

39-Wisdom

The foolish run after outward pleasures and fall into the snares of vast-embracing death. But the wise have found immortality, and do not seek the Eternal in things that pass away.

Hinduism, *Katha Upanishad* 4: 2

He who is without affection on any side, who does not rejoice or loathe as he obtains good or evil, his intelligence is firmly set (in wisdom).

Hinduism, *Bhagavad Gita* 2: 57

My son, attend unto my wisdom; incline thine ear to my understanding; That thou mayest preserve discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 5: 1-2

To know wisdom and instruction; to comprehend the words of understanding;

To receive the discipline of wisdom, justice, and right, and equity.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 1: 2-3

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but the companion of fools shall smart for it.

Judaism, *Misheli (Proverbs)* 13: 20

Knowing others is intelligence;
knowing yourself is true wisdom.

Taoism, *Tao Te Ching*, Chap 33

The wise having clearly understood this, delight in awareness and find joy in the knowledge of the noble ones.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 22

Fools follow after vanity, are ignorant and careless. The wise keep awareness as their best treasure.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 26

If a person's mind is unsteady, if it does not know the true path, if one's peace of mind is troubled, wisdom is not perfected.

Buddhism. *Dhammapada* 27

If by giving up a small pleasure, one sees a great pleasure, the wise will let go of the small pleasure and look to the great one.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 290

If you need wisdom--if you want to know what God wants you to do--ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking.

Christianity, *James* 1: 5

Above all else, the greatest gift and the most wondrous blessing hath ever been and will continue to be wisdom. It is man's unfailing Protector. It aideth him and strengtheneth him. Wisdom is God's Emissary and the Revealer of His Name the Omniscient. Through it the loftiness of man's station is made manifest and evident.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 66

The essence of wisdom is the fear of God, the dread of His scourge and punishment, and the apprehension of His justice and decree.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 155

The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion and the canopy of world order is upraised upon the two pillars of reward and punishment.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p.126