

# FAMILY

## *Ancestry, Children, Fathers, Motherhood and Parents*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 1375 The family is the nucleus of civilization.  
Will Durant (1885-1981)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 1376 A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another the home will be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden.  
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 1377 If we could trace our descendants, we should find all slaves to come from princes, and all princes from slaves.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 1378 Children sweeten labors; but they make misfortunes more bitter.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 1379 Children wish fathers looked but with their eyes; fathers that children with their judgment looked; and either may be wrong.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1380 The child is father of the man.  
Wordsworth (1770-1850)
- 1381 Every man is his own ancestor, and every man is his own heir. He devises his own future, and he inherits his own past.  
Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890)
- 1382 Many children, many cares; no children, no felicity.  
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 1383 All happy families resemble one another; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.  
Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)
- 1384 When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.  
Jewish Proverb

**3. INSIGHT**

- 1385 It is of no consequence of what parents a man is born,  
so he be a man of merit.  
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 1386 Some men by ancestry are only the shadow of a mighty name.  
Lucan (39-65 A.D.)
- 1387 It is a wise father that knows his own child.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1388 Those who depend on the merits of their ancestors may be  
said to search in the roots of the tree for those fruits  
which the branches ought to produce.  
Isaac Barrow (1630-1677)
- 1389 There must always be a struggle between a father and son,  
while one aims at power and the other at independence.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 1390 The future destiny of the child is always the work of the  
mother.  
Napoleon (1769-1821)
- 1391 There are fathers who do not love their children;  
there is no grandfather who does not adore his grandson.  
Victor Hugo (1802-1885)
- 1392 Men are what their mothers made them.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1393 Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of  
children.  
Thackeray (1811-1863)
- 1394 There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent  
for the child.  
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 1395 Where does the family start? It starts with a young man  
falling in love with a girl - no superior alternative has  
yet been found.  
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
- 1396 The family you come from isn't as important as the family  
you're going to have.  
Ring Lardner (1885-1933)

**4. POSITIVE**

- 1397 What gift has Providence bestowed on man that is so dear  
to him as his children?  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1398 Who is not attracted by bright and pleasant children,  
to prattle, to creep, and to play with them?  
Epictetus (50-138 A.D.)
- 1399 Children are poor men's riches.  
John Ray (1627-1705)
- 1400 The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I  
have passed at home in the bosom of my family.  
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)
- 1401 In the family where the father rules secure, there dwells  
the peace which thou wilt in vain seek for elsewhere in  
the wide world outside.  
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 1402 To make a happy fire-side clime  
To weans and wife,  
That's the true pathos and sublime  
Of human life.  
Robert Burns (1759-1796)
- 1403 Where children are, there is the golden age.  
Novalis (1772-1801)
- 1404 Call not that man wretched, who whatever ills he suffers,  
has a child to love.  
Robert Southey (1774-1843)
- 1405 A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and  
sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert  
their wives, wives their husbands. But a mother's love  
endures through all.  
Washington Irving (1783-1859)
- 1406 Nor need we power or splendour,  
Wide hall or lordly dome;  
The good, the true, the tender-  
These form the wealth of home.  
Sarah J. Hale (1788-1879)
- 1407 A happy family is but an earlier heaven.  
John Bowring (1792-1872)
- 1408 Children are living jewels dropped unsustained from heaven.  
Robert Pollok (1798-1827)

- 1409 Nature's loving proxy, the watchful mother. 4 of 7  
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 1410 Children are the keys of paradise.  
Richard Stoddard (1825-1903)
- 1411 A child is a beam of sunlight from the Infinite and Eternal,  
with possibilities of virtue and vice- but as yet unstained.  
Lyman Abbott (1835-1922)
- 1412 For unflagging interest and enjoyment, a household of  
children, if things go reasonably well, certainly all  
other forms of success and achievement lose their  
importance by comparison.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

## 5. NEGATIVE

- 1413 Few sons attain the praise  
Of their great sires and most their sires disgrace.  
Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 1414 He who boasts of his descent, praises the deeds of another.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 1415 When your eyes are fixed in the stare of unconsciousness,  
And your throat coughs the last gasping breath -  
As one dragged in the dark to a great precipice -  
What assistance are a wife and child?  
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 1416 He that hath a wife and children hath given hostages to  
fortune; for they are impediments to great enterprises,  
either of virtue or mischief.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 1417 Some people seem compelled by unkind fate to parental  
servitude for life. There is no form of penal servitude  
worse than this.  
Samuel Butler (1612-1680)
- 1418 Parents wonder why the streams are bitter, when they  
themselves have poisoned the fountain.  
John Locke (1632-1704)
- 1419 It is only shallow-minded pretenders who either make  
distinguished origin a matter of personal merit,  
or obscure origin a matter of personal reproach.  
Daniel Webster (1782-1852)

- 1420 Pride of origin, whether high or low, springs from the same principle in human nature; one is but the positive, the other the negative, pole of a single weakness.  
James Lowell (1819-1891)
- 1421 Relations are simply a tedious pack of people who haven't got the remotest knowledge of how to live, nor the smallest instinct about when to die.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 1422 The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.  
Clarence Darrow (1857-1938)
- 1423 I have certainly known more men destroyed by the desire to have a wife and child and to keep them in comfort than I have seen destroyed by drink and harlots.  
Yeats (1865-1939)

## 6. ADVICE

- 1424 A proper balance must be struck between indulgence and severity. However, severity, despite occasional mistakes, is preferable to a lack of discipline.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 1425 Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.  
Wisdom of Solomon (c. B.C. 200)
- 1426 It is fortunate to come of distinguished ancestry. - It is not less so to be such that people do not care to inquire whether you are of high descent or not.  
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 1427 Children have more need of models than of critics.  
Joubert (1754-1824)
- 1428 It is better to be the builder of our own name than to be indebted by descent for the proudest gifts known to the books of heraldry.  
Hosea Ballou (1771-1852)
- 1429 To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.  
Josh Billings (1815-1885)
- 1430 A torn jacket is soon mended;  
but hard words bruise the heart of a child.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)

- 1431 Do not confine your children to your own learning,  
for they were born in another time.

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Chinese Proverb

## 7. POTPOURRI

- 1432 The voice of parents is the voice of gods, for to their  
children they are heaven's lieutenants.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1433 The man who has nothing to boast of but his illustrious  
ancestry is like a potato, - the only good belonging to him  
is underground.  
Thomas Overbury (1581-1613)
- 1434 Behold the child, by nature's kindly law,  
pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw.  
Pope (1688-1744)
- 1435 Who ran to help me when I fell,  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the place to make it well?  
My Mother.  
Anne Taylor (1782-1866)
- 1436 Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall;  
a mother's secret hope outlives them all!  
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
- 1437 When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant  
I could hardly stand to have the old man around.  
But when I got to be twenty-one,  
I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.  
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
- 1438 The bravest battle that ever was fought;  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not;  
It was fought by the mothers of men.  
Joaquin Miller (1839-1913)
- 1439 If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton,  
you may as well make it dance.  
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 1440 Children begin by loving their parents.  
After a time they judge them.  
Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

1441 If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

Kipling (1865-1936)

1442 Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore,  
And that's what parents were created for.

Ogden Nash (1902-1971)

1443 God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.

Jewish Proverb

1444 An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.

Spanish Proverb