to your forefathers, and has been handed down from father to son. We also have a religion, which was given to our forefathers, and has been handed down to us their children to be thankful for all the favors we receive: To love each other, and to be united. We never quarrel about religion.

"...The Great Spirit has made us all, but he has made a great difference between his white and red children. He has given us different complexions and different customs...Since he has made so great a difference between us in other things, why may we not conclude that he has given us a different religion according to our understanding?...

"...We do not wish to destroy your religion, or take it from you. We only want to enjoy our own.

"...We are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. These people are our neighbors...We will wait a little while, and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again of what you have said."

### **Lakota Sioux Woman Ghost Dancer 'Fallen' into the Spirit World -**

They told the people they could dance a new world into being. There would be landslides, earthquakes, and big winds. Hills would pile up on each other. The earth would roll up like a carpet with all the white man's ugly things - the stinking new animals, sheep and pigs, the fences, the telegraph poles, the mines and factories. Underneath would be the wonderful old-new world as it had been before the white fat-takers came. ...The white men will be rolled up, disappear, go back to their own continent. (p. 228)

— [\*Lame Deer\*](#)

### **Mrs. Bad Warrior, Holder of the Lakota Sioux Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle -**

**From the current holder, Chief Arvol Looking Horse in 2016 -** Know that you yourself are essential to this world. Understand both the blessing and the burden of that. You

yourself are desperately needed to save the soul of this world. Did you think you were put here for something less? In a [Sacred Hoop of Life](#), there is no beginning and no ending.

### **Mountain Wolf Woman, Winnebago Peyota Medicine Woman - Sister of Crashing Thunder**

Mountain Wolf Woman, or Xéhachiwinga, was a Native American woman of the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) tribe. She was born in April 1884 into the Thunder Clan near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Her parents were Charles Blowsnake and Lucy Goodvillage. She was brought up in the traditional tribal religion; later, she converted to the Peyote religion (Native American Church) after her second marriage. Her life exemplifies a successful adaptation to the larger dominant society while maintaining a serene sense of her own identity as a Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Indian woman. Traditionally, brothers arranged their sisters' marriages, but she did not like the man her brothers chose and after the birth of her second child, she left him and later married a man of her own choosing.

**Puck Hyah, Nephew of Religious Leader Smohalla - All creation is capable of having a spirit, and is therefore deserving of respect.**

### **Pretty Shield -**

- Ahh, my heart fell down when I began to see dead buffalo scattered all over our **beautiful** country, killed and skinned, and left to rot by white men, many, many hundreds of buffalo. ... ..
- The Indian never hurts anything, but the white people destroy all ... ..
- A brave man is seldom unkind.

**Brave Eagle Woman, Lakota Sioux** - Shame on you, cowards to come here, five thousand of you, to slaughter a half-dozen white men. And you come here for what reason? You have been killing their cattle right along, day after day, and not one of them has said anything to you about the loss - and then when you shoot one of your own people, you come here to kill a white man for it ... You are not brave to come here to kill a half-dozen white men!

### **Black Elk, Oglala Sioux -**

*Sometimes dreams are wiser than waking.*

*There can never be peace between nations until there is first known that true peace which is within the souls of men.*

*I cured with the power that came through me.*

### **Chief Joseph, Nez Perce -**

*Hear me, my chiefs! I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever.*

*It does not require many words to speak the truth.*

*Let me be a free man - free to travel, free to stop, free to work.*

**African Priest Asheton Mary – “A People without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.” Marcus Garvey, African Priest**

**First Aboriginal Priest, Father Pat Dodson – ‘Leadership is an elusive concept, hard to describe and impossible to prescribe. It is more evident in its absence, so that when leadership is needed, it’s lack is sorely felt.**

**Mohammad -** *Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever has not kindness has not faith.*

*Four things support the world: the learning of the wise, the justice of the great, the prayers of the good, and the valor of the brave*

*None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.*

**Newborn Mohammad in his Mother’s Arms -**

**Mohammad Praying at the Kaaba -**

**Mohammad with the Angel -**

**Mohammad’s Head Engulfed in Sacred Fire -**

**Mohammad Receiving Visions -**

**Mohammad Preaching -**

**Mohammed Cleansing the Caaba of Idolatry -**

**Mohammad with the first Four Caliphs -**

**Muhammad ibn Musa al Kwar, Caliph -**

When I consider what people generally want in calculating, I found that it always is a number. I also observed that every number is composed of units, and that any number may be divided into units.

**Abu Al Rayham al Biruni, Caliph -**

Once a sage asked why scholars always flock to the doors of the rich, whilst the rich are not inclined to call at the doors of scholars. ‘The scholars’ he answered, ‘are well aware of the use of money, but the rich are ignorant of the nobility of science.’

**Mohammad’s Death -**

**Mohammad’s Heart Being Purified by an Angel -**

**Mohammaed Ascending to Heaven-**

**Mohammad Enthroned in Heaven with Angels in Attendance -  
Muslim Man Observes the Dhu al-Hiljah the Quzuf (Also known as the Standing) by  
Praying near the rocks of Jebel al-Rahma -**

It is Sunnah (traditional social and legal custom) to say takbir (Allāhu Akbar, God is Greater), tahmid (Alhamdulillah, Praise be to God), tahlil (lā 'ilāha 'illā -llāh, There is no deity but God), and tasbih (*Subhānallāh* ((Glorified is God, سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ) during the first ten days of **Dhul-Hijjah**. Muslims should say takbir loudly in the mosque, the home, the street and every place where it is permissible to remember Allah.

**Sufi Crossing the Water on a Prayer Mat -**

“You have no choice. You must leave your ego on the doorstep before you enter love.”  
— Kamand Kojouri

**Bahauddin, the Father of Rumi -**

**THE WAYS OF ESSENCE**

Now I will observe the nature of this being alive in the different ways we are. Essence can be known only in a living example. People are often dazzled by form because essence shines so in its qualities. Feelings of health and feelings of illness are not part of my meaning here. The green world, new friendships, discoveries, circumstances, the feel of water, our delight in the human body and its imaginings, these are areas where essence thrives. How we recognize anyone's presence, how people's lives register in the body, how soul goes to its guidance and agrees to the work it's given. Try to be more conscious of these living abilities, and be happy.”

— Bahauddin, **The Drowned Book: Ecstatic and Earthy Reflections of the Father of Rumi**

**Rumi -**

*Don't grieve. Anything you lose comes round in another form.*

*Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion.*

*Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there. When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about.*

**Shams Tabrizi, Rumi's Master -** It is never late to ask yourself “Am I ready to change my life, am I ready to change myself?”. However old we are, whatever we went through, it is always possible to reborn. If each day is a copy of the last one, what a pity! Every breath is a chance to reborn. But to reborn into a new life, you have to die before dying.



## Shams Tabrizi

**Shems-ed-deim, First Disciple of Rumi and Martyr** - The chemistry of mind is different from the chemistry of love. The mind is careful, suspicious, he advances little by little. He advises "Be careful, protect yourself" Whereas love says "Let yourself, go!" The mind is strong, never falls down, while love hurts itself, falls into ruins. But isn't it in ruins that we mostly find the treasures? A broken heart hides so many treasures.

## Shams Tabrizi

**Rumi with First Disciples** - *Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion.*  
*Rumi*

**A Sufi Master Shah Ni-matullahi Wali** - "By your love, ruined hearts are rebuilt and from from your sorrow, miserable souls are made happy." Who can ever become a professor of your love who was never a student of your sadness?"

**Ropa Bhawani Sufi Mystic Poet** - "There are times when sorry doesn't come out just because ego, in the name of self-respect has taken the place of love and affection."

## **Turkish Mevelevi Sufi Whirling Dervishes -**

"One sip of this wine  
and you will go mad with drunkenness.  
You will drop your masks  
and tear your clothes – destroying  
everything that separates you from the Lover.  
Once you taste the fruit of this vine,  
you will be kicked out of the city of yourself.  
You will forget the world. You will forget yourself.  
I tell you:  
you will become a madman  
who wanders the streets looking for the Lover  
once you drink this Wine of Love."  
— **Kamand Kojouri**

## **Baha'u'llah -**

"Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path." "Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face."

## **Abdul Baha, Son -**

- “Where there is love, nothing is too much trouble and there is always time.” ...
- “Love the creatures for the sake of God and not for themselves. ...
- “My heart is in a constant state of thanksgiving.”

## **Abdul Baha in Later Years -**

The divine Manifestations of God had a universal and all-inclusive conception. They endeavored for the sake of everyone’s life and engaged in the service of universal education. The area of their aims was not limited – nay, rather, it was wide and all-inclusive.

*(Selections from the Writings of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá)*

The divine religions were founded for the purpose of unifying humanity and establishing universal peace. Any movement which brings about peace and agreement in human society is truly a divine movement; any reform which causes people to come together under the shelter of the same tabernacle is surely animated by heavenly motives.

*(The Promulgation of Universal Peace)*

Now the new age is here and creation is reborn. Humanity hath taken on

## **Bahiyih Khanum, Daughter of Baha’u’llah -**

FROM this hallowed and snow-white Spot, this blessed, heavenly Garden, wherefrom the fragrance of God is diffused to all regions, I hail you with salutations, most tender, most wondrous, and most glorious, and impart to you the most joyful tiding. This tiding serves as the sweet-smelling savour of His raiment to them that long to behold His face, it represents the highest aspiration of His steadfast leaves, it is the animating impulse for the happiness of the world, it is the source of ineffable gladness to the people of Bahá, a remedy to the afflicted, and a refreshing draught for the thirsty. By the righteousness of God, O beloved friend, through this glad-tiding the ailing are cured and every mouldering bone is quickened. This most joyful tiding is the news of the good health and well-being of the blessed, the exalted, the holy person of `Abdu'l-Bahá, `He Whom God hath purposed!--may the life of all created things be offered up for His oneness.

**Abdul Baha’ with Son Shoghi Effendi -** The troubles of this world pass, and what we have left is what we have made of our souls.

**Shoghi Effendi, The Guardian When Older** – Let there be no mistake. The principle of the Oneness of Mankind – the pivot round which all the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh revolve – is no mere outburst of ignorant emotionalism or an expression of vague and pious hope. Its appeal is not to be merely identified with a reawakening of the spirit of brotherhood and good-will among men, nor does it aim solely at the fostering of harmonious coöperation among individual peoples and nations. Its implications are deeper, its claims greater than any which the Prophets of old were allowed to advance. Its message is applicable not only to the individual, but concerns itself primarily with the nature of those essential relationships that must bind all the states and nations as members of one human family. It does not constitute merely the enunciation of an ideal, but stands inseparably associated with an institution adequate to embody its truth, demonstrate its validity, and perpetuate its influence. It implies an organic change in the structure of present-day society, a change such as the world has not yet experienced... It represents the consummation of human evolution – an evolution that has had its earliest beginnings in the birth of family life, its subsequent development in the achievement of tribal solidarity, leading in turn to the constitution of the city-state, and expanding later into the institution of independent and sovereign nations.

*(“The Goal of a New World Order”, The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh)*

**Tahiri-Khadiji Bagum, Baha'I Martyr, Wife of the Bab – Words of the Bab Regarding her, his Wife** - “O well-beloved! Value highly the grace of the Great Remembrance, for it cometh from God, the Loved One. Thou shalt not be a woman, like other women, if thou obeys God in the Cause of Truth, the Greatest Truth. Know thou the great bounty conferred upon thee by the Ancient of Days, and take pride in being the consort of the Well-Beloved, Who is loved by God, the Greatest, Sufficient unto thee is this glory which cometh unto thee from God, the All-Wise, the All-Praised. Be patient in all that God hath ordained concerning the Báb and His Family. Verily, thy son is with Fatimih (Muhammad's daughter), in the sanctified paradise.