

FAME

Glory and Illusion

1. ESSENCE

- 1293 Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds.
Socrates (B.C. 469-399)
- 1294 Worldly fame is but a breath of wind that blows now this way, and now that, and changes name as it changes direction.
Dante (1265-1321)
- 1295 Fame is like a river, that beareth up things light and swollen, and drowns things weighty and solid.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 1296 Fame is the echo of actions, resounding them to the world, save that the echo repeats only the last part, but fame relates all, and often more than all.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 1297 Fame is the thirst of youth.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 1298 The dog barks; the Caravan passes.
Arabian Proverb

2. OPPOSITES

- 1299 Glory, like a shadow, flieth from him who pursueth it; but it followeth at the heels of him who would fly from it; if thou courtest it without merit, thou shalt never attain unto it; if thou deservest it, though thou hidest thyself, it will never forsake thee.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 1300 There is no less danger from great fame than from infamy.
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)
- 1301 Good fame is like fire; when you have kindled you may easily preserve it; but if you extinguish it, you will not easily kindle it again.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 1302 Death makes no conquest of this conqueror: For now he lives in fame, though not in life.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- 1303 Even those who write against fame wish for the fame of having written well, and those who read their works desire the fame of having read them.
Pascal (1623-1662)
- 1304 Renown is a source of toil and sorrow;
obscurity is a source of happiness.
Von Mosheim (1694-1755)
- 1305 Fame is what you have taken, character is what you give.
When to this truth you awaken, then you begin to live.
Bayard Taylor (1825-1878)
- 1306 Fame is an illusive thing - here today, gone tomorrow.
The fickle, shallow mob raises its heroes to the pinnacle of approval today and hurls them into oblivion tomorrow at the slightest whim; cheers today, hisses tomorrow; utter forgetfulness in a few months.
Henry Miller (1891-1980)

3. INSIGHT

- 1307 The world, indeed, is like a dream and the treasures of the world are an alluring mirage! Like the apparent distances in a picture, things have no reality in themselves, but they are like heat haze.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 1308 I am not concerned that I am not known,
I seek to be worthy to be known.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 1309 Toil, says the proverb, is the sire of fame.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 1310 True glory takes root, and even spreads; all false pretences, like flowers, fall to the ground;
nor can any counterfeit last long.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1311 Glory is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till, by broad spreading, it disperse to naught.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1312 The glories of our birth and state
Are shadows, not substantial things.
James Shirley (1596-1666)
- 1313 Fame is no plant that grows on mortal soil.
Milton (1608-1674)

- 1314 What is fame? The advantage of being known by people of whom you yourself know nothing, and for whom you care as little.
Leszczynski Stanislaus (1677-1766)
- 1315 And what is Fame? the Meanest have their Day,
The Greatest can but blaze, and pass away.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 1316 Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it; and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 1317 Fame, we may understand is no sure test of merit, but only a probability of such: it is an accident, not a property of a man.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 1318 Fame comes only when deserved, and then is as inevitable as destiny, for it is destiny.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 1319 Men think highly of those who rise rapidly in the world; whereas nothing rises quicker than dust, straw, and feathers.
Hare & Charles (c. 1830)
- 1320 Illusion is an element which enters into all finite things, for everything that exists has only a relative, not an absolute, reality, since the appearance which the hidden phenomenon assumes for any observer depends upon his power of cognition.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 1321 Fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else.
Oliver W. Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935)
- 1322 The day will come when everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes.
Andy Warhol (born 1930)

4. POSITIVE

- 1323 Glory follows virtue as if it were its shadow.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1324 The love of glory gives an immense stimulus.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)

- 1325 It is pleasing to be pointed at with the finger and to have
it said, "There goes the man."
Persius (34-62 A.D.)
- 1326 Of all the possessions of this life fame is the noblest;
when the body has sunk into the dust
the great name still lives.
Schiller (1759-1805)
- 1327 Let us not disdain glory too much; nothing is finer, except
virtue. - The height of happiness would be to unite both in
this life.
Chateaubriand (1768-1848)
- 1328 Fame, they tell you, is air; but without air there is no
life for any; without fame there is none for the best.
Landor (1775-1864)
- 1329 Fame is the inheritance not of the dead, but of the living.
It is we who look back with lofty pride to the great names
of antiquity.
Hazlitt (1778-1830)
- 1330 Though fame is smoke, its fumes are frankincense to human
thoughts.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 1331 Fame is that which is known to exist by the echo of its
footsteps through congenial minds.
Anna Jameson (1794-1860)
- 1332 Fame lulls the fever of the soul, and makes
Us feel that we have grasp'd an immortality.
Joaquin Miller (1839-1913)

5. NEGATIVE

- 1333 Glory drags all men along, low as well as high,
bound captive at the wheels of her glittering car.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 1334 It is a wretched thing to live on the fame of others.
Juvenal (40-125 A.D.)
- 1335 I do not like the man who squanders life for fame;
give me the man who living makes a name.
Martial (43-104 A.D.)

- 1336 The love of fame is the last weakness which even the wise
resign.
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)
- 1337 And what after all is everlasting fame? All together vanity
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 A.D.)
- 1338 All fame is dangerous: Good, bringeth Envy; Bad, Shame.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 1339 Men's fame is like their hair, which grows after they are
dead, and with just as little use to them.
George Villiers (1628-1687)
- 1340 Fame has also this great drawback, that if we pursue it,
we must direct our lives so as to please the fancy of men.
Spinoza (1632-1677)
- 1341 There is not in the world so toilsome a trade as the
pursuit of fame; life concludes before you have so much
as sketched your work.
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 1342 What's fame? a fancy'd life in other's breath.
A thing beyond us, even before our death.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 1343 What a heavy burden is a name that has become too famous.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 1344 Fame is but the breath of people,
and that often unwholesome.
Rousseau (1712-1778)
- 1345 The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
Thomas Gray (1716-1771)
- 1346 Glory, built on selfish principles, is shame and guilt.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 1347 Celebrity is the chastisement of merit
and the punishment of talent.
Chamfort (1741-1794)
- 1348 How men long for celebrity! Some would willingly sacrifice
their lives for fame, and not a few would rather be known
by their crimes than not known at all.
John Sinclair (1754-1835)

- 1349 Fame and power are the objects of all men. Even their partial fruition is gained by very few; and that, too, at the expense of social pleasure, health, conscience, life.
Disraeli (1804-1881) 6 of 8
- 1350 Fame is not just. She never finely or discriminatingly praises, but coarsely hurrahs.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 1351 Even the best things are not equal to their fame.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 1352 Fame - a few words upon a tombstone, and the truth of those not to be depended on.
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 1353 A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.
H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
- 1354 Fame is the penalty of success.
Jealousy is the penalty of fame.
Sivananda (born 1887)

6. ADVICE

- 1355 True glory consists in doing what deserves to be written; in writing what deserves to be read; and in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living in it.
Pliny the Elder (23-79 A.D.)
- 1356 All the fame you should look for in life is to have lived it quietly.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 1357 The fame of great men ought always to be estimated by the means used to acquire it.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 1358 Avoid popularity; it has many snares, and no real benefit.
William Penn (1614-1718)
- 1359 Of present fame think little, and of future less; the praises that we receive after we are buried, like the flowers that are strewed over our grave, may be gratifying to the living, but they are nothing to the dead...
Colton (1780-1832)
- 1360 He who would acquire fame must not show himself afraid of censure. The dread of censure is the death of genius.
William Simms (1806-1870)

- 1361 The veil of illusion cannot be lifted by a mere decision of reason, but demands the most thoroughgoing and persevering preparation consisting in the full payment of all debts to life.

C. G. Jung (1875-1961)

7. POTPOURRI

- 1362 The life, which others pay, let us bestow,
And give to fame what we to nature owe.

Homer (c. B.C. 700)

- 1363 She (Fame) walks on the earth, and her head is concealed in the clouds.

Vergil (B.C. 70-19)

- 1364 All your renown is like the summer flower that blooms and dies; because the sunny glow which brings it forth, soon slays with parching power.

Dante (1265-1321)

- 1365 There have been as great souls unknown to fame as any of the most famous.

Franklin (1706-1790)

- 1366 He that pursues fame with just claims, trusts his happiness to the winds; but he that endeavors after it by false merit, has to fear, not only the violence of the storm, but the leaks of his vessel.

Johnson (1709-1784)

- 1367 O Fame! if I e'er took delight in thy praises,
'Twas less for the sake of thy high-sounding phrases,
Than to see the bright eyes of the dear one discover
The thought that I was not unworthy to love her.

Byron (1788-1824)

- 1368 Thou hast a charmed cup, O Fame!
A draught that mantles high,
And seems to lift this earthly frame
Above mortality.
Away! to me -a woman- bring
Sweet water from affection's spring.

Felicia Hemans (1794-1835)

- 1369 Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today will curse tomorrow, only one thing endures - character.

Horace Greeley (1811-1872)

- 1370 Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 1371 Fame is a bee
It has a song-
It has a sting-
Ah, too, it has a wing.
Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)
- 1372 Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you
may still exist, but you have ceased to live.
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
- 1373 It is dangerous to let the public behind the scenes. They
are easily disillusioned and then they are angry with you,
for it was the illusion they loved.
Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)
- 1374 Riches: A dream in the night...
Fame: A gull floating on water.
Chinese Proverb