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Ages when custom is unsettled are necessarily ages of prophecy. The moralist cannot teach what is revealed; he must reveal what can be taught. He has to seek insight rather than to preach.

- Lippmann, Walter

The people who were honored in the Bible were the false prophets. It was the ones we call the prophets who were jailed and driven into the desert, and so on.

- Chomsky, Noam

The heart is half a prophet.

- Proverb, Yiddish

A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country.

- Bible

The wise man who is not heeded is counted a fool, and the fool who proclaims the general folly first and loudest passes for a prophet and F?hrer, and sometimes it is luckily the other way round as well, or else mankind would long since have perished of stupidity.

- Jung, Carl

The race of prophets is extinct. Europe is becoming set in its ways, slowly embalming itself beneath the wrappings of its borders, its factories, its law-courts and its universities. The frozen Mind cracks between the mineral staves which close upon it. The fault lies with your moldy systems, your logic of 2 + 2 = 4. The fault lies with you, Chancellors, caught in the net of syllogisms. You manufacture engineers, magistrates, doctors, who know nothing of the true mysteries of the body or the cosmic laws of existence. False scholars blind outside this world, philosophers who pretend to reconstruct the mind. The least act of spontaneous creation is a more complex and revealing world than any metaphysics.

- Artaud, Antonin

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- Bible

For I say unto you in all sadness of conviction that to think great thoughts you must be heroes as well as idealists. Only when you have worked alone -- when you have felt around you are a black gulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounds the dying

man, and in hope and despair have trusted to your own unshaken will -- then only can you gain the secret isolated joy of the thinker, who knows that a hundred years after he is dead and forgotten men who have never heard of him will be moving to the measure of his thought -- the subtle rapture of postponed power, which the world knows not because it has no external trappings, but which to his prophetic vision is more real than that which commands an army. And if this joy should not be yours, still it is only thus you can know that you have done what lay in you to do -- can say that you have lived, and be ready for the end.

- Holmes Jr., Oliver Wendell

Nature is a revelation of God; Art a revelation of man.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Only a very bad theologian would confuse the certainty that follows revelation with the truths that are revealed. They are entirely different things.

- Diderot, Denis

In a symbol there is concealment and yet revelation: here therefore, by silence and by speech acting together, comes a double significance. In the symbol proper, what we can call a symbol, there is ever, more or less distinctly and directly, some embodiment and revelation of the Infinite; the Infinite is made to blend itself with the Finite, to stand visible, and as it were, attainable there. By symbols, accordingly, is man guided and commanded, made happy, made wretched.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Indeed many things which we shall not be able to discover either by the experiment of works or by the investigations of reason we shall deserve to be taught by importunate prayer, by the revelation of divine inspiration.

- Richard of Saint Victor

There are trivial truths and the great truths. The opposite of a trivial truth is plainly false. The opposite of a great truth is also true.

- Bohr, Niels

The truth has a million faces, but there is only one truth.

- Hesse, Hermann

Say not, I have found the truth, but rather, I have found a truth.

- Gibran, Kahlil

You can only find truth with logic if you have already found truth without it.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. [John 8:32]

- Bible

The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound

truth may well be another profound truth.

- Bohr, Niels

We are volcanoes. When we women offer our experience as our truth, as human truth, all the maps change. There are new mountains.

- Guin, Ursula K. Le

Scientific truth is marvelous, but moral truth is divine and whoever breathes its air and walks by its light has found the lost paradise.

- Mann, Horace

Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth. By simply not mentioning certain subjects... totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have by the most eloquent denunciations.

- Huxley, Aldous

Faith embraces many truths which seem to contradict each other.

- Pascal, Blaise

The language of truth is unadorned and always simple.

- Ammianus, Marcellinus

The language of truth is simple.

- Euripides

Do not seek the truth, only cease to cherish your opinions.

- Saying, Zen

It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry.

- Paine, Thomas

The love of truth lies at the root of much humor.

- Davies, Robertson

Truth is so rare that it is delightful to tell it.

- Dickinson, Emily

There is no god higher than truth.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The truth is lived, not taught.

- Hesse, Hermann

Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.

- Parker, Dorothy

Proverbs are always platitudes until you have personally experienced the truth of them.

- Huxley, Aldous

Whatever separates you from the Truth, throw it away, it will vanish anyhow.

- Emre, Yumus

Everyone whose deeds are more than his wisdom, his wisdom endures; and everyone whose wisdom is more than his deeds, his wisdom does not endure.

- Talmud, The

Great doubts deep wisdom. Small doubts little wisdom.

- Proverb, Chinese

Wisdom is like electricity. There is no permanently wise man, but men capable of wisdom, who, being put into certain company, or other favorable conditions, become wise for a short time, as glasses rubbed acquire electric power for a while.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The road to excess leads to the palace of wisdom.

- Blake, William

I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance.

- Carlyle, Thomas

A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.

- Frost, Robert

The most certain sign of wisdom is cheerfulness.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

The end result of wisdom is... good deeds.

- Talmud, The

The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names.

- Proverb, Chinese

They would need to be already wise, in order to love wisdom.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

In much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

- Bible

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

- Bible

Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; Wisdom is humble that it knows no more.

- Cowper, William

A spoon does not know the taste of soup, nor a learned fool the taste of wisdom.

- Proverb, Welsh

The motto of chivalry is also the motto of wisdom; to serve all, but love only one.

- Balzac, Honore De

In seeking wisdom thou art wise; in imagining that thou hast attained it, thou art a fool.

- Azai, Rabbi Ben

Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information.

- Eliot, T. S.

We have no words for speaking of wisdom to the stupid. He who understands the wise is wise already.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

We can be knowledgeable with other men's knowledge, but we cannot be wise with other men's wisdom.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. [King Solomon]

- Bible

Whenever you argue with another wiser than yourself in order that others may admire your wisdom, they will discover your ignorance.

- Saadi

He who is a slave to his stomach seldom worships God.

- Saadi

I fear God and next to God I mostly fear them that fear him not.

- Saadi

Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.

- Saadi

When the belly is empty, the body becomes spirit; and when it is full, the spirit becomes body.

- Saadi

The most manifest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness; her state is like that in the regions above the moon, always clear and serene.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

The live in wisdom who see themselves in all and all in them, who have renounced every selfish desire and sense craving tormenting the heart.

- Bhagavad Gita

Through wisdom is a house built; and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge shall every room be filled with precious and pleasant riches.

- Bible

The wisdom of a learned man comet by opportunity of leisure: and he that hath little business shall become wise. [Ecclesiasticus 38:25]

- Bible

Out of compassion I destroy the darkness of their ignorance. From within them I light the lamp of wisdom and dispel all darkness from their lives.

- Bhagavad Gita

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