

30b-Knowledge

Give me knowledge that I may have kindness for all.

American Indigenous, Plains Tribe

The fixtures and furniture of one's house may be stolen by thieves; but knowledge, the highest treasure, is above all stealing.

Hinduism, *Garuda Purana*

Govern thy heart! Constrain th' entangled sense!
Resist the false, soft sinfulness which saps
Knowledge and judgment! Yea, the world is strong,
But what discerns it stronger, and the mind
Strongest; and high o'er all the ruling Soul.

Hinduism, *The Bhagavad-Gita*, 51

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and discipline.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 1: 7

Wise men lay up knowledge; but the mouth of the foolish is an imminent ruin.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 10: 14

The heart seeketh knowledge.
A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Judaism, *Mishlei (Proverbs)* 18: 15-16

Whoever gives oneself to distractions and does not give oneself to meditation, forgetting true purpose and grasping at pleasure, will eventually envy the one who practices meditation.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 209

His thought is quiet, quiet are his word and deed, when he has obtained freedom by true knowledge, when he has thus become a quiet man.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada*, VII, 96

When they think that they know the answers,
people are difficult to guide.

When they know that they don't know, people can find their own way
Taoism, *Tao Te Ching*, Chapter 65

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Christianity, *Romans*, 219

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

Christianity, *Corinthians I* 13: 9-10

A similar (favour have ye already received) in that We have sent among you a Messenger of your own, rehearsing to you Our Signs, and sanctifying you, and instructing you in Scripture and Wisdom, and in new knowledge.

Islam, Muhammad, *Qur'án* 2: 151

Now, when trouble touches man, he cries to Us: But when We bestow a favour upon him as from Ourselves, he says, "This has been given to me because of a certain knowledge (I have)!" Nay, but this is but a trial, but most of them understand not!

Islam, Muhammad, *Qur'án* 39: 49

We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the object of all knowledge.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 197

Thou art even as a finely tempered sword concealed in the darkness of its sheath and its value hidden from the artificer's knowledge. Wherefore come forth from the sheath of self and desire that thy worth may be made resplendent and manifest unto all the world.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
The Hidden Words of Bahá'u'lláh, Persian 72