

18-Confidence

When a man, having freed his mind from sloth, distraction, and vacillation, becomes as it were delivered from his mind, that is the highest point.

Hinduism, *Maitri Upanishad* 6.34: 7

But to those blessed ones who worship Me,
Turning not [otherwise], with minds set fast,
I bring assurance of full bliss beyond.

Hinduism, *The Bhagavad-Gita* 9: 13

Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

Judaism, *Job* 4: 6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Judaism, *Psalms* 118: 8-9

Not only by discipline and vows, not only by much learning, not by entering into a trance, not by sleeping alone, do I earn the happiness of release which no worldling can know. Bhikshu, be not confident as long as thou hast not attained the extinction of desires.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 271

I do not say, 'This is the reality,' which fools say mutually to each other; they made their own views the truth, therefore they hold others to be fools.

What some say is the truth, the reality, that others say is void, false, so having disagreed they dispute.

Buddhism, *The Sutta Nipata* 12: 882-883

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised.

Christianity, *Hebrews* 10: 35-36

[A] doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Christianity, *James* 1: 6

When ye sought succour of your Lord, and he answered you, "I will verily aid you with a thousand angels, rank on rank:"

And God made this promise as pure good tidings, and to assure your hearts by it: for succour cometh from God alone! Verily God is Mighty, Wise.

Islam, *Qur'án* 8: 11-12

On no soul do We Place a burden greater Than it can bear: Before Us is a record Which clearly shows the truth: They will never be wronged.

But their hearts are In confused ignorance Of this; and there are, Besides that, deeds of theirs, Which they will (continue) To do...

Islam, *Qur'án* 23: 62-63

Arise in the name of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, amidst the peoples of the earth, and seize thou the Cup of Life with the hands of confidence, and first drink thou therefrom, and proffer it then to such as turn towards it amongst the peoples of all faiths...

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 83

Therefore, with supreme confidence and certitude, say: "O God! Make me a radiant light, a shining lamp, and a brilliant star, so that I may illumine the hearts with an effulgent ray from Thy Kingdom of Abhá..."

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Compilation of Compilations, Vol II, p. 361