

60-Education & Learning

Arise! Awake! Approach the great and learn. Like the sharp edge of a razor is that path—so the wise say—hard to tread and difficult to cross.

Hinduism, *Katha Upanishad* 1.3: 14

It is learning alone that enables a man to better the condition of his friends and relations. Knowledge is the holiest of holies, the god of the gods, and commands respect of crowned heads; shorn of it a man is but an animal.

Hinduism, *Garuda Purana*

Knowledge is the best treasure that a man can secretly hoard up in life. Learning is the revered of the revered. Knowledge makes a man honest, virtuous, and endearing to society.

Hinduism, *Garuda Purana*

For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Judaism, *Mishlei (Proverbs)* 6: 23

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Judaism, *Mishlei (Proverbs)* 23: 23

What is a good man but a bad man's teacher?
What is a bad man but a good man's job?
If you don't understand this, you will get lost, however intelligent you are.
It is the great secret.

Taoism, Chapter 27

A good, all-round education, appreciation of the arts, a highly trained discipline and pleasant speech; this is the highest blessing.

Buddhism, *Sutta Nipata* 261

Let each person first direct oneself to what is right; then let one teach others; thus the wise will not suffer.

Buddhism, *Dhammapada* 158

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

Christianity, *Corinthians I* 13: 12

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.

Christianity, *Hebrews* 13: 7

Not equal are the blind And those who (clearly) see:
Nor are (equal) those Who believe and work
Deeds of righteousness, and Those who do evil.
Little do ye learn By admonition!

Islam, *Qur'án*, 15: 58

Know ye (all) that God giveth life
To the earth after its death
Already have We shown
The Signs plainly to you,
That ye may learn wisdom.

Islam, *Qur'án*, 57: 17

Man is even as steel, the essence of which is hidden: through admonition and explanation, good counsel and education, that essence will be brought to light. If, however, he be allowed to remain in his original condition, the corrosion of lusts and appetites will effectively destroy him.

Bahá'í, Bahá'u'lláh,
Compilation of Compilations, Vol I, p. 247

Those who are ignorant must be educated, the ailing must be healed, the undeveloped must be brought to maturity. Shall we reject or oppose the ignorant, sick or immature because of their incapacity? Is it not better to be kind and gentle and to provide the means of remedy? Therefore, under no circumstances whatsoever should we assume any attitude except that of gentleness and humility.

Bahá'í, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Promulgation of Universal Peace, pp. 127-128

The teacher should not see in himself any superiority; he should speak with the utmost kindness, lowliness and humility, for such speech exerteth influence and educateth the souls.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Selections From the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, p. 30