

SOUL

Spirit and Immortality

1. ESSENCE

- 4489 The Soul is made of consciousness and mind; it is made of life and vision. It is made of the earth and the waters; it is made of air and space. It is made of light and darkness; it is made of desire and peace. It is made of anger and love; it is made of virtue and vice. It is made of all that is near; it is made of all that is afar. It is made of all.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4490 Soul - Something in us that can be without us and will be after us.
Thomas Browne (1605-1682)
- 4491 Vital spark of heav'nly flame!
Pope (1688-1744)
- 4492 Everything here, but the soul of man, is a passing shadow. The only enduring substance is within.
Channing (1780-1842)
- 4493 The production of souls is the secret of unfathomable depth.
Victor Hugo (1802-1885)
- 4494 Spirit is living, and Life is Spirit, and Life and Spirit produce all things, but they are essentially one and not two...
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

2. OPPOSITES

- 4495 Doth not the sun harden the clay? Doth it not also soften the wax? As it is one sun that worketh both, even so it is one Soul that willeth contrarities.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4496 The disembodied spirit is immortal; there is nothing of it that can grow old or die. But the embodied spirit sees death on the horizon as soon as its day dawns.
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)

- 4497 The all knowing Self was never born, nor will it die.
 Beyond cause and effect, this self is eternal and immutable.
 When the body dies, the Self does not die.
 If the slayer believes that he can kill,
 And the slain believes that he can be killed,
 Neither knows the truth.
 The eternal Self slays not, nor is ever slain.
 Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4498 Just as the soul fills the body, so God fills the world.
 Just as the soul bears the body, so God endures the world.
 Just as the soul sees but is not seen,
 so God sees but is not seen.
 Just as the soul feeds the body,
 so God gives food to the world.
 The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
- 4499 I am the resurrection and the life;
 he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
 and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.
 Jesus (B.C. 6?-30? A.D.)
- 4500 What springs from earth dissolves to earth again,
 and heaven-born things fly to their native seat.
 Marcus Aurelius (121-180 A.D.)
- 4501 The soul is created in a place between Time and Eternity:
 with its highest powers it touches Eternity,
 with its lower Time.
 Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)
- 4502 There is nothing strictly immortal, but immortality.
 Whatever hath no beginning may be confident of no end.
 Thomas Browne (1605-1682)
- 4503 Can it be? matter immortal? and shall spirit die?
 above the nobler, shall less nobler rise?
 shall man alone, for whom all else revives,
 no resurrection know? shall man alone,
 imperial man! be sown in barren ground,
 less privileged than grain, on which he feeds?
 Young (1683-1765)
- 4504 Everywhere the human soul stands between a hemisphere of
 light and another of darkness; on the confines of two
 everlasting hostile empires, Necessity and Freewill.
 Carlyle (1795-1881)

- 4505 From the doctrine of the two Principles, Active and Passive, grew that of the Universe, animated by a Principle of Eternal Life, and by a Universal Soul, from which every isolated and temporary being received at its birth an emanation, which, at the death of such being, returned to its source.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)
- 4506 Spirit is the real and eternal;
matter is unreal and material.
Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910)
- 4507 For I never have seen, and never shall see,
that the cessation of the evidence of existence
is necessarily evidence of the cessation of existence.
De Morgan (1839-1917)
- 4508 The Soul is born old, but it grows young;
that is the comedy of life.
The Body is born young and grows old;
that is life's tragedy.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 4509 The Seer is the unchanging, non-dual unity or Soul.
The seen is the changing, visible universe and the mind.
Sivananda (born 1887)

3. INSIGHT

- 4510 Spirit is the first differentiation of SPACE; and Matter the first differentiation of Spirit. That, which is neither Spirit nor matter -that is IT- the Causeless CAUSE of Spirit and Matter, which are the Cause of Cosmos. And THAT we call the ONE LIFE or the Intra-Cosmic Breath.
Book of Dzyan (B.C. 3000?)
- 4511 Something is added to thee unlike to what thou seest; something animates thy clay higher than all that is the object of thy senses. Behold, what is it? Thy body remaineth perfect matter after IT is fled, therefore IT is no part of it; IT is immaterial, therefore IT is eternal: IT is free to act; therefore IT is accountable for its actions.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4512 The Spirit, without moving, is swifter than the mind; the senses cannot reach him: He is ever beyond them. Standing still, he overtakes those who run. To the ocean of his being, the spirit of life leads the streams of action.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

- 4513 As the same fire assumes different shapes
When it consumes objects differing in shape,
So does the one Self take the shape
Of every creature in whom he is present.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4514 'Tis true; 'tis certain; man though dead retains
Part of himself; the immortal mind remains.
Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 4515 All men's souls are immortal,
but the souls of the righteous are immortal and divine.
Socrates (B.C. 469-399)
- 4516 The human soul develops up to death.
Hippocrates (B.C. 460-370)
- 4517 We all have been for all time...and we shall be for all
time...As the Spirit of our mortal body wanders on in
childhood, and youth and old age, the Spirit wanders on to
a new body: of this the sage has no doubts.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4518 Whatsoever that be within us that feels, thinks, desires,
and animates, is something celestial, divine, and,
consequently, imperishable.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 4519 The countenance is the portrait of the soul,
and the eyes mark its intentions.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 4520 All souls must undergo transmigration and the souls of men
revolve like a stone which is thrown from a sling, so many
turns before the final release...Only those who have not
completed their perfection must suffer the wheel of rebirth
by being reborn into another human body.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4521 There is spirit in the soul, untouched by time and flesh,
flowing from the Spirit, remaining in the Spirit, itself
wholly spiritual. In this principle is God, ever verdant,
ever flowering in all the joy and glory of His actual Self.
Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)
- 4522 The soul is a veiled light. This light is triple:
the pure spirit, the soul or spirit, and the mutable
mediator. The veil of the soul is the shell of the
image. The image is double because it reflects a
light - the good and the evil angel of the soul...
Moses Cordouero (1522-1570)

- 4523 Yet stab at thee who will,
No stab the soul can kill!
Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)
- 4524 The spirit of man communes with Heaven;
the omnipotence of Heaven resides in man.
Is the distance between Heaven and man very great?
Hung Tzu-ch'eng (1593-1665)
- 4525 The soul is a fire that darts its rays through all the
senses; it is in this fire that existence consists; all
the observations and all the efforts of philosophers ought
to turn towards this ME, the centre and moving power of our
sentiments and our ideas.
Germaine De Stael (1766-1817)
- 4526 We are much better believers in immortality than we can
give grounds for. The real evidence is too subtle, or
is higher than we can write down in propositions.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4527 Man only of all earthly creatures, asks, "Can the dead die
forever?" - and the instinct that urges the question is
God's answer to man, for no instinct is given in vain.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 4528 The human soul is like a bird that is born in a cage.
Nothing can deprive it of its natural longings, or
obliterate the mysterious remembrance of its heritage.
Epes Sargent (1813-1880)
- 4529 If thy Soul smiles while bathing in the Sunlight of thy
Life; if thy Soul sings within her chrysalis of flesh and
matter; if thy Soul weeps inside her castle of illusion;
if thy Soul struggles to break the silver thread that
binds her to the MASTER; know that thy Soul is of the earth.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 4530 Fire is the most perfect and unadulterated reflection,
in Heaven as on Earth, of the ONE FLAME.
It is Life and Death, the origin and the end of every
material thing. It is divine "Substance."
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 4531 Our hope of immortality does not come from any religions,
but nearly all religions come from that hope.
Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)

4. POSITIVE

- 4532 As the moon retaineth her nature, though darkness spread
itself before her face as a curtain, so the Soul remaineth
perfect even in the bosom of the fool.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4533 The Spirit filled all with his radiance. He is incorporeal
and invulnerable, pure and untouched by evil. He is the
supreme seer and thinker, immanent and transcendent. He
placed all things in the path of the Eternal.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4534 As the sun that beholds the world
is untouched by earthly impurities,
so the Spirit that is in all things
is untouched by external sufferings.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4535 There is a god within us, and we have intercourse with
heaven. That spirit comes from abodes on high.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 4536 The soul has this proof of its divinity:
that divine things delight in it.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 4537 'And God created man in His image.'
It is this image which receives us first when we come
into this World, it develops with us while we grow and
accompanies us when we leave the earth. Its source is
in heaven.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4538 'Tis immortality, 'tis that alone,
Amid life's pains, abasements, emptiness,
The soul can comfort, elevate, and fill.
That only, and that amply this performs.
Young (1683-1765)
- 4539 The soul is indestructible and its activity will continue
through eternity. It is like the sun, which, to our eyes,
seems to set at night; but it has in reality only gone to
diffuse its light elsewhere.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 4540 Our dissatisfaction with any other solution is the blazing
evidence of immortality.
Emerson (1803-1882)

- 4541 The one thing in the world, of value, is the active soul.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4542 There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding
joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them when they go.
Frederick Faber (1814-1863)
- 4543 The soul is, of course, the noblest part of man.
Lubbock (1834-1913)

5. NEGATIVE

- 4544 As a draft-animal is yoked in a wagon,
even so the spirit is yoked in this body.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4545 This world is indeed in darkness,
and how few can see the light!
Just as few birds can escape from a net,
few souls can fly into the freedom of heaven.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 4546 The want of goods is easily repaired,
but the poverty of the soul is irreparable.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 4547 Four thousand volumes of metaphysics will not teach us what
the soul is.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 4548 There are souls which fall from heaven like flowers, but
ere they bloom are crushed under the foul tread of some
brutal hoof.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 4549 To desire immortality is to desire the eternal perpetuation
of a great mistake.
Schopenhauer (1788-1860)
- 4550 My mind is incapable of conceiving such a thing as a soul.
I may be in error, and man may have a soul;
but I simply do not believe it.
Thomas A. Edison (1847-1931)
- 4551 Neither can I believe that the individual survives the death
of his body, although feeble souls harbor such thoughts
through fear or ridiculous egotism.
Einstein (1879-1955)

6. ADVICE

- 4552 Thinking, understanding, reasoning, willing, call not these
Soul! They are its actions, but they are not its essence.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4553 The Spirit is beyond sound and form, without touch and taste
and perfume. It is eternal, unchangeable, and without
beginning or end; indeed above reasoning. When
consciousness of the Spirit manifests itself,
man becomes free from the jaws of death.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4554 Know that which pervades the entire body is indestructible.
No one is able to destroy the imperishable soul.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4555 Do not think that man is but flesh, skin, bones and veins;
far from it! What really makes man is his soul; and the
things we call skin, flesh, bones and veins are but a
garment, a cloak; they do not constitute man. When man
departs this earth, he divests himself of all the veils that
conceal him.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4556 One should leave a single person for the sake of a family;
for the sake of a village he should abandon a family;
a village he should renounce for the sake of a country,
and for the sake of his soul, the earth.
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)
- 4557 The spirit is smothered, as it were, by ignorance, but
so soon as ignorance is destroyed, spirit shine forth,
like the sun when released from clouds.
Sankara (c. 900 A.D.)
- 4558 I pity men who occupy themselves exclusively with the
transitory in things and lose themselves in the study of
what is perishable, since we are here for this very end-
that we may make the perishable imperishable, which we can
do only after we have learned how to approach both.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 4559 He ne'er is crowned with immortality
Who fears to follow where airy voices lead.
Keats (1795-1821)

7. POTPOURRI

- 4560 As the tempest and the thunder affect not the sun or the stars, but spend their fury on stones and trees below; so injuries ascend not to the Soul of the great, but waste themselves on such as are those who offer them.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4561 The Spirit of the Eternal shot out of his Body like a sheet of lightning that radiated at once on the billows of the Seven millions of skies, and my ten splendours were his limbs.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4562 By the Heaven and Him who built it,
by the earth and Him who leveled it,
by the soul and Him who perfected it,
then He taught it the ways of its ruin,
and the way of its safety.
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)
- 4563 In consequence of possessing diverse attributes, the Supreme Existence appears manifold, but when the attributes are annihilated, unity is restored.
In consequence of those diverse attributes, a variety of names and conditions are supposed proper to the spirit, just as a variety of tastes and colours are attributed to water.
Sankara (c. 900 A.D.)
- 4564 I sent my Soul through the Invisible,
Some letter of that After-life spell,
And by and by my Soul returned to me,
And answered "I Myself am Heaven and Hell."
Omar Khayyam (fl. 1100)
- 4565 Souls perfected on this earth pass on to another station.
After traversing the planets they come to the sun;
they ascend into another universe and recommence their planetary evolution from world to world and from sun to sun.
In the suns they remember, and in the planets they forget.
The solar lives are the days of eternal life,
and the planetary lives are the nights with their dreams.
Moses Cordouero (1522-1570)
- 4566 The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years,
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the wars of elements,
The wrecks of matter, and the crush of worlds.

Addison (1672-1719)

- 4567 Still seems it strange, that thou shouldst live forever?
 Is it less strange, that thou shouldst live at all?
 This is a miracle; and that no more.

Young (1683-1765)

- 4568 The soul, uneasy and confined from home,
 Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

Pope (1688-1744)

- 4569 Awake, my soul! stretch every nerve,
 And press with vigour on;
 A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
 And an immortal crown.

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

- 4570 I reflected how soon in the cup of desire
 The pearl of the soul may be melted away;
 How quickly, alas, the pure sparkle of fire
 We inherit from heaven, may be quenched in the clay.

Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

- 4571 For the sword outwears its sheath,
 And the soul wears out the breast.

Byron (1788-1824)

- 4572 I feel my immortality oversweep all pains, all tears, all
 time, all fears, - and peal, like the eternal thunders of
 the deep, into my ears, this truth, - thou livest forever!

Byron (1788-1824)

- 4573 The soul of man is larger than the sky,
 Deeper than ocean, or the abysmal dark
 Of the unfathomed centre.

Hartley Coleridge (1796-1849)

- 4574 We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth.
 There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where
 the stars will spread out before us like islands that
 slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass
 before us like shadows, will stay in our presence forever.

Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

- 4575 Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with
 an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day!
 No, no, man was made for immortality.

Lincoln (1809-1865)

- 4576 Life is the soul's nursery - its training place for the
 destinies of eternity.

- 4577 Ah, the souls of those that die
Are but sunbeams lifted higher.
Thackeray (1811-1863)
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 4578 No, no! The energy of life may be
Kept on after the grave, but not begun;
And he who flagg'd not in the earthly strife,
From strength to strength advancing - only he
His soul well-knit, and all his battles won,
Mounts, and that hardly, to eternal life.
Matthew Arnold (1822-1888)
- 4579 The monuments of the nations are all protests against
nothingness after death; so are statues and inscriptions;
so is history.
Lew Wallace (1827-1905)
- 4580 Immortality - A toy which people cry for,
And on their knees apply for,
Dispute, contend and lie for,
And if allowed
Would be right proud
Eternally to die for.
Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914?)