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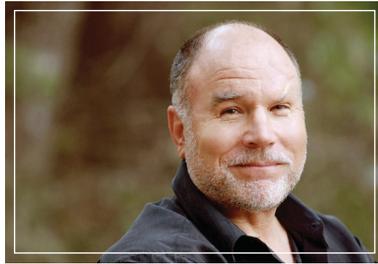
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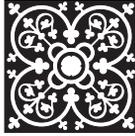
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Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

—*Old Testament*



Who is there who can make muddy waters clear? But if allowed to remain still, it will gradually clear itself.

—*Lao-tsu*



Resign yourself to the sequence of things, forgetting the changes of life, and you shall enter into the Pure, the Divine, the One.

—*Taoism*



Renew thyself completely each day; do it again, and again, and forever again.

—*Ancient Chinese Proverb*



The truth is the end and aim of all existence, and the worlds originate so that the truth may come and dwell therein. Those who fail to aspire for the truth have missed the purpose of life. Blessed is he who rests in the truth, for all things will pass away, but the truth abideth forever.

—*Buddhism*



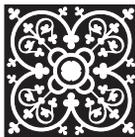
No heart that holds one right desire can tread the road
of loss.

—*Krishna*



But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but
whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to
him the other also.

—*Jesus Christ*



He who promises runs in debt.

—*The Talmud*



Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are
restless till they find rest in Thee.

—*Saint Augustine*



Trust in Allah, but tie up your camel.

—*Mohammed*



When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the spirit
laughs for what it has found.

—*Sufism*



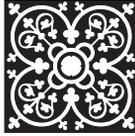
As long as you cling to your self, you will wander right and left, day and night, for thousands of years; and when, after all that effort, you finally open your eyes, you will see your self, through inherent defects, wandering round itself like the ox in a mill; but, if, once freed of your self, you finally get down to work, this door will open to you within two minutes.

—*Hakim Sanai*



When we first seek the truth, we think we are far from it.
When we discover that the truth is already in us, we are
all at once our original self.

—*Dogen*



The shell must be cracked apart if what is in it is to come out, for if you want the kernel you must break the shell. And therefore if you want to discover nature's nakedness you must destroy its symbols, and the farther you get in the nearer you come to its essence. When you come to the One that gathers all things up into itself, there you must stay.

—*Meister Eckhart*



I laugh when I hear that the fish in the water is thirsty.
You don't grasp the fact that what is most alive of all is
inside your own house; and so you walk from one holy
city to the next with a confused look!

—*Kabir*



Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe.

—*John Milton*



We are troubled only by the fears which we, and not nature, give ourselves.

—*Blaise Pascal*



The very discovery of these hidden things is in itself a purifying experience! The soul needs to discover what is inside. The self nature needs to see what it really is, and what it is like—right to the very bottom.

—*Jeanne Guyon*



As long as anything in this world
means anything to you,
your freedom is only a word.
You are like a bird that is held by a leash;
you can only fly so far.

—*Francis Fenelon*



Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about
is too big for him.

—*Philip Chesterfield*



None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who
falsely believe they are free.

—*Johann von Goethe*



The roaring of lions, the howling of wolves, the raging
of the storming sea, and the destructive sword are
portions of eternity too great for the eye of man.

—*William Blake*



O thou that pinest in the imprisonment of the Actual,
and criest bitterly to the gods for a kingdom wherein
to rule and create, know this for a truth: the thing thou
seekest is already here, “here or nowhere,” couldst thou
only see.

—*Thomas Carlyle*



A little consideration of what takes place around us every day would show us that a higher law than that of our will regulates events; that our painful labors are unnecessary and fruitless; that only in our easy, simple, spontaneous action are we strong Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which animates all whom it floats, and you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Everything counts for gain when we are cosmically awake. Nothing counts, unless we are awake. No enjoyments last, no successes satisfy, no gains have meaning unless accomplished in a state of wakefulness.

—*Henry David Thoreau*



There is provided an escape from the narrowness and poverty of the individual life, and the possibility of a life which is other and larger than our own, yet which is most truly our own. For, to be ourselves, we must be more than ourselves. What we call love is, in truth . . . the losing of our individual selves to gain a larger self.

—*John Caird*



He who floats with the current, who does not guide himself according to higher principles, who has no ideal, no convictions—such a man is . . . a thing moved, instead of a living and moving being—an echo, not a voice. The man who has no inner-life is a slave of his surroundings as the barometer is the obedient servant of the air.

—*Henri-Frederic Amiel*



What did you do today to receive your instruction?

—*Louis Pasteur*



For the powers of our mind, life, and body are bound to their own limitations, and however high they may rise or however widely expand, they cannot rise beyond them. But still, mental man can open to what is beyond him and call down a Supramental Light, Truth, and Power to work in him and do what the mind cannot do. If mind cannot by effort become what is beyond mind, Supermind can descend and transform mind into its own substance.

—*Sri Aurobindo*



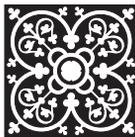
Do not be bewildered by the surfaces: in the depths all
becomes law.

—*Rainer Maria Rilke*



The greatest and most important problems of life are all, in a sense, insoluble. . . . They can never be solved, but only outgrown.

—*Carl Jung*



He who has gotten rid of the disease of “tomorrow” has
a chance of achieving what he is here for.

—G. I. Gurdjieff



Man has no permanent and unchangeable I. Every thought, every mood, every desire, every sensation says “I.” And in each case it seems to be taken for granted that this I belongs to the Whole, to the whole man, and that a thought, a desire, or an aversion is expressed by this Whole.

—P. D. Ouspensky



We loosely talk of Self-realization, for lack of a better term. But how can one realize that which alone is real? All we need to do is to give up our habit of regarding as real that which is unreal. All religious practices are meant solely to help us do this.

—*Ramana Maharshi*



You have a right not to be negative.

—*Maurice Nicoll*



One drop of eternity is of greater weight than a vast ocean of finite things.

—*Karl Barth*



True education is to learn how to think, not what to think. If you know how to think, if you really have that capacity, then you are a free human being—free of dogmas, superstitions, ceremonies—and therefore you can find out what religion is.

—J. *Krishnamurti*



Even if our efforts of attention seem for years to be producing no result, one day a light that is in exact proportion to them will flood the soul.

—*Simone Weil*



This is the greatest stumbling block in our spiritual discipline, which, in actuality, consists not in getting rid of the self but in realizing the fact that there is no such existence from the first.

—*Thomas Merton*



Resistance to the disturbance is the disturbance.

—*Vernon Howard*

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Guy Finley speaks four times each week at the Foundation to the men and women who gather there to learn more about self-realization. Everyone is invited to share in the powerful transformational atmosphere that permeates each insight-filled talk. Each meeting awakens new energies, deepens intuitive powers, heals past hurts, and delivers welcome relief.

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