

17-Chaste & Pure

The threefold austerity [of body, speech, and mind] practiced with faith by men of balanced mind, without any expectation of reward, is said to be pure.

Hinduism, *Bhagavad Gita*, 17: 17

I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou
wilt shew thyself upright;
With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt
shew thyself froward.

Judaism, David, *Psalms (Tehilim)* 18: 23-26

The thoughts of wickedness are an abomination to the LORD; but words of pleasantness are pure.

Judaism, Solomon, *Mishlei (Proverbs)* 15: 26

If a person is awake, aware, mindful, pure, considerate, self-restrained, and lives according to duty, that person's glory will increase.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 24

By oneself is wrong done; by oneself one suffers; by oneself is wrong left undone; by oneself is one purified. Purity and impurity come from oneself; no one can purify another.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 119

The time is coming when everything will be revealed; all that is secret will be made public.

Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!

Christianity, Luke 12: 2-3

And all who believe this will keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

Christianity, John I 3: 3

For Allah loves those who turn to Him constantly and He loves those who keep themselves pure and clean.

Islam, Muhammad, Qur'án 2: 222

Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty: that will make for greater purity for them: And Allah is well acquainted with all that they do.

Islam, Muhammad, Qur'án 3: 30

O SON OF SPIRIT!

Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable, and everlasting.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Hidden Words, Arabic #1

First in a human being's way of life must be purity, then freshness, cleanliness, and independence of spirit. First must the stream bed be cleansed, then may the sweet river waters be led into it.

Chaste eyes enjoy the beatific vision of the Lord and know what this encounter meaneth; a pure sense inhalet the fragrances that blow from the rose gardens of His grace; a burnished heart will mirror forth the comely face of truth.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, p. 146