

## **THE THOUGHTS OF A WANDERING MIND**

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Dedicated to all my children

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To my son  
Haji Wan Ahmad  
Loff.

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by

Dato' Haji Wan Ibrahim bin Wan Soloh - eighty

1. If you want to go to heaven,  
Please comply what Allah has ordained,  
With prayers, fast, pay zakat and pilgrimage, heaven you will earn,  
In heaven you will be well entertained.

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2. If you prefer to go to hell,  
Please gamble, womanise and drink as well,  
But none has returned for a story to tell,  
It must be a nasty place to dwell.

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3. I feel physically fit,  
Now-a-days plenty of good food to eat,  
Doctors advise don't take too much meat,  
For you might get a fit.

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4. Speak not bad of others,  
So that the mind will not be bothered,  
Try to avoid such a thing,  
So that you will have less to think.

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5. When you walk, look straight,  
For people watch your trait,  
Looking right or left just too bad,  
You may even knock against the gate.

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6. Smile not on pretty girls,  
For fear of being giggled,  
Once that happens will land you in trouble,  
And despise by many people.

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7. If you want to marry,  
Do not do it in a hurry,  
Look for rich and good family,  
So that you will not afterward feel sorry.

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8. Good look alone will not do,  
For beauty now-a-days is not true,  
It only last for a short spell,  
For this only women can tell.

9. I advise you not to gamble,  
For one day you may get a tumble,  
Your loss may be colosal,  
Then you will be in trouble.

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10. Every thing you do should moderate,  
This is what the Koran said,  
If you defy what is taught,  
You will repent then when are caught.

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11. Please do not try to cheat,  
For it is morally bad,  
Once you are found,  
The shame has no bound.

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12. Heavy smoking is a bad habit,  
For your health is much impede,  
Your life span is much shorten,  
This advice must not be forgotten.

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13. Your life usually lasts a short spell,  
When you will die nobody can tell,  
It may come in a short while,  
So you must be prepared for it well.

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14. Praying five times a day is a must,  
There is no excuse for missing it,  
If you miss one you must make it up,  
In case you do not the sins will accumulate.

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15. You must be nice to your neighbour,  
For one day you may want their favour,  
Reciprocate for ever and ever,  
You will be safe in all weather.

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16. O my children and friends do not walk too tall,  
For you will not know when you will fall,  
Be nice, polite to every one and all,  
Be they big, humble or small.

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17. When your parents are dead,  
Pray for them even you are in bed,  
For one day you befall the same fate,  
Practise now before it is too late.

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18. If you are invited to a kenduri,  
Always accept if you are free,  
If you decline and make lame excuses,  
Allah will punish you for not speaking the truth.

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19. When you drive a car don't go too fast,  
For fear that your life will not last,  
Slow and steady is the order,  
You will arrive the destination the same manner.

(make haste slowly)

proverb

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20. Fasting in Ramdzan is a must,  
If you missed a day you have to cover -  
If you do not - that means  
You are committing sins for ever and ever.

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21. Dadah is dangerous to take,  
Once you are addicted it will be hard to forsake,  
When it is in short supply,  
You feel like to die.

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22. Walking and jogging morning or evening -  
It is said to be rewarding,  
I have not tried it for reason of health,  
Many said the practice is for men of wealth.

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23. Do not be too greedy in getting wealth,  
You may attempt to cheat and gamble as well,  
You may be caught and sentence to jail,  
When you die you will be thrown into hell.

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24. Early to bed early to rise,  
Makes a man happy, wealthy, healthy and wise,  
(says the proverb)

To this I say: LATE TO BED LATE TO RISE  
Makes a man looking for VICE.

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25. Some people are lazy,  
Many are crazy,  
Others are choosy and fussy,  
While others are clumsy.

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26. Some girls like to cook,  
Many boys like to look,  
Some men are crooks,  
And a few women are brutes.

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27. Fear not if you are right,  
For God is always on your side,  
Fight hard with all your might,  
This is what religion said.

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28. Love at first sight is but a farce,  
In some cases it would not last,  
Once you have satisfied your lust,  
You blow her away like dust.

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29. Not advisable to marry more than one,  
If you do the first is sure to be aggressive,  
The second defensive,  
And you remain passive.

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30. If you marry more than two,  
You quarrel and argue nobody can undo,  
What you speak is not true,  
One you said two,  
Two you said four,  
At last you have to submit on all fours.

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31. If you marry more than three (four),  
All the fours will have a free fight,  
The fight will last the whole night,  
The last thing you find yourself sleeping out side.

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32. If you have committed so much sins,  
Plead to Allah to be forgiven,  
Do not wait till the last moment,  
Too late means a forgone conclusion.

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33. It is better to be stupid rather than too clever,  
Stupidity stops at that,  
But cleverness may sometimes brings you too far,  
And landed you in disaster.

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34. You pass through this World only but once,  
Whatever good you wish to do,  
And whatever charity you wish to give, do it now,  
For you will never pass through this way again.

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35. He who laughs last laughs best,  
(proverb)  
I say: He who loves last -  
loves nothing but the worst,  
(Love is the noblest frailty of the mind).

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36. Life is but a walking shadow,  
It accompanies you wherever you go,  
When you are dead,  
There it disappears in the grave  
and stays on until judgement date.

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37. It is easy enough to be a starter,  
But are you a starter too?  
It is easy enough to begin a job,  
It is harder to see it through.

Mrs. Margerat Thatcher

N.S.T. of 6.6.1985

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38. Trigger-happy individuals are a source,  
of great harm to the public.

Mr. Karpal Singh

N.S.T. 5.6.1985

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39. The Koran teaches us and Muslims must believe that:  
1. Allah is the Lord of creation  
2. The Merciful, the Compassionate  
3. Ruler of the Day of Judgement  
O! Allah help us, lead us in the right path.

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40. A friend is not a fellow,  
Who is taken in by sham,  
A friend is one who knows your fault,  
And he does not care a damn.

41. Falsehood is not lawful except in three things:-

1. Falsehood of a man to his wife to please her
2. Falsehood in war
3. Falsehood in restoring peace among men

- Hadis

Retold by Ahmad Tarmizi

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42. O! my children and other Muslims,

If have been to Mecca to perform the Haj,  
Please stop committing further sins,  
For I am sure while performing the ritual,  
have begged Allah for repentance and if you still persist,  
Then nobody is to be blamed but yourself.

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43. The late Sir Winston Churchill in his memoires  
of the Second World War said:-

1. In WAR - Resolution
2. In DEFEAT - Defiance
3. In VICTORY - Magnanimity
4. In PEACE - Goodwill

(Moral)

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44. Usually men in the lowest rung cat the crumbs,  
The next above them the cream,  
The top most take the glory.

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45. The second vice is lying,  
The first is running into debt.

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46. Silence is one great art of conversation.

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47. Silence and modesty are very valuable qualities in conversation.

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48. The shame is in the crime,  
Not the punishment.

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49. Familiarity breeds contempt and children too.

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50. A pretty woman is always a welcome guest.

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51. The first wealth is health.

52. All history is lie,  
History is something that never happen  
written by a man that wasn't there.

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53. Home sweet home,  
There is no place like home,  
Yes, provided all at home live in peace,  
And you having an understanding wife,  
And not a nagging type.

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54. A person in desperation or in unbearable pain  
prefers to die than to live in misery.

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55. One of the happiest day of a man life  
is the first night of his marriage.

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56. If you do not believe in the existence of God,  
You might as well don't believe in the extence of yourself.

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57. To marry one is a duty,  
Two a folly,  
Three madness,  
Four suicide.

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58. A good marriage would be between a blind wife and deaf husband.

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59. A true lawyer is one who places truth and service in the first place,  
And the emoluments of the profession in the next place.

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60. The true function of a lawyer is to unite parties riven asunder.

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61. In law nothing is certain,  
But the expense.

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62. The reason of the law is the law.

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63. The wealth is not his that has it,  
But his that enjoys it.

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64. Quarrels will not last long  
if the wrongs were only on one side.

65. There is no gambling like politic.

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66. Necessity is the mother of invention.

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67. Never put off till tomorrow,  
What you can do today.

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68. There is always at least two to make a quarrel,  
Please don't quarrel with GOD.

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69. Music is the food of love,  
Love is the food for passion,  
Passion leads to cruelty and crime.

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70. Never say NO to a good offer,  
Say thank you for the service well done.

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71. Do not be too generous,  
It may be dangerous.

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72. GOD heals and the doctors take the fee.

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73. Lying is the mother of violence.

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74. Never work without reward or reward without work.

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75. The more you are paid,  
You must expect more work.

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76. Big pay no work,  
The pay is illegal (haram).

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77. On the other hand work without pay is immoral.

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78. Never take the advice of a man in difficulties.

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79. Never despise other peoples' religion for fear that they might despise yours. God has asked Prophet Mohammed to say to the Unbelievers. "O Unbelievers I will not worship that which ye worship; Nor will ye worship which I worship; Neither do I worship that which ye worship; Neither do ye worship that which I worship; Ye have your religion and I my religion."

- Koran

Surah " Alkafiroon "

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80. A money lender who collects all the money he lent is a most satisfied man,  
And he who owed money and repaid it in full is the happiest man.

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81. Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver,  
It is easy to flatter; it is harder to praise.

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82. The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one self.

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83. Honours, decorations and big titles are a great burden.

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84. An ideal husband is one that brings smiles on returning home.

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85. An ideal wife is one who smiles on going to bed.

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86. An injury is sooner forgotten than an insult.

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87. Poetry is the record of the best and the happiest monuments of the happiest and best minds.

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88. Popular song sings by a popular singer  
is medicine for heart breaking.

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89. If you killed a person you will be charged for murder,  
But when you killed by the thousand,  
You are honoured as a hero.

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90. Life is but a walking shadow,  
It accompanies you wherever you go,  
When you are dead,  
There it disappears in the grave,  
Until the Judgement date.

91. LATE to bed EARLY to rise,  
Encourages people to talk lies.

92. A wise man never attempt impossibilities;  
It is a waste of time,  
which can be used for better things.

93. An idealist is a person who helps  
other people to be prosperous.

(Handry Ford)

94. Do not let a hungry person,  
To taste food,  
He is sure to say " very good, very good",  
Thank you.

95. Those who complain most are most to be complained of,

96. Gain cannot be gotten without some other people's loss.

97. I'll be gotten properties will not last.

98. Ignorance of law is no excuse,  
But it depends on the Judge.

99. You travel faster if you travel alone.

100. A drop of ink may make million mistakes.

101. One feel more independent without wife around,  
On the other hand when going oversea for along period,  
One feel home-sick.

102. Is life worth living ?  
That depends on the liver.

103. Love sometimes makes a man or woman go mad.

104. Put not your trust in money,  
But put your money in trust.

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105. Mind your head,  
Do Not wait until your head reminds you.

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106. A feeble body weakens the mind.

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107. Girls like to be kissed provided you know her,  
Kissing is a compliment not an insult.

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108. Honour and shame from no condition rise,  
Act well your part,  
There all the honour lies.

(Popen)

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109. Those who forgive most,  
Shall be most forgiven.

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110. In Victory the hero seeks glory not the prey.

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111. "I don't care" said some one,  
Then who cares for you,  
When you get a beating,  
Then nobody will help you.

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112. It is better to be alone,  
Than in bad company.

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113. Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.  
(Izak Walton)

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114. Those who do not complain are never pitied.  
(Jane Austen)

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115. Associate yourself with men of good quality,  
If you esteem your own reputation.

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116. I wish I would own a house full of books,  
And a garden of flowers.

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117. Clever men are good,  
But they are not the best.

(Carclle)

118. A Judge should never ask for a favour on anything or for anything,  
Give him whatever he wants.

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119. Mind your business,  
But business makes you busy.

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120. The Chairman of a meeting found the audience making a lot of noise.  
He politely shouted, "Ladies and gentlemen, please lend me your ears.  
A man at the rear shouted back and said, "Sir, if we were to lend our  
ears - how can we hear you?"  
The Chairman bashfully retaliated said, "If you can't lend me your  
ears, please listen to me."

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121. An Ambassador is a learned and honest man sent to lie and  
intrigue abroad for the benefit of his country.

(Sir H. Wallton)

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122. A millionaire is so happy with his wealth,  
But no happiness in his mind,  
He keeps his time looking for more money  
And forgets to look after his health.

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123. Please don't cheat,  
In business you can compete;  
To be a successful business man, one  
one has to cheat,  
But not to the extent of becoming a villain.

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124. Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest thing in the nicest way.  
(Issac Goldberg)

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125. A man best friends are his ten fingers.

(Robert Collyer)

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126. In Muslim backbiting is transgression,  
And to fight with him is infidelity.

(Hadis)

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127. What is backbiting?  
It is the speaking ill of a man in his absence,  
Whether it is true or false.

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128. PRIDE is the worst attribute of a man,  
owing to this Sin, satan was expelled from Paradise,  
Pharaoh of Egypt was destroyed and Korah of Aden was sunk down.

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129. Whoever takes a loan with the intention of not repaying it is a THIEF.

- Hadis

retold by ibn Majah

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130. Do good to your parents.

If either or both of them reach old age say not to them even "uff"  
nor chide them and speak to them generous words.

- Koran

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131. According to ibn Omar Prophet Mohammed said,  
three things should not be refused,  
these are pillow, oil and milk.

- Hadis - rare

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132. Prophet Mohammed said when one gets angry while he is standing  
let him sit down.  
If anger goes out of him, that is good;  
but if not let him lie down.

- Hadis

Retold by Ahmad Tarmizi

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133. Be your own judge and you will be happy.

- M. Gandhi

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134. Old men and women are stubborn.  
They use to say we have seen the world long before you.  
We know what we are doing.  
We tasted the salt first.

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135. Don't waste time; it is the most extravagant and costly of all  
expenses.

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136. Time and tide will not wait for men.

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137. People go panic when there is little time left.

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138. When there is plenty of time people are likely to be complaisant.

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139. Time is precious, don't waste it.

140. Take your own time,  
but don't let time overtakes you.

141. Time in life is vital.

142. Don't try to beat time,  
You will never win;  
You either arrive one minute earlier or seconds later.

143. Missing a train one minute late  
or one hour later does not make any difference.  
You missed the train all the same.

144. Lost time is never regained.

145. The proverb which says, "Better be late than never - *in the worst.*"

146. For all occasions to be an early bird is the best.

147. The heart has no language.  
It speaks to the heart.

- M. Gandhi

148. A good heart is worth gold.

- Shakespeare

149. The gates to hell are open night and day,  
Smooth the descent and easy is the way.

- Virgil - Aeneid

150. Injustice produces independence,  
Unjust rule never endures perfectuality.

- Voltaire & Seneca

151. Sink or swim live or die, survive or perish,  
I give my heart and soul to the girl I love best.

152. No greater shame to man than inhumanity.

- Spencer

153. Be sure you are right,  
Then go ahead.

- David Crockett

154. It is better to wear out than to rust out.

- Richard Cumberland

155. The basis of good manners is self reliance.

- Emerson

156. Self destruction (suicide) is the effect of cowardice in the highest extreme.

- Defoe

157. To know how to suggest is the art of teaching.

158. MOUTH - In man the gateway to the soul;  
In woman the outlet of heart.

- Bierce

159. A modest man never talks himself.

- La Bruyere

160. So many men,  
So many minds.

161. Personality is to man;  
What perfume is to a flower.

162. Avoid popularity; it has many shares,  
but no real benefit.

- Penn

163. Sometimes quiet is disquieting.

164. To be over polite is to be rude.

(Proverb)

165. Poverty is not vice but inconvenience.

166. There is no wisdom like efforts,  
No piety like self denial and no goodness like good conduct.

- Hadis

Retold by Balqy

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167. Whoever pray for show,  
And whoever fast for show,  
And whoever give charity for show,  
commits polytheism.

- Hadis

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168. Yawning and sneezing: Yawning is the result of sloth and sluggishness and therefore has been termed coming from devil; and sneezing is the result of sound mine and sound health and therefore termed coming from angel.

Whenever a person yawns he should cover his mouth with cloth or hands as something injurious may enter there or an audience may not like it. In case of sneezing it is the duty of the Muslims to praise Allah by uttering "All praise to Allah".

- Hadis

Retold by Muslim,

Abu Daud and Tarmizi

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169. Wealth is not vast riches, but wealth is in self contentment.

- Hadis

Abu Hurairah

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170. Loneliness is better than a bad companion,  
and a good companion is better than loneliness;  
and the dictation of good is better than silence;  
and silence is better than the evil.

- Hadis

Retold by Baihaqi

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171. Never a borrower nor a lender be;  
For loan loses both itself and friend.

- W. Shakespeare

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172. Very often he that his money lends loses both his gold,  
relatives and friends.

- C.H. Spurgeon

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173. When your neighbours house is on fire,  
Your own property is at stake.

174. People do not lack strength,  
They lack will.

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175. They who forgive most shall be the most forgiven.

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176. Old age plants more wrinkles in the mind than in the face.

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177. Do not rely too much on lebals,  
For too often they are fables.

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178. Live and let live,  
is the rule of common justice.

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179. Don't be too stingy,  
Give some to the needy,  
Don't be too greedy,  
Leave some for Pak Haji.

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180. Moderation in expenditure is part of livelihood,  
And love for people is half of wisdom,  
And good questioning is half of learning.

- Hadis

Retold by Bukhari

181. The key to paradise is prayer,  
And the key prayer is cleanliness.

- Hadis

Retold by Ahmad

182. The best charity is to satisfy a hungry belly.

- Hadis

Retold by Balhaqi

183. An architect made the noble plan,  
A strong cement (Islam) binds us all,  
Look, we can't be seperated one from other,  
We rise or fall together.

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184. Actions are by will:

Where there is a will, there is way and action.

Therefore NO will NO action.

Actions are done with the help of WILL;

As is the will, so is the action.

As you sow, so you will reap or like father like son.

- Proverb

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185. No father can give a better gift to his son than good manners.

- Hadis

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186. To maintain a daughter returned to the father by her husband  
is the highest form of charity in Islam.

- Hadis

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187. The ideal of wifehood in Islam is love and  
affection and not subordination and servitude.  
A virtuous wife is man's last treasure.

- Hadis

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188. Commodities of this world are but short-lived,  
And the most precious of the commodities is a virtuous wife.  
On the other hand women sometimes are never steadfast to anything.

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189. Excess of sorrow laughs,  
Excess of joy weeps.

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190. Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason.

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191. There is no wisdom like frankness.

- Disraeli

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192. Beware the fury of a patient man.

- Dryden

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193. Gambling is a principle inherent to human nature.

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194. Genius must be born; it can never be taught.

- Dryden

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195. Hating people is like burning down your own house,  
To get rid of a rat.

196. A worthy son always adds to the legacy that he receives.

- M. Gandhi

197. A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg.

198. TONGUE is a piece of flesh which can work wonders in the world. It is a gateway of the heart and thus carries message of the Heart. Its power is more than that of a powerful monarch, its good is a fortune and its evil is a unfortunate. The man who guards his tounge from unnecessary talk and from eating unlawful things and the man who guards his private parts from strange women shall enter paradise, because most of the sins spring from these two sources.

199. PHILANTHROPISTS AND PHILOSOPHISTS DIE IMMORTAL.

200. When you have an elephant by the hind leg and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run. - Abaraham Lincoln

201. The best throw with the dice is to throw them away.

- Proverb

202. Where there is love there is life.

203. Hatred leads to destruction.

The prerogative of destruction belongs to the Creator of all that lives.

- M. Gandhi

204. There are two tragedies in life.

One is not to get your heart's desire;  
The other is to get it.

- Barnard Shaw

205. Calm appears when storm are past;  
Love will have his hour at last.

- Dryden.

206. Because of Adam's fall,  
We sinned all.

207. Prosperities are not without many fears and distaste,  
And adversity is not without comforts and hopes.

208. Adversity introduces a man to himself.

209. In prosperity prepare for a change; in adversity hope for one.

- Burgh

210. When a man seeks your advice,  
He generally wants your praise.

211. No wise man ever wished to be younger.

212. Old wood best to burn;  
Old wine to drink;  
Old friends to trust,  
And old authors to read.

213. Anger is short madness.  
To be angry is to revenge the faults of others on ourselves.

214. Anger makes dull men witty,  
but it keeps them poor.

- Bacon

215. Anger is one of the sinews of soul to be furious.

216. Apology is only egotism - wrong side out.

- Holmes

217. The best part of beauty is that which no picture can express.

218. Beggars must not be encouraged to be choosers.

219. Borrowing is not much better than begging.

220. A man must not swallow more belief than he can digest.  
A thing that nobody believes cannot be proved too often.

- G.B. Shaw

221. Who is to bell the cat;  
It is easy to propose impossible remedies than to act.

22. A healthy body is a guest chamber for the soul.  
A sick body is a prison.

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223. The secret of boring is the practice of saying  
the same thing over and over again.

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224. One of the best thing in the world is to be a boy;  
It requires no experience;  
but needs some practice to be a good one.

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225. The best hearts are ever the best.

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226. A wiseman does not trust all his eggs to be put in one basket.

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227. Early and provident ear is the mother of safety.

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228. Charms strike the sight,  
But merit wins the soul.

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229. Constancy is the foundation of virtues.

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230. No one can boast of having never been despised.

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231. Democracy is government of the people,  
by the people, for the people.  
The world must be made safe for democracy.

- Woodrow Wilson

232. A born democrat is born disciplinarian.

- M. Gandhi

233. There are two tragedies in life.  
One is not to get your heart's desire,  
And the other is to get it.

- R. Tagore

234. The greatest of all difficulties lie  
where we are not looking for them.

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235. One of the best thing in the world is to be a boy.  
It requires no experience.  
But needs practice to be a good one.

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236. The best hearts are ever the bravest.

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237. A wise man does not trust all his eggs to be put in one basket.

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242. A comfortable house is a great source of happiness;

It ranks immediately after health and good conscience.

- Sydney Smith

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243. Love would turn to poison unless it is strickly  
limited by moral consideration.

- M. Gandhi

244. Rashness and haste make all things insecure.

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245. Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.

- Steele

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246. The art of reading is to skip judiciously.

- P.G. Hamerton

247. The only difference between the saint and the sinner is  
that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.

- Oscar Wilde

248. In scandal, as in robbery,  
the receiver is always thought as bad as the thief.

- Lord Chesterfield

249. I believe there is nothing among mankind swifter than rumour.

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250. Some people are born great  
and some have greatness thurst upon them -

W. Shakespeare

I say - Some people are born hypocrates,  
Some people make good lawyers,  
and some are damn liars.

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251. Deceit is the mother of misfortune and  
is one of the forces of destruction.  
A deceiptful man can never suceed both in this world and in the next.

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252. The worst of what in man is extreme niggardliness and extreme cowardice.

- Hadis

Retold by Abu Daud

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253. As man is a sodialable being; he has got some duties and obligation  
to every member of the society he belongs and to men in general.  
He should give cloth to the naked, food to the hungry and drink  
to the thirsty.

- Hadis

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254. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many, to  
so few.

Sir Winston Churchill

August, 1940

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255. There is only one answer to defeat and that is victory.  
If we win nobody will care;  
if we lose there will be nobody to care.

Sir Winston Churchill

June, 1941

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256. If the lull is to end; if the storm is to renew itself,  
London will be ready, London will not flinch! ....  
you (Hitler) do your worst and we will do our best.

Sir Winston Churchill

July, 1941

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257. It is better to have a world united than world divided;  
but it is also better to have a world divided than a world destroyed.

Sir Winston Churchill

June, 1946

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258. Governments are made for men, not men for governments.

259. Man's hope is so prolonged that he can't finish his objects of hope within his life time.

Hopes over hopes heaps over him, but it is simply impossible to attain all of them within a life time.

Therefore hope is long but time is short.

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260. Every man is born sinless with clear and upright soul and not with sin and black soul; and subsequently by actions he goes either to the lowest depth of degradation or rises highest to the pinnacle of glory.

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261. To honour an old man is to honour experience; to honour a Muslim is to honour Islam; to honour a reader of the Koran by heart is to honour the Koran; and to honour a just King is to honour justice. So practically honour is shown to their qualities and not to their physical bodies.

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262. If a man takes care of the property of an orphan and he is poor, it is lawful to maintain himself out of the income of the orphan's property in consideration of his management; but he is not allowed to hoard it in secret, to spend extravagantly what is not necessary for him, and to make haste in spending for fear of the orphan's attainment of majority.

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263. The contentment and peace of mind are the desired objects of every man just as peace of a country of every government. These things are found generally in poor men job who do not look up for wealth, power and beauty, but look towards one who is inferior to him. Peace of mind ensures progress and leads towards perfection just as peace of a country ensures property of the country. It is no good to being discontent by looking towards the riches of another. It is therefore wiser to look towards those who are inferior.

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264. When visiting a sick man, remove his anxiety regarding his death; that cannot avert anything, but it will comfort his soul.

- Hadis

Retold by Ibn Majah, Tarmizi  
(rare)

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265. To administer consolation to the sick is the great object of medical science as action on mind reacts on body. If mind feels pleasure and consolation, body also becomes sound and healthy. Therefore console the ill.

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266. In serving humanity, a Muslim is to remember the following principles: There are degrees of duties to different individuals, and the higher duty is to be preferred than the lesser one in case friction. The duty towards Allah is the foremost; next comes the duty towards family-members; then duty towards relations; then duty towards members of the Muslim-brotherhood and then duty towards humanity in general.

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267. Of the good fortune of a Muslim gentlemen there are -

1. spacious abode
2. A good neighbour
3. A pleasant conveyance

- Hadis

Retold by Ahmad

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268. No man is free from faults except the Holy Prophet. In the brotherhood of Muslims no members shall disclose the secrets of other members which are not open to the public. As he does not like that his secrets should find outlet, he should also like it in the case of others.

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269. Good breeding is the blossom of good sense.

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270. Judges and senates have been bought for gold.  
Esteem and love were never - to be sold.

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271. Business today consists in persuading crowds.

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272. The man who is above business may one day find his business above him.

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273. Calm appears when storms are past:  
Love will have his hour at last.

- Dryden

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274. Ceremony is the invention of wise men to keep fools at a distance.

- Steele

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275. Charms strike the sight,  
But merit wins the soul.

- Pope

276. Nothing costs less, nor is cheaper than the compliments of good women.

- Cervante

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277. Performance of one's duty should be independent of public opinion.

- M. Gandhi

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278. Eat to please oneself, but dress is to please others.

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279. The prudent man may direct state; but it is the enthusiast who regenerates it to ruins.

- Lord Lytton

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280. Women will form majority inmates in hell, as they are prone to disobey their husbands.

And I took my stand at the door of the fire and the majority who entered were women.

- Hadis

Reported by Osamah B. Zaid

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281. To kiss the hand of a pious man and your parents and elders are lawful.

To kiss the ground to show respect to a man is totally unlawful.

Kissing is of four kinds:

1. Kiss out of affection like the kiss of a father to his son.
2. Kiss of kindness like the kiss of children to their parents.
3. Kiss out of passion like the kiss of husband on the face of wife or another woman.
4. Kiss out of gratitude and gratefulness like the kiss of a subject to his King or a man to his imam.

- Hadis

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282. Abu Hurairah reported that Prophet Mohammed said:

There are six duties of Muslim to another Muslim and these are:-

1. Visit him when he falls ill.
2. He will be present before him when he dies.
3. He will respond to him when he invites him.
4. He will salute him when he meets him.
5. He will respond to him when he sneezes.
6. He will say his goodness when he is either absent or present.

- Hadis

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283. Bravery is a good virtue. It fosters manly qualities for which a man is highly esteemed by the people. A brave man is a help to the weak and the destitute.

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284. Anger is a flick fire lodged in the heart of man.  
A man of extreme anger is called haughty and boastful.  
A man of having no anger is called coward and a man of  
moderate anger is called modest. Pride, anger, boast  
and haughtiness are relative terms akin to one another.  
The cause which give birth to these attributes are self  
conceit.

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285. Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as you please.

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286. A fault confessed is half redressed.  
The greatest of faults I should say, is to be conscious of none.

- H.G. Bohn and Carlyle

287. Nothing is strong as gentleness; nothing is gentle as real strength.

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288. Glory follows virtue like its shadow.  
The nearest way to strive to glory is to be what  
you wish to be thought to be.

- Cicero and Socrates

289. Clocks will go on as they are set; but man, irregular man,  
is never constant, never certain.

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290. Better to hunt in fields for health unbought,  
Than fee the doctor for a nauseous draught.

- Dryden

291. Patience and perseverance overcome mountains.

- M. Gandhi

292. You'll never have a quiet world till you have knocked the  
patriotism out of the human race.

- G.B. Shaw

293. No country can be overpopulated, if there is work for everyone.

- Jawarlal Nehru

294. Sweet is the remembrance of trouble when you are in safety.

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295. Sudden acquaintance brings repentance.

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296. Admiration is very short-lived passion that immediately decays upon growing familiar with its object.

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297. Ask a woman's advice  
Whatever she avised  
Do the very reverse and your're  
Sure to be wise.

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298. Anger makes dull men witty,  
But it keeps them poor.

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299. Man climbs to the highest summits,  
But he cannot dwell there long.

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300. Lady youbare the cruelest alive,  
If you lead those graces to the grave,  
And leave the world no copy.

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301. Better to blush on the face than blot on the heart.

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302. I rather had have a fool to make me merry,  
than experience to make me sad.

- Shakespeare

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303. It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep,  
Than a sheep at the head of army of lions.

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304. Habitual frunkeness is the epitome of every crime.

- Jerrols

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305. The true essentials of a feast are only fun and feed.  
He who feasts everyday, feasts no day.

- O.W. Holmes & C. Simmon

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306. Freedom is gained when we have paid the full price  
for our right to live.

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307. The men who make history have no time to write it.

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308. The house of every one is to him his castle and fortress,  
as well for his defence against injury and violence as for his repose.

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309. A man is at his worst when he pretends to be good.

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310. To perceive is to feel; to compare is to judge.  
Judging and feeling are not the same thing.

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311. A nation may do without its millionaires and without its capitalists but a nation can never do without its labourers.  
The labourer is worthy of his reward.

- M. Gandhi & Tinothy

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312. Learning makes most men more stupid and foolish than they are by nature.

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313. Life is long if you know how to use it.

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314. Proverbs are short sentences,  
draws from long experience.

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315. BASHFULNESS AND SHAME is opposed to indecency or shamefulness.  
Shame is a branch of faith while indecency is out of faith.  
Shamefulness and indecent talks bespeak of the nature and pedigree of a man and show that such a man comes from uncultured society; while shameful tendency in a man shows that he comes from a cultured society. Shame and bashfulness adorn nature and such a man is respected, while an indecent man is laughed to scorn.

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316. The strong is not by wrestle, but the strong is he can control himself at the time of anger.

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317. Dispensing of guests: The hosts should go with guests at least up to the door of his house, and he should bid them good-bye with a smiling countenance and sweet conversation and with gifts of things that will go to add to their pleasure. The guests should not leave the house without his permission.

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318. PASSIONS: are the worst attributes in human being. They are the store-house of corruptions, the weapons of the devil and the gateways of destruction. It is impossible to eradicate passions completely from the soil of mind, because these have been implanted in human nature from the time of a man. The greatest duty of a man is not to eradicate them but to bring them under complete by severe struggles and fight if necessary. The period in which a man is engaged in this fight is good in his life time, as he is then considered as fighting a greatest fight.

319. A VIRTUOUS WIFE is a man's best treasure. The object of treasures is to gain comfort, but nothing can give more comfort and solace than a virtuous wife. She is always a joy to her husband. Besides, a virtuous wife can make her husband and children virtuous. Mother has the greatest share in the formation of character of the children. A virtuous wife's ventriloquism love in her husband thereby keeping him in absolute check from extravagant mode of life. The mother is the queen of the household and unless the queen is virtuous, the inmates cannot be expected to turn out good.

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320. Give presents to one another; for presents remove hatred.

- Hadis

Retold by Tarmizi

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321. Nothing is more disgraceful than insincerity.

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322. When a man befriends a man let him ask his name, and the name of his father and the stock from which he comes, for it is a greater link of love.

- Hadis

Retold by Tarmizi

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323. Some of the characteristics and attainments of Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.) are:-

He reached the highest place by his perfection

He removed darkness by his beauty

Beautiful are all his attainments

Send blessings to him and his family.

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324. Prophet Mohammed said of all colours WHITE is the best:

It is most pure and pleasant

Use it when performing the Haj

Use it as shroud for the dead bodies.

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325. Bribe-taking and illegal gratifications are unlawful in Islam. Allah curse the bribe-taker and bribe-giver. Even a needle cannot be accepted by an officer beyond his fixed salary. Whatever is taken in addition to his fixed-salary would amount to the sin of breach of trust.

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326. Contentment is a treasure and a source of happiness; while discontentment is a disease which brings unnecessary worries and trouble.

327. Miserliness implies love for wealth and disclination towards meeting necessary expenses. This is tantamount to disbelief that Allah gives sustenance to all. The best rule is to follow the middle path. Do not make your hand sharkled to your neck, nor stretch it forth to the uttermost of its stretching, lest you sit down blamed and disappointed.

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328. I was born in nineteen o five (1905), 24th September,  
I want my children this date to remember,  
Celebrations or no celebrations do not matter,  
Pray to Allah for my long life and good health is more proper.

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329. The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty and all that wealth ever gave,  
Awaits alike that inevitable Hour,  
The path of glory leads but to the grave.

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330. I am no poet nor a writer either,  
I just jotted down what i know, read and remember,  
That's why you find the proses and pharases are in disarry,  
For these, pardon me, dear readers, that's all I pray.

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