

26-Hope and Faith

May the stars carry your sadness away, May the flowers fill your heart with beauty, May hope forever wipe away your tears, And, above all, may silence make you strong.

American Indigenous Religions,
Chief Dan George, Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Man in truth is made of faith. As his faith is in this life, so he becomes in the beyond; with faith and vision let him work.

Hinduism, *Chandogya Upanishad* 3: 14

A man of faith, absorbed in faith, his senses controlled, attains knowledge, and, knowledge attained, quickly finds supreme peace.

But the ignorant man, who is without faith, goes doubting to destruction. For the doubting self, there is neither this world, nor the next, nor joy.

Hinduism, *Bhagavad Gita* 4: 39-40

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 13: 12

The Holy Spirit rests on him only who has a joyous heart.

Judaism, *Jerusalem Talmud*, Sukkot 5: 1

A person of faith, who is virtuous, well-known, and successful, is respected wherever one may be.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 303

By faith you shall be free and go beyond the world of death.

Buddhism, *Sutta Nipata* 1146

Faith is the wealth here best for man—by faith the flood is crossed.

Buddhism, *Suttampata*, 182, 184

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

Christianity, *John* 15: 4

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

For by it the men of old received divine approval.

By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

Christianity, *Hebrews* 11: 1-3

Those that keep their plighted faith and act aright, verily Allah loves those who act aright.

Islam, *Qur'án* 3: 76

The true believers are those whose hearts are filled with awe at the mention of God, and whose faith grows stronger as they listen to His revelations. They put their trust in their Lord, pray steadfastly, and give in alms of that which We have given them. Such are the true believers. They shall be exalted and forgiven by their Lord, and a generous provision shall be made for them.

Islam, *Qur'án* 8: 2-4

Regard thou faith as a tree. Its fruits, leaves, boughs and branches are, and have ever been, trustworthiness, truthfulness, uprightness and forbearance.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Compilation of Compilations, Vol II, p. 327

Set all thy hope in God, and cleave tenaciously to His unfailing mercy. Who else but Him can enrich the destitute, and deliver the fallen from his abasement?

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Gleanings, p. 323

Let us pray to God that the breath of the Holy Spirit may again give hope and refreshment to the people, awakening in them a desire to do the Will of God. May heart and soul be vivified in every man: so will they all rejoice in a new birth.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Paris Talks, p. 34