

37b-Cognitive Intelligence

The one who asks questions will not lose his way.

African Proverb

A man becomes pure through sincerity of intellect; thereupon, in meditation, he beholds Him who is without parts.

Hinduism,
Mundaka Upanishad 3.1: 8

Sin, repeatedly perpetrated, destroyeth intelligence; and the man who hath lost intelligence, repeatedly committeth sin. Virtue, repeatedly practised, enhanced intelligence; and the man whose intelligence hath increased, repeatedly practised virtue. The virtuous man, by practicing virtue, goeth to regions of blessedness. Therefore, a man should, firmly resolved, practice virtue.

Hinduism,
Vyāsa, The Mahabharata 5, 164

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Judaism,
Psalms 139:14

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Judaism,
Proverbs 3:5-6

He who possesses virtue and intelligence, who is just, speaks the truth, and does what is his own business, him the world will hold dear.

Buddhism,
The Dhammapada, 245

But life is hard to live for a modest man, who always looks for what is pure, who is disinterested, quiet, spotless, and intelligent.

Buddhism,
The Dhammapada, 276

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Christianity,
Romans 12:2

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

Christianity,
1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

All blessings are divine in origin, but none can be compared with this power of intellectual investigation and research, which is an eternal gift producing fruits of unending delight. Man is ever partaking of these fruits. All other blessings are temporary; this is an everlasting possession.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 50