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"Think twice before you talk. Think thrice before you act."

Sri Sri Sri Sivaratnapuri, Tiruchi Mahmigal, spiritual head of
Kailasa Ashrama, Bangalore

According to karma yoga, the action one has done cannot be destroyed until it has borne its fruit; no power in nature can stop it from yielding its results. If I do an evil action, I must suffer for it; there is no power in this universe to stop it or stay it. Similarly, if I do a good action, there is no power in the universe that can stop its bearing good results. The cause must have its effect; nothing can prevent or restrain this. Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

If you would walk the way of love, never feel hurt nor yield to anger, but accept pain as a part of life. Dada J.P. Vaswani, spiritual head of Sadhu Vaswani Mission

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo. H.G. Wells (1866-1946), British author

He who has millions in money but no character will soon turn his cash into trash. His Divine Holiness, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, spiritual head of Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Puroshottam Swaminarayan Sanstha

Eternal, pure, groundless, death-and-birth free, pervasive, ever immaculate, distant, near, enveloping effulgence of void, the support of all, the fullness of bliss, the consciousness-form beyond thought and speech, That which thus stood, the expanse vast that generates bliss, let us contemplate. Tayumanavar (1706-1744), South Indian devotional poet

Every two miles the water doth change, and every four the dialect. Hindi proverb on India's languages

When you lose, don't lose the lesson. His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Tibetan spiritual-political leader in exile

The leaders of three religions A, B and C decided to convene a meeting to bring about peace. God was so pleased with their efforts that He sent an angel to them during the meeting. The angel asked the leaders what they wished. The leader of religion A said, "Religion B is responsible for all the problems. So please wipe them off the face of the Earth!" The leader of religion B said, "Religion A is the cause of all our troubles. You have to reduce them to ashes!" By now the angel was disappointed. The angel turned expectantly to the leader of religion C. With an expression of grave humility, C's leader said, "I wish nothing for myself. It will be enough if you merely grant the prayers of my two colleagues!" Children, we must first plant the seeds of love, peace and patience within ourselves. The key to world peace is within every individual residing on this planet. Peace is not just the absence of war and conflict; it goes well beyond that. Simply transferring the world's nuclear weapons to a museum will not in itself bring about world peace. The nuclear weapons of the mind must first be eliminated. Mata Amritanandamayi Ma, India's Kerala-based "hugging saint "

Fear less, hope more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours. Swedish proverb

It is far easier to conquer others than to conquer oneself, because the former can be attained by recourse to outside means, while the latter can be achieved only with one's own mind. Mahatma Gandhi(1869-1948)

There was a young lady named Bright, Who could travel much faster than light. She started one day in the relative way, And came back on the previous night.

Sojourns in tirthas, which are meritorious and which constitute one of the high mysteries of the rishis, are even superior to sacrifices. Mahabharata

Wealth and happiness are not related to each other as cause and effect. An attempt to secure happiness by securing wealth is as futile as it is absurd. Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal(1912-1954), 34th pontiff of the Sarada Peetham

Love is the source of understanding. You know intellectually that within you resides the potential, expressed or not, for all human emotion, thought and action. Yet, you no doubt meet or observe people occasionally whose life and actions are repellent or unacceptable to you. The absence of love has created a vacuum of understanding. For the meditating person, there should not be a single human being whose actions, habits, opinions or conduct lies beyond your ability to love and understand. Satguru Sivaya Subramuniaswami(1927-2001), founder of Hinduism Today

Glory

Tirukural 235: Loss that is gain and death that is life of immortal glory are attained only by the wise.

Tirukural 237: Why do those whose life is devoid of renown blame enemies who hate them, when they have themselves to blame?

Tirukural 239: Even flawlessly fruitful lands will lessen their yields when forced to support the body of one who lacks illustriousness.

Tirukural 240: Those who live without reproach truly live. Those who live without renown don't live at all.

DID YOU KNOW

The World's Largest Hindu Populations

Estimates in Millions

- India - 895
- Nepal - 21
- Bangladesh- 12.6
- Indonesia - 5.9
- Pakistan - 2.1
- Sri Lanka - 2
- USA - 2
- Malaysia - 1.4
- South Africa - 1.4
- UK - 1.3

Highest Proportion of Hindus

- India - 89%
- Nepal - 86%
- Mauritius- 59%
- Guyana - 46%
- Fiji - 42%