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Burning as a flame and subtlest of the subtle, in which are firmly fixed the worlds and all their peoples--that is the imperishable Brahman. That is life and word and spirit, the true, the immortal! That, my friend, is to be known--know that! -- Mundaka Upanishad, Atharva Veda 2. 2. 2.

Those who come to see me without the proper austerities will not derive any benefit from the pilgrimage. A pilgrimage without proper austerities is like going to the bazaar without money.-- Lord Ayyappa

Pursuit of the duties of the stage of life to which each one belongs--that, verily, is the rule! Others are like branches of a stem. With this, one tends upwards; otherwise, downwards. -- Krishna Yajur Veda Maitu 4.3

Just as the luminous day is born from light, so may the radiant singers shine far and wide! Truly, the poet's wisdom enhances the glory of the Ordinance decreed by God, the Powerful, the Ancient.-- Atharva Veda 4.1.5-6

Once the self is pacified, one abides in the Self and attains

everlasting bliss. If the mind becomes as firmly established in Brahman as it is usually attached to the sense objects, who, then, will not be released from bondage? -- Krishna Yajur Veda, Maitreya Upanishad 6.34

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Without a teacher, all philosophy, traditional knowledge and mantras are fruitless. Him alone the Gods laud who is the guru, keeping active what is handed down by tradition.-- Kularnava Tantra 10.1

One desirous of prosperity should therefore avoid residing in a place where there is no astrologer. For, the astrologer is, as it were, an eye, and no sin will creep in there. -- Brihat Samhita, 2.11

Let us now invoke for our aid the Lord of Speech, the Designer of all things that are, the inspirer of wisdom! May He, the ever-kindly, be well disposed to our summons, and may He, whose work is goodness, grant us His blessing!-- Rig Veda

Life's light is the aspiration for glorious achievement. And disgrace is the dark thought that says, "I shall live without it."-- Saint Thiruvalluvar, Tirukkural

Wisdom is a weapon with which a man may ward off  
destruction; it is an inner fortress which no enemy can assail.--  
Saint Tiruvalluvar, Tirukkural

Purified, empty, peaceful, breathless, selfless, infinite,  
indestructible, stable, eternal, unborn, free, he is established in  
his own glory. Having seen the Self who is established in His  
own glory, he looks upon the wheel of life as a wheel that rolls  
on.-- Krishna Yajur Veda, Maitreya Upanishad 6.28

I bend to our cause at this solemn moment, O Gods, your  
divine and holy attention. May a thousand streams gush forth  
from this offering, like milk from a bountiful, pasture-fed cow..  
-- Rig Veda Samhita 10.101.9