

***QUOTATIONS FOR THE MIND, HEART AND SOUL:  
Duck Soup With a Pinch of Spice.***

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***Welcome to my personal and creative quotations and passages.***

Painstakingly, I wrote these creative sayings with the hope they are clever, meaningful, purposeful, and inspirational for the soul. You may discern them in the abstract or from a literal manner. Moreover, each quotation/saying was most carefully thought-out as a passageway to stimulate your 'stream of consciousness'.

It is my sincere intent that after reading these quotes and passages you will improve your way, your lot and more important, your moral compass. I love constructing my own creative quotations. However, these sayings are in no way to be offensive. I hope you have as much fun reading them as I did with their construction.

*These quotations are listed by various categories. New quotations will be added and be updated periodically.*

**BLESSINGS, CHARITABLE, CHRISTIANITY/RELIGION, DEATH, EXCUSES, FRIENDSHIP, GRATITUDE, GILT, HAPPINESS, HATRED, HOPE, LIFE, LOVE, WISDOM, DIVERSE (More than 300 creative/humorous statements/28 pages ).**

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## ***BLESSINGS***

When you have little, everything you receive is a precious blessing.

Most people believe they deserve all the blessings and rewards they have obtained, but this is not the case. In contrast, nobody deserves all the extra fruitful things that fill their plates. Yet when some of these blessings are taken away, some people foolishly and bitterly complain.

There just ain't a lot of me to give, but I'm certain that I am somebody. And since I am somebody, I should not use my station in life as an excuse not to lift the burdens of others. Rightfully so, I should do what I am cable of doing. And what I'm cable of doing I should do such with energy. And without hesitation, or fanfare, and with God's help, I will do all I can.

People say waking up every day is a blessing from God. Well, why not show God you are grateful by performing as many acts of kindness as you can; now this would be much better than fearing a loving God and overwhelming Him with obligated praises.

If you wisely count your blessings, you will run out of numbers and die of old age before you are done.

Religion should be your desert and not your main course.

Be patient with your child and your child will do like wise.

Don't judge your children and they will not judge you. And don't expect your children to be perfect and they won't demand the same of you.

A lie is like spit heaved in a strong wind. You just don't know when it will come back and hit you in your face.

It is hypocritical for a man to pray when bad things come his way and he doesn't pray and thank God for the good offerings. He should be grateful for those little things that he seldom notices.

I have never been blessed with much knowledge, but I have been blessed with wisdom, faith and empathy.

Our blessings and performances are only a function of the gifts and talents that God meant for us to display.

## ***CHARITABLE/GOODNESS***

All good deeds do go unpunished. Compassion and kindness are never mistakes.

Charity is more than giving of monetary contributions; it is equally the giving of one's energy.

Don't always give away what you don't want. Rather, give away what you cherish most. Then, and only then, can you say, I am a person with charitable convictions.

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Charity, hope and faith are wonderful, but charity is the apex of compassion.

One's cup of compassion and empathy will never reach a limit.

A man attends church worship services where he shouts and moves his feet with every beat of the Gospel. He begs God for good health and salvation. Yet when he is not in church, he does little to better mankind. On the other hand, another man doesn't attend church and doubts the existence of heaven and hell. He gives comfort to strangers without much expectation. He washes the feet of the sick and shares his articles with the downtrodden. Who is the true Christian?

When people see you, they don't care how much religion you claim to have. And they don't care about the degree of your scholarship. Your looks and wealth matter little. Furthermore, they know you aren't half as descent or intelligent as you would have them believe. However, they do care about your compassion and your labor given to make this a better world. Thus, if you out live your life and compassion others will be grateful.

When a person's eulogy is read, that person would be surprised to know that most of the folks there only came to see how good or bad he looks lying in his 'true suit' (coffin). The other half showed up because they're glad it's you and not them. And your relatives will stop their tears and sadness after they realize you aren't coming back from the dead.

When a person vouches that he does not have enough time to help those in need, he is a man that can't tell time.

### ***CHRISTIANITY / RELIGION***

A true Christian, is someone who remembers the time he wasn't and isn't too quick to castigate his brother.

People wonder why God doesn't answer their questions. Obviously, God is very intelligent. That is, He realizes that no matter the answer given, it will not satisfy the endless questions and criticism.

I regret that in my thinking - I have failed to think in the manner as God would have it.

All men need something greater than themselves to look up to. They must be able to imagine a Divine Being somewhere or someplace beyond their sight and wisdom if true happiness is to be realized.

Man is forever asking God to change his circumstances; if only man would ask God to change him.

Because God is in control of your life doesn't mean you should take a nap and do nothing.

In the wide eyes of God, a man who gives monetary offerings, is blessed, the same as a man who is without money but he gives his energy to those who are in need.

A person's Christianity and love don't originate in a church; rather, it originates deep in the heart.

I felt God's love long before He was introduced to me.

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The problem with religion is that most people have too much of it and not enough spirituality and compassion.

God will provide us with a rainbow on a cloudy day and a bridge over troubled waters. But we better not expect God to open our eyes or to walk for us.

Brother. When I was thirsty - you claimed: "I do feel sympathy for you." When I was hungry -you said: "I am not my brother's keeper." And when I was ill, you said: "I will pray for you." But I ask you my friend: - Are you or aren't you the Christian you claim to be?

With little reservations, I am sure hell is full of people who swore they were a Born again Christian.

Do what is right when you are feeling depressed or when you feel you are wrong and you will become a better Christian.

With the greatest regard to morality, ethics and Christianity, it is simply not enough to know it, we must exercise them whenever and wherever possible.

What the world needs is less religion. On the other hand, spirituality and more commonsense would do just as well.

The world would rid itself of poverty if a silver dollar was collected for every lie that was told by a professed Christian.

Less religion and more compassion would impress God just fine.

People who are overly consumed with religion are people who are shallow in their thinking and sadly—have little room for anything else.

God doesn't ask you to perform miracles, just do what you can do with what He has given you and He would be pleased.

Prayer do not feed an empty belly, but food will.

If Christians would spend as much time helping those in need, as they do criticizing those who they deem to be sinners, what a better world this would be.

If you allow your religion alone to define your beliefs, and conscious choices, you will live in a state of delusion

God is omnificient beyond omnificient and yet He is no where beyond omnificient. God is nothing. Any nothing. Yet Almighty God is beautiful as something and as powerful as everything.

I feel obligated to warn Jesus Christ not to ever return to earth. If He did, He would not be holy enough for some Christians. On the other hand, Jesus would have nothing to fear from atheists. They know their true self.

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You do not have to give your life to Christ. Stay here on earth and use your life to make this a better world. After all, when God is ready, He'll take your life.

Sir. I do not refer to myself as a 'Born Again' Christian. Why should I burden myself with being reborn as a Christian? I was a lousy Christian the first time, just as most of my friends were.

A man is only a Christian when he knows that he really isn't, and that he has to strive all his life to be a Christian. For Christianity is a never-ending process.

The belief in the existence of God will always be beyond man's concept. Thus, it is wise to accept what is not fully understood, because much is to be gained if you are wrong.

I do not for one moment humble myself to believe that God is in concert with all my beliefs. Rather, I have always tried to align myself with the views of a perfect and Almighty God.

I would rather be surrounded by atheists who are honest by default, than to be in the presence of some Christians who claim to be honest and full of the holy spirit because the Bible said so, and the thought of damnation is too much to assume.

Don't waste your time searching for God's advice. When you truly need it, He'll find you and tell you what you need to hear.

People say they are disappointed with God, well that's understandable. Nonetheless, men should realize how disappointed God is with their fruitless promises and disingenuous intentions.

It's a good thing that God doesn't just love people who claim they are true Christians; if He did, He would be very lonely and bored.

Egoism and altruism brighten one's heart like a billion stars. However, altruism brightens and electrifies other folk's heart.

Oh God, I hope I've been the man that I strived and labored to be, and not so much as the man I really was.

Kneel down each night and say your prayers if you wish to do so, however, the next morning, I suggest that you quickly right yourself, and make your prayers come true.

God must have a great sense of humour, after all, He created man.

God created man in six days, and on the seventh day He rested and fell asleep. It's about time someone wakes Him.

There is little doubt that God created man before resting. Look around you, there is much evidence to prove that woman was created after God rested for a spell. And God must be smiling at his perfect work.

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Most people are rather spiritual, yet few act on it.

What are morals and compassion? I found it, not in the Bible or in societal morales, rather deep in the cavity of my heart and conscious soul.

Am I a Christian? I attend church, stomp my feet and pray. But I seldom practice what I think I am. Could it be that I truly don't know if I'm a Christian? I ask myself: what have I done to change this world? I Am quick to scold anyone who doesn't agree with my religious beliefs. I wonder if I'm truly a Biblical Christian or a self-made Christian?

## ***DEATH***

As I lay here on my deathbed with faded memories and wishes unfulfilled, I can only hope that my stay in another world will be kinder, even if it's to be in hell. For I believe hell will give me a break here and then. Of course, most of my friends will greet me with opened arms at the entrance.

To deny death when it is staring you in the face is an illusion of the heart and not of mind. One must therefore, accept the sobering fact that humans are mortals and hopefully, a peaceful sleep awaits the soul.

I have smelled the sweet aroma of happiness and success. Now, without my accord, I must eat the bitter fruits of illness and pain. And I can only wonder how long before I am forced to drink the bitter wine of death. Yet I welcome a tall glass of wine. And I pray that death will be swift.

I am ever so grateful for 'Ole Man Death'. He is the most humble friend a man can have. While 'Ole Lady Illness' grabs a man and drain his strength and his *will* from his body and soul. But Ole Death comes very quickly and without warning or pain grants his eternal peace.

It is said that man made of clay and born of a woman will never again have life after his death. Well, for me, I couldn't be happier.

Life without death is meaningless. It would be a house without doors or windows. Death is not an ally nor, is it a foe. It is simply a mentor. For death teaches a person not to slumber and squander a divine life. It reminds us that there is a limit to our existence. It teaches us that we are here for a specific purpose. Moreover, death challenges us to appreciate and enjoy the plentiful bounties of earth, while offering us the opportunity to leave this world with the internal hope that an even better place awaits our souls. Maybe!

I'm ready to meet God. However, I haven't received an open invitation.

The words at my funeral need not be lengthy, nor contain those of undue praise. The simple truth will do.

Mister Death, you came knocking at my door so many years ago, and I quickly shooed you away quicker than a gust of wind. You were as sneaky as a mouse around midnight. Now, the years have taken their toll, and I have left the front door wide open. My respectful friend, you needn't knock. Mister Death, and you have an invitation. Now I ask you: where are you when I need you? When I die, I certainly don't desire eternal rest; for somewhere, there is always work to be done.

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Brothers and Sisters: There will come a time when you must take that long slow ride that will not be of your accord. It's a ride that all of us must take, and it doesn't matter if you're good, bad, rich or poor. Now I ask you Brothers and Sisters, are you prepared for your final ride?

Say all the good and bad things of me when I'm alive. Because I will not be able to enjoy numerous praises, and I certainly won't be able to confront and correct my errors when I'm dead.

Do man truly fear death, or does he fear what lies beyond death?

You should live your life with love and compassion so when you die, the undertaker will cry as he fills your veins. At your funeral, the minister is unable to deliver your eulogy because his warm words are strangled by his burning tears. The grave digger refuses to dig your grave because he can't stand to throw cold dirt in your face. And with much sadness, the angels struggle with their emotions as they attempt to remove your soul from your physical body.

Long after the crying, well after the moaning has ceased, and when the body is covered with cold soil, the only memories that will linger in the minds of others are your acts of kindness or lack of it, and nothing else is of much worth.

Some people claim they are seldom wrong, but they forget to say they are seldom right.

I have never had any association of affiliation with death, then why does death want to get to know me?

The truest test of a Christian is how much compassion and empathy he has for the poor, as well as, the nonbeliever and not the number of. Sundays he attends church.

### ***EXCUSES***

Your excuses are understood as long as you don't expect to be pardoned for them.

People say that every man has a skeleton or two in his closet. For me, this is not the situation. Long ago I removed my skeletal bones and secretly buried them.

What grows old and tied? "I'm so sorry and I apologize if I wronged you."

Many people are becoming tied of African-Americans blaming their circumstances on race, poverty, negative parameters, and lack of good-fortunate. They have all the tools inside of them to conquer most fears and improve their lots. If African American would expel jealousy and fear, and moreover, they must stop waiting for God to come to their aid and solve problems, which in most cases are not insurmountable, and can be solved with commonsense and fortitude.

Move away from always hoping, wishing, praying and begging God to bring the right people into your life. Chances are they have passed your way. More likely, your eyes weren't focussed and your heart wasn't opened.

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Man creates his own excuses for not giving his energy and monetary contributions to the less fortunate. Days pass and his petty reasoning take over again. Finally, the discomfort he feels passes — and he is at peace with his conscious and his heart — and all is right, once again.

### ***FORGIVENESS***

One of the greatest gift a man can give himself and others are simply the power of forgiveness.

When man finds that it is impossible to pardon another man; probably it is because he knows his own faults and deep sins.

Knowledge is overrated. However, humility is underrated and in great demand.

People vociferously claim that God often talks to them and directs them to behave in a certain manner. Ironically, no one has ever heard them say that God instructs them to exercise compassion, empathy and forgiveness.

You might as well exercise forgiveness. Chances are, the other person isn't even aware that he caused you pain or insulted you. And more than not, he is getting on with his life.

Forgiveness doesn't make us live longer, and it doesn't make us Christians. However, when we forgive others, we learn to forgive all the foibles each of us carries within.

One of the social errors we make when we attempt to give comfort to a man who is in need is to believe we can understand his problems. We're told to put ourselves in his shoes and try to think like him. Wisely, a person should simply accept that man's problems. Because no one is truly capable of understanding another person's burdens and therefore, he or she would act differently under the same circumstances. However, a little compassion and empathy will go a long way in accepting a man as he is, and not as you wish him to be.

If you tell a man a story, he will be amused. Tell him a fact and he will believe it. But tell him how spiritual you are and he will doubt it. Tell him how much wealth you have and he will not care. However, tell him how wonderful he is and how much you respect him, and he'll be grateful and remember your words for a lifetime.

It's not

realistic to believe you can be anything you want to be. Nonetheless, you can be all that is inside of you, and that will be enough to be successful.

Why ask God to give you the strength to forgive your offender when all you simply have to do is open your heart and forgive the offender?

### ***FRIENDS/FRIENDSHIP***

Friendship makes us respectful and whole, and without it, we don't exist. We would be like a ship without a sea or a book without words.

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A reliable friend is more valuable than pure gold, and more refreshing than a cool drink of water in a hot barren land.

When you have a friend, you have an engaging book with inspiring words. And when needed, you can read it over and over while learning something new, even though you know the ending.

If you are given a rose that contains thorns — you wouldn't throw away the rose. Why then would you dismiss a friend that has a few flaws?

A person quickly finds out who his friends are, if he asks them to listen without offering their advice.

A friend never says, "Do you need me?" Rather he says, "Please allow me to be of service to you."

When your acquaintances insult you with words, place them in your stomach. And when your acquaintances comfort you with praise and compassion, wisely place them in your heart and in your mind. For insults placed in the stomach are soon expelled quickly by nature. On the other hand, kind words and deeds will forever remain in your heart.

Show me a man without a true friend and I'll show you a man living as if he was in the bowels of hell.

## ***GRATITUDE***

The power of gratitude is a powerful response. Perhaps, it is the soul's most humble virtue.

The most difficult thing for man to do is to count his blessings and to show gratitude to God in the face of difficulties and uncertainties.

Never perform a good deed for a man if you expect immediate gratitude, chances are, you will be greatly disappointed.

A down-beaten man approached me which immediately prompted me to offer him a fist full of coins. To my chagrin, the man steadied himself, faced me, and with guarded and pointed words cautiously replied: "Sir, please keep your money. Today, a few kind words would have filled my worn soul quite well, and my heart would have been grateful."

Three men each wished for a loaf of bread. The rich man demanded a full loaf and nothing less. The middle-class man claimed that a half-loaf would satisfy him. The third man, an impoverished worker said: "I'd be grateful for whatever I am given, even the crumbs."

People should be like an oak tree. When a strong and fierce wind blows against your body, bend a little, and afterward, straighten up taller.

It's not the materialistic stuff that you leave your love ones that matter most. Rather, it is the good stuff that you have within you that you leave will be most appreciated.

When a person flatters you with kind praises, be grateful and give him a polished pulpit.

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## ***HAPPINESS***

Happiness begins in your heart and ends in your mind.

If you're unhappy because you can't have what you want, chances are, you won't be happy until you decide you can live without it.

The mere fact that most people look forward to happiness in another world after death — could be the sole reason why they aren't happy in the world they presently occupy. They would be wise and grateful to realize they have everything here to make them happy and contented. All they have to do is want to be happy. And furthermore, they probably wouldn't be happy elsewhere, either.

A truly decent and happy man gives back to others while he seeks little in return. He doesn't do good because the Bible states it; rather, his heart is morally fit by his design. And rarely does he wonder whether he will enter the Promise Land for doing good.

A wise man reminds himself daily to the fact that there is no handbook to instruct him in the success of happiness; rather, the fruits of happiness is his way.

I asked an old woman what makes her so full of happiness? She replied, "I never expected too much of others, nor too little of myself. My life was never meant to be free of hassles. I made it a habit to never judge other folks before looking into my own heart. But most important, I learned to benefit from my hassles."

Money can buy you happiness. It just can't buy you complete happiness all of your life.

The secret of happiness is that there is no secret, it is merely a state of one's mind.

Set yourself free from yourself and you will grow and live in happiness.

Man's unhappiness comes from the roots of his selfishness and self-pity.

## ***HATRED***

The Bible says: Man that is born of as woman must die. But I ask why must a man suffer, endure misery and then die? Yet it isn't the dying that bothers me, it's the suffering.

Some people brag and rant — while vociferously claiming they have never hated another person, perhaps they aren't aware that being indifference to another person is much worse than hatred.

People often apologize for having ravenous egos that must be fed at a whim and caprice, and maybe this could account for their obnoxious behaviour. But in point of fact, these people have small egos. People who have large egos seldom demand their egos be fed or massaged.

If you are full of bitterness - try to find someone who is bursting with sweetness.

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Guilt is a dangerous and eroding emotion that is worst than hatred. When the soul feels guilty, a person can never fill the stomach. As with hatred, it excuses itself with an excuse.

### ***HOPE***

Hope and faith are wonderful, as long as they aren't your only food or you will surely die of starvation.

People who don't dream while nourishing hope are those occupying a resting place in the cemetery.

Without hope, the soul will soon die. And as sure as the night follows day, the body soon rots like flesh left in the midday sun.

Anger is not without hope and hope without anger; just as hatred is not without fear and fear without hatred.

### ***IGNORANCE***

When you find yourself in a fruitless confrontation with an ignorant person, be thankful and blesses that such a person aren't you.

There is nothing like an old fool. And there is nothing like a religious fool. Together, they give ignorance a good name.

Man is born ignorant. Unfortunately, most men die the same way.

Opportunity may knock only once. However, stupidity bangs at the door and gawks at every window, and it doesn't need a warm invitation.

All my life I've had plenty, unfortunately, it was mostly that of ignorance, criticism, and ungratefulness.

Never tell a person to practice what he preaches because his ignorance might be revealed.

There are two kinds of knowledgeable people: Those that are in denial of their ignorance; and those that try to improve upon their ignorance.

Always believing you are right or correct - is a very dangerous ignorance.

People who make a living criticizing others have little constructive advice to offer, but they have a wealth of ignorance to offer.

No man believes all he says, if he did, he would go crazy from his ignorance.

The greatest destructions to man's soul are his ignorance and inability to recognize his foibles.

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Curiosity may have killed the cat, but being curious will energize and grow fruits for a productive mind. On the other hand, an idle mind only creates ignorance.

Practice may produce perfectivity. However, make sure you don't practice your ignorant side.

Listening means learning. Knowledge means to change; choosing neither means an ignorant man.

Genius is overrated and not needed. Stupidity is underrated. Ignorance is not understood. However, commonsense is the real deal.

## ***LIFE***

From the time man is born until his death he becomes an actor, a director and a producer. Each role [in the theatre of life] he chooses to play is mostly of his always choosing. However, whether man receives a standing ovation from his audience or if he is rebuked will not always be of his design. And when he performs his final role, he can only hope that his performance will not wither with his death.

Most people can't enjoy life because they're too busy trying to define it.

The choices one make eventually assumes a person's life. Your choices take you to a place where the roads are less travelled. One can only hope that one can live with his or her choices.

Life forces us to make choices and if we don't, choices are made for us. Life doesn't give a damn one way or another.

I have come to believe there are five natural enemies of [man's life]: *Religion, Jealousy, Success, Failure, and Ignorance*. Religion, when used excessively can dull one's rational thinking- for his thoughts will become a narrow light. Jealousy- leads to envy and hatred toward others and also, toward his own soul, and much is lost and little is gained. Success causes a man to believe he knows everything and thus, he listens to no one; his way is always correct. Failure causes man to slumber off with his life and eventually his ego and soul fades away like time. Ignorance is extremely dangerous and causes man to doubt facts clear to him which inevitably destroys his thinking, as well as his soul.

In life, there is nothing descent or immortal; that is, unless good and noble men applies wisdom and spirituality to it.

I asked a man in poverty who had previously lost his family and his earthly possessions. I asked him why wasn't he crying? The man held his head high and replied: "I don't have time for crying, and I just don't have a place to put my tears. And if I did cry, I wouldn't have anything left. I just won't let tears take my final dignity from me."

Life is a mess for some people because they are unaware that they are the big mess.

Life is extremely fair. It is your irrational thinking and unrealistic expectations that cause life to seem unfair and unjust.

It is quite foolish for people to search for the meaning of life, for life is the meaning for living.

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Each man can write the lyrics to his life's story; he only expects for you to provide the music.

Life keeps handing me bags of lemons. And my friends keep telling me to make lemonade from the lemons. The problem is: I don't have any sugar to sweeten the juice.

I have lived a doomed life of eternal discontentment; perhaps, I was never satisfied with my breeding, as well as and my soul.

In life, the hardest thing I ever had to do was to tame my inflated ego.

My greatest accomplishment simply lies in my struggle to enjoy life.

People say live your life as if every day is your last. If this advice was taken, a person would be miserable admired in confusion and fear.

Life problems seldom become easier, you just have to suck it up and become stronger.

When we know what we want in life, we are most likely to change our behavior and our goals to secure it.

Man must rise above his station in life if he is to reach down and help others.

Whatever is missing in your life is probably something that you didn't value.

No man should permit life to live him. Rather, he should live life with meaning.

Why would a man want to live if his goal is to get up every morning and live primarily for himself? How selfish is a man that can't see beyond his needs?

If I had my life to live over I would do everything differently. That is, I would just do them better.

Nearly all my life I was patient with everyone, that is, except myself.

### ***LOVE/LOVING***

The wisest of men have never given a sound definition of love. Yet they know it when they have it, and nothing else matters.

Love and loyalty are companions that can't exist without the other.

One of the most ungrateful acts that scars the face of Almighty God is: not to love another person or let someone love you or, to give unconditional love to another. Love is the only commodity that God bestowed on every man, equally. Therefore, one must be selfish or the king of fools not to enjoy the fruits of love.

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Love is love, and that's all it is. Really!

Loving someone is never a mistake. Just make sure you love the right one, and in the right manner, and at the right time, and for the right reason.

Being in love is the zenith of one's happiness; not having someone to love is like living in a bottomless pit of hell.

Love is the only medicine that is free and will heal the complete body. And you don't need a prescription. Yet I wonder why so many people are ill and suffering?

The heart of a woman, if untarnished, is the most wonderful and loving thing ever known to man. A woman's heart will wash away fear and sadness. When a woman gives her heart, she gives the elements of nature that is necessary for life.

Wealth gained and lost is pale in comparison to love gained and lost.

One of the worst sins toward a child is to grow-up without loving parents and having never heard: I love you — no matter what.

Carrots may improve the eyesight. Apples may help the heart to function. And milk may strengthen the bones. But a small amount of love will cure the entire soul.

The heart being perfect, opens its door to anyone with the correct key. Unlike the discriminative brain, the heart is a path to happiness.

If one wants to see the heart stretched and challenged to exhaustion - just don't give it love.

You will find love when you realize you are not the face of love.

Giving one's love away is one of the most difficult things one can do. It is easier to give away money; after all, in most cases, a return on money is not expected.

I was always on my own mind which is the main reason I don't have anyone to love or love me.

Man must live to love, rather than always seek and demand love.

The human heart doesn't necessarily demand love. Rather, it searches for someone to love.

We can only love another when we tailor our pride.

If a man is walking alone, chances are, it's because he is too much in love with himself and he has sand in his eyes. He should look into a mirror and look at his reflection.

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## ***WISDOM***

Everyday of my life, I try to meet someone that will make my life richer. I believe that every man I meet in some way is richer in knowledge.

A wise man is one who realizes that no matter his station in life, his wisdom rarely exceeds his neighbour.

Wisdom has taught me to recognize that I do not know what morality means to someone else, only what I deem it to be.

Wisdom is a rare and expensive commodity. However, ignorance is abundant and cheap.

It's not what I know; rather, it is the understanding that I am little more than a grain of sand on a crowded beach. But with wisdom, friends, faith and love, I am a huge bolder among specks of sand. And moreover, I can be happy and be everything I was meant to be.

Wisdom is what you gain through listening and learning.

Self-discipline is the key to a fruitful and productive life. With some discipline, one can solve some problems. But with much discipline, one can solve most problems. The choice is yours to make.

A man who refuses to change his thoughts and beliefs when he knows he should, has the distinction of being a learned fool.

One Christmas morning when I was a youth, my dad proudly gave me a Christmas gift. I was surprised because we were poorer than a church's mouse. Nonetheless, I was grateful as I quickly opened the small box with no wrapping. To my chagrin, there was nothing inside the box. Curiously, I questioned my dad. He replied, "Inside that box is something call *hope* and *courage*. If you place them in a safe place, they'll last you a lifetime."

Smart people recognize their shortcomings. But intelligent people correct their shortcoming and learn from them.

The wisest and spiritual man surrenders to something. Hopefully, you will have a choice and it will be fruitful.

Wisdom is the ability to recognize differences in people. A wise man realizes every man he encounters is, his teacher, as well as his pupil. But a fool believes he is every man teacher.

What makes a man wise and humble is his ability to recognize that his knowledge rarely exceeds his fellow man.

## ***DIVERSE***

A colored man is like an old mule. His work is never done and seldom appreciated.

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Too many people worry about the after life however, it is not of my concern. I'm convinced that in heaven or hell, I will have a cast of acquaintances.

A man should not only measure his success by victories, but also by his earnest efforts.

Ask me to show you a man that is without sins and faults. I can! But I'd be forced to take you to the cemetery.

If you have to search what's inside of your heart, chances are, you don't have much in it.

Don't be too quick to dismiss people when they put you down, eventually, and with time, they'll pick you up again.

If you have to ponder over the distance you have travelled and all your accomplishments, then, there are a good chance you haven't gone far enough.

When a man says he knows how you feel, what he really means is - he knows how [he] feels.

Don't ask: What could I do effectively in this world? Simply, do what you do, and do it to your best ability. And I assure you that will do just well.

Every man is honest by simply knowing he truly isn't.

Deep down in one's own soul lies his distrust of the strength of one's own heart.

Character determines a man's moral compass, but his destiny defines his fate.

More men souls have been destroyed by their jealousy of others than all diseases known to mankind.

When a man looks in the mirror and doesn't smile at his reflection, he should not only wash his face, but his heart and soul as well.

Character is like a good bottle of wine. That is, when it's appreciated, someone will tell you, and when it isn't you'll also hear about it.

The most difficult thing for man to do is to look beyond his own eyes and heart.

The heart is fragile, but seldom broken or destroyed.

Restrain the mind from evil and the heart will thank you, enormously.

Deep down, no man truly respects *time*, if he did, he wouldn't squander it so foolishly.

A good intention isn't worth a pinch of salt, unless it is put on something that needs spicing.

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Every man endures more problems and trouble than he believes he should. However, deep inside of his soul lies more solutions than problems and troubles.

A man's brain is capable of figuring out nearly everything it has a mind to do so, that is, with the exception of understanding itself.

Once you realize that the world is a caring and giving place, you will become all that is inside of you.

Time doesn't pass man by; man simply refuses to go along.

I regret not asking myself sooner: Who am I? What is my soul mission?

There are three types of people. Those who say *I can* and *I will*. And those who say I just *don't know*, and then there are those who say, *I won't*. A good and descent person says, I can and I will

Man's travel is uncertain and sometimes resembles a winding road, however, comfort lies in the man who knows his true destination.

An old dog can learn new tricks if the dog has a mind to do so.

A young woman is like the sweet smell of moist jasmine on a spring the morning. However, in her old age she is like a pine cone, alive, though she is neither fruitful nor sweet.

To know one's heart is to live a good life and to know one's faults is to exhibit respect for others.

Anger is present because of a physical and psychological need. Yet there is nothing wrong with a little anger, especially if it is done to bring about positive or good intentions, such as, to motivate a person to resolve conflicts and social injustice.

I would rather have a glass fill with nothing than to have a glass full of criticism.

A mistake is not an error, rather an imperfect intention.

There is little doubt that God is merciful and forgiving, if not, all of us would be living in damnation.

Scientists have estimated that a man has approximately 60,000 thoughts each day. Unfortunately, these thoughts are mostly the same and without much merit.

It has been said that one can measure a man's compassionate deeds by his mother's heart. Obviously, most men must have raised without a mother.

Some men are like salmon fish. They struggle all their lives to go upstream while fighting violent currents and obstacles. Once there, they don't know why they did.

There is something magical and soothing about a lazy Sunday afternoon. No wonder God decided to rest and relax on a Sunday.

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A lie is like spit heaved in a strong wind. You just don't know if it will come back and hit you in your face.

Failure isn't much of a lesson if you don't know you've fallen short.

You can be the person you want to be, just make sure you choose the right person. Seek, and thee shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you, that is only if you don't sit around and pray all day.

Cold hands may warm the heart, but kind words will energize one's mind and soul.

Two heads are better than one, only if they both have commonsense.

Money is not the greatest gift. It is time. Man can regain money, but not a second of time can be regained.

People generally end up pretty much where they wanted to be.

The most dangerous people are those who foolishly believe their knowledge exceeds every human they meet.

My friends tell me that I should have a positive attitude. I do. Unfortunately, I just have a hundred negative attitudes.

Real men don't cry, neither do phony men.

Listening to another person is a humble gift, not only is your knowledge enhanced, but your compassion is noted.

Emotions are never simply [right or wrong]. It depends upon the prospective of the person receiving the emotions.

Distrust of another person will never truly heal, the question is: will your hurt become an open wound or masked scar?

I have resigned myself to the mere fact that it matters little where I will dwell after my stay here on earth. I have enjoyed the sweetness of heaven and have labored through the vileness of hell. I am thus prepared for either.

My heart and not my mind is a better judge of my convictions.

Every man is born a selfish liar. Sadly, most die that way.

Man should never attempt to place himself above others, if he does, he might one day find himself lying on the ground looking up.

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When you respect others, it doesn't mean they will respect you, however, it does mean you are a respectful person.

A sealed mouth and waxed ears have few friends.

It is better to do many things poorly than to do nothing perfectly.

The more you read and listen, the less foolish you are, and the more intelligent you will become.

There are three kinds of women. Those who act like a lady. Those who are good mothers. And those that know how to treat a gentleman.

Some people claim they can speak in tongues. They would be better off learning to use one tongue - intelligently.

Laziness may not be one of the original sins, however, it is destructive to the body, nonetheless.

Everything we do and say still leaves us with nothing more than grains of sand in an hour glass of mitigating time.

Fear is more destructive than cancer. Fear isn't real, but cancer is.

There is little value in knowing nothing and great stupidity in claiming to know everything.

Decisions made are based on past and present situations and not on future desires.

I have yet to meet a man that truly deserves to be in the company of God. On the other hand, I have never met a man that truly deserves to dine with Lucifer.

As fallible humans, we should see people with two eyes: one as a person truly is, and the other as a person might be. But never with eyes that you feel he or she should be like.

I ask you this: Is it better to have the *right* answer to a *wrong* situation? Or Is it better to have the *wrong* answer to a *right* situation? If the latter is the case, your moral thinking will give you the answer.

I have squandered a lifetime attempting to find out, [*why was I born*]. Now I am searching for the reason, [*I must die*].

For every weakness in your life, for every physical pain, for every heartache, and for every struggle- there is a solution that lies deep in your heart and soul.

If I'm to be cast into hell, I ain't to mind too much. After all, most of my friends and all my lovers will greet me with open arms.

Who am I? I am . . . ! I am me. I am my thoughts and actions. I am my joy, my sadness, my fear, my isolation and my ability to harbor love. I am *me*.

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It is perhaps not our beliefs and aspirations that determine our destiny in life, rather it is the hands of lady luck.

It's not where you have been. It's not where you're going. Rather, it's where you are [now].

If a young bird's wing is damaged, can you ever hope to teach it to fly by simply telling the creature that it is a bird?

Every man has a specific talent that exceeds others, yet most never find it.

Don't do things because you think they are the right things to do, but do them because they (are) the right things to do.

For people of color, everything they do and believe, they are still nothing more than wax dolls in the furane of racism.

Money may not be able to buy you happiness and love, but I assure you, sir, it can buy you almost everything else.

What doesn't kill you doesn't necessarily make you stronger. Chances are, it will make you sicker and sicker, and finally it will most certainly kill you, but only when it has a mind to.

If imagination is a person's precious asset, then why are so many people living in poverty?

Man creates a problem when he tries to do what he thinks someone wants him to do. He should simply do what he knows is the right thing to do.

I ask you which is correct? Giving the right solution to a wrong problem? Or rendering the wrong solution to the right problem?

I do not believe a person's life is based on faith or luck. It is determinism that produces his success or lack of it.

We always have a choice about how wrong we will be. But there is no choice in being right. Right is right.

Man's greatest social fault is that he tries to solve a problem before he fully understands the problem. He argues about something before he understands it.

Most problems don't have to be solved, just quickly grow away from them.

It is little wrong in putting off a task until the next day, but don't procrastinate until tomorrow.

It is rather fruitless to ask God to change your circumstance. Rather, ask God to change you into a better person. You will always be faced with numerous circumstances.

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If opportunity starts at one place, I assure you that it goes everywhere.

If you allow someone to place you on a high horse, you better make sure you know how to get off, for you will never be able to stay up there.

If you find yourself alone without your accord, it is probably because you're too perfect.

When you completely understand yourself, then you might completely understand others. But I doubt it.

When you become angry with a person for not telling you the truth, remember this: the next time he will tell you just what you want to hear and chances are it will be a real lie.

Never sleep on a confrontation, you'll find it is uncomfortable and the next morning you might have bruises.

Don't worry about giving too much of yourself. I assure you-you will never run out.

Never let a person canonize you because eventually, you will be deemed a devil.

As I examine the consciousness of my life, I regret that I never forgave myself for simply being, *me*.

It's not how many goals you have. Rather, it's how many goals you accomplish.

Man should never fall in love with himself, chances are he will break his own heart.

I have hardly ever known a minister that was capable of understanding God ways. He can only assume what God is.

How foolish is a man who believes in an 'eye for an eye'. If he loose one of his eyes and takes another person's eye what does he gain? He will only have one eye that he can use.

When the soul is hurting, it looks for someone to heal it. And when the soul is offended, it looks for someone to punish or hurt.

Man spends too much of his time with thoughts of what has happened and not enough time with what he wants to happen.

I tried to buy respect, but it caused me to file bankruptcy. I begged for sympathy and no one listened as my vocal cords ruptured. But later, I asked for love and I receive it and it made me wealthy.

The old saying: Do unto other as you would have them do unto you can be misunderstood by some people. The reasons being, most people want to be mistreated or quite frankly don't know how they want to be treated.

Man's lack of knowledge can only be trumped by exercising his gratitude.

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When man ask for less and wants little, he is nearer God's heart.

Nobody likes or respects a learned fool.

When man asks God to help his brother, he insults God. If he listens closely, man would hear God state: "Please stop troubling Me by asking Me to do what you can do. Get your mind off your selfish soul and it will be clear to you what and how you can help your brother."

I have yet to meet a man that truly realized how unholy and selfish he truly is.

There are two major tragedies in one's life. One is to believe one knows everything and the other, not to know your true calling and enjoy it.

The past is never dead. It merely lurks around the corner just waiting to get ahead of us.

A friend once said: You aren't as good nor descent as you claim to be or wish that you were. How do I know this? Because I'm like you.

Wise men lean forward and not backward.

The heart is the last organ to die. Probably because it is the last organ to give up on life as well as, people.

My life mission is to find my soul and do what God would have me do with it.

The greatest pain, worst than that of a terminal illness is the malady of a broken and unamenable heart.

When a smart and descent person become aware of how little, he or she knows about anything, and how immoral and selfishness he or she is, then the healing begins and stays within the soul throughout his or her life's journey.

A true moral person can be judged in the way he treats another person that disagrees with him.

Men don't have to do much to attract a deadly disease; it just finds them, just as doing wrong finds it way into men hearts. But they must struggle every day to attract kindness, empathy and morality.

When it comes to empathy, most people either, don't do anything or they try to do it all and eventually, do nothing at all.

I realize that I cannot do everything and what I can do I can't do it perfectly. Yet if I slumber off, I will do nothing perfectly

For years I kept waiting for words from God or at least a signal to reveal to me how to exercise empathy to those in need - then it came to me. I never waited for God to tell me to enjoy life or act selfish toward others.

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There is nothing so vile as to be indifference to another human being.

When we offer words of encouragement to others, we energize our soul mission.

Man should never ask God to understand his actions, rather, he should ask God for forgiveness for his lack of understanding. Just as God doesn't expect for man to understand many of His actions, but to accept them.

Regret is one of the most gut-wrenching emotions. It is worst than being told you have cancer. Regret is worst than poverty for there is no recovery of what is lost.

One's emotions [good or bad] aren't a problem if you control them and not be controlled by emotions.

Anger is an emotion that is always out of control. The mind wants what it can't or don't have. And it is angry because someone else has what it should have.

Most people aren't successful or happy because of fear. The strongest emotion. Fear will cause you to fail when you could have succeeded. It is little doubt that fear is worst than death. For in death, you have eternal peace.

It is said that a fool and his money are soon parted. However, a fool and his selfishness is more destructive to the soul.

Talk to yourself [literally] and listen to what it says and you will become a knowledgeable and understanding person.

Most people wouldn't become upset with another if they knew the reason they became upset.

It isn't what you were thinking when you wronged someone, rather, it was what you weren't thinking.

Most people have dreams. But I caution you not become a dreamer because you will be nothing more than that of a dreamer and nothing more.

No man has a bad disposition. An attitude is simply a moral judgement that we attach to someone we dislike or deem to be immoral by our standards.

A wise person is one that knows what he doesn't know and shouldn't know. However, he is intelligent directs him to know what he should know.

Worrying can make you thirsty, hungry, tired, and eventually, it will reward you with peace but not before your life is shortened and you are rewarded with an early grave.

Emotional intelligence is more powerful than analytical intelligence. Knowing when to control one's emotions while exercising self-discipline will take you further in life than knowing how to split the atom.

We respond to ourselves and other people when their heart is honest.

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Reason can take us to places that we might not expect to reach. And reasoning teaches us to tolerate unpleasant circumstances we could not have possibly endured.

There seems to be three forces that lurk in the belly of all humans. One is, self-hatred and hopelessness. Another is, blame and denial. And the third force is, hope and self-determination. Which force dominates your soul is the one you energize daily.

Deep down inside his soul, no man much respects Father Time very much, for if he did, he wouldn't squander it. Yet Father Time has respect for man. He is the greatest ally of man. Time knows when to run out in man's life, sometimes evolving swiftly and for some, slowly, but surely.

It has been said that God gives us a test to see if we can pass. With much respect, I just wish I could tell God that I don't test very well.

An insignificant man makes much demands of others. But a significant man makes demands much of himself.

Sometimes ago I realize I couldn't be God. Thus I decided I would do what a loving God would do and not what I would do if I had His powers.

One of the greatest mistake we make when we think and believe we know what is best for another person. It only says we know what is best for us.

If most people understood themselves, they wouldn't be so quick to lay blame at the feet of other people.

Blame: If you can't read — don't blame the book you have.

Most people set out to change other people — but few ever think about changing themselves.

I have lamented over squandering time. Now I find myself lamenting over the time that I worried that I had lost. I need more time.

There are no bad people, just people who make mistakes by doing bad things.

Don't be jealous of someone if you aren't willing to do what he or she did to have what you want.

If you see a person performing a task that you deem to be sordid and beneath your desire, you should not frown on that person, but respect that person for doing something that you couldn't or wouldn't do.

People tell me that I should look at life as if my glass is half full. I tell them that it is half full, but it is filled with hopelessness and saturated with pessimism.

My goal in life is not to dedicate my life to Christ, rather, to reach out and show compassion to the needy. After all, Christ is perfectly capable of taking care of His own well-being.

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Last night I dreamed that God and I had a dialogue. I said, “God, I ain’t much to speak of, and I don’t know what to do with me.” And God replied: “Then do with what you have. Give to others what you can and do it the best you can. And by the way, leave the miracles to me.”

I ain’t much afraid to die and go to that place that is referred to as hell. Heck, all my life I haven’t known anything else but hell.

There are many ways to lead your life. You can complain — but it will do little for your situation. You can choose to harbor depression, and it will garner you a bit of sympathy. Or you can search and dig deep inside your mind and soul and get beyond your situation and go forward. The choice lies within your heart.

It is not hope that drives man to succeed, rather, it is fear. For fear will force man to act or do nothing.

Man is the sum of his behavior. Therefore, man should question his repeated behavior.

Wisdom consist of knowing how to treat knowledge — being confident [to a degree] but it doesn’t necessary consist of knowing specific facts or possessing knowledge of a specific study.

God does not always give us what we ask for because He knows that we will keep coming back for one favor after another and probably don’t need.

The greatest lesson that one can learn [from God] is to accept one’s station in life and to be happy in life when he or she seems to have the weight of the world on his/her shoulders.

Most people who have a negative attitude aren’t the result of a profound problem. Rather, it is the attitude that caused the problem. Adjust your [positive/negative] attitude when necessary and your behavior will improve.

I can assure you that in the rem of humanity, one pound of kindness or empathy is worth more than a ton of gold.

I have lived many years of life, however, I have never understood life.

You may not be able to always control your negative desires, but you can always control your actions.

Wise people know their limits. On the other hand, fools never reach their limits.

Every human carries around inside of his heart two ravenous souls, that of evilness and selfishness, and the other, kindness and respect. A descent man nourishes the soul of kindness and respect while starving the soul of evilness and selfishness when he can.

I have decided to love and accept myself as I am because everywhere I go I couldn’t get rid of me.

My friend, if you feel that you’re going through hell, I advise you to hurry and don’t take a break. On the other hand, if you’re enjoying heaven, I advise you to take your time.

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I have met many men who have a wealth of *knowledge*, but only a few that have an ounce of *wisdom*.

Do you call yourself a Christian? Before you answer let me remind you that being a Christian is not just attending church services or about praying. It is about developing the compassion of the heart and mind so you become engaged followers of Christ and leaders with a focus on making the world a better place. Now I ask: Are you a Christian?



## CONCLUSION

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