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"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Correcting oneself is correcting the whole world. The sun is simply bright. It does not correct anyone. Because it shines, the whole world is full of light. Transforming yourself is a means of giving light to the whole world. Ramana Maharshi (1879-1950)

If you believe in telekinesis - raise my hand!

No fruit is too heavy for the tender creeper. Similarly, a mother will always find some means to support her child. Tamil Proverb

"According to me, the influence of Sanskrit literature on our time will not be lesser than what was, in the 16th century, Greece's influence on Renaissance. One day, India's wisdom will flow again on Europe and will totally transform our knowledge and thought." Arthur Schopenhauer "The World as a Will and Representation" (1788-1860). He was the first Western philosopher to have access to and be profoundly affected by translations of philosophical material from India, both Vedic and Buddhist.

He who passively accepts evil is as much

involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it. Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

As a dog, let loose after being tied up for some time, is energetic and active, so one, who learns to remain summa, or still, gets increased energy which can be put to good use. Yogaswami of Jaffna (1872-1964)

Whatever defect I have in my sight, in my heart or mind, may God amend! May he, the Protector of the world, bless us! Yajur Veda 36.2

The chief pujari (priest) from Vrindavan India and the Pope are in a meeting in

Rome. The pujari notices an unusually fancy phone on a side table in the Pope's private chambers. "What is that phone for?" he asks the pontiff. "It's my direct line to the Lord!" The pujari is skeptical, and the Pope notices. The Holy Father insists that the pujari try it out, and, indeed, he is connected to the Lord. The pujari holds a lengthy discussion with Him. After hanging up, the pujari says, "Thank you very much. This is great! But listen, I want to pay for my phone charges." The Pope, of course, refuses, but the pujari is steadfast, and finally the pontiff gives in. He checks the counter on the phone and says, "Alright! The charges were 1,000,000 Lira. ($560)The chief pujari gladly hands over a packet of bills. A few months later, the Pope is in Vrindavan, India, on an official visit. In the chief pujari's chambers, he sees a phone identical to his and learns it also is a

direct line to the Lord. The Pope remembers he has an urgent matter that requires divine consultation and asks if he can use the pujari's phone. The pujari gladly agrees, hands him the phone, and the Pope chats away. After hanging up, the Pope offers to pay for the phone charges. This time, the chief pujari refuses to accept payment. After the Pope insists, the pujari relents and looks on the phone counter and says: "Rs10 !" ($0.25). The Pope looks surprised: "Why so cheap!?" The pujari smiles: "It's a local call."

I adopted the theory of reincarnation when I was 26. Religion offered nothing to the point. When I

discovered reincarnation ... time was no longer limited. I was no longer a slave to the hands of the clock. American auto industrialist Henry Ford

As the bee takes the essence of a flower and flies away without destroying its beauty and perfume, so let the sage wander in this life. Dhammapada 50

To err is human .... to moo is bovine.

Why do cows wear bells? Because their horns don't work.

O Mother! Let all my speech be your prayer; let all my crafts and technology be your worship and be the mystic gestures of my hand, adorning you. May all my movements become your devotional circumambulations. May everything I eat or drink be oblations to you. Let my lying down in rest and sleep be prostrations to you. Mother! Whatever I do, may all that become a sacramental service and worship for you. Adi Sankara Hymn to the Divine Mother

I have never met a person who has given me so much trouble as myself. Yet, I am happy to have learnt from my mistakes.

To define God is to defile God. Swami Chinmayananda

These men who strut about in their finery, having got all their money grinding the poor wretches, so long as they do not do anything for these millions, are no better than savages. Swami Vivekananda

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Meditation on the Name (of God) quenches the thirst of the soul. Let us drink together the Nectar treasure of the Lord's Name. Guru Granth Sahib,

the Sikh holy book

## Possession of Virtuous Conduct

Tirukural 131: Virtuous conduct leads a man to eminent greatness. Therefore, it should be guarded as more precious than life itself.

Tirukural 134: If a priest forgets the Vedas, he can relearn them. But if he falls from

virtue, his high birth is forever lost.

Tirukural 135: Prosperity is not for the envious, nor is greatness for men of impure conduct.

Tirukural 140: Those who cannot live in harmony with the world, though they have learned many things, are still ignorant.