

HOPE

Belief, Confidence, Faith and Optimism

1. ESSENCE

- 2272 Hopes are but the dreams of those who are awake.
Pindar (B.C. 518?-438)
- 2273 It is hope which maintains most of mankind.
Sophocles (B.C. 495-406)
- 2274 Man is made by his belief. As he believes, so he is.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 2275 Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks on
great and honourable courses with a sure hope and trust
in itself.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 2276 Hope is the pillar that holds up the world.
Pliny the Elder (23-79 A.D.)
- 2277 Faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews (50?-100? A.D.)
- 2278 The roots of faith rest in Understanding,
the synthetic principle of consciousness.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

2. OPPOSITES

- 2279 Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 2280 Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 2281 Hope and fear are inseparable.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2282 The beginning of faith is the beginning of fruitfulness;
but the beginning of unbelief, however glittering, is empty.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2283 Hope is brightest when it dawns from fears.
Walter Scott (1771-1832)
- 2284 You do not believe, you only believe that you believe.
Samuel Coleridge (1772-1834)

- 2285 Credulity is the man's weakness, but the child's strength.
Charles Lamb (1775-1834)
- 2286 Belief consists in accepting the affirmations of the soul;
unbelief, in denying them.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2287 A believer is a bird in a cage, a free-thinker is an eagle
parting the clouds with tireless wing.
Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)

3. INSIGHT

- 2288 Things which you don't hope happen more frequently
than things which you do hope.
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)
- 2289 You believe that easily which you hope for earnestly.
Terence (B.C. 185-159)
- 2290 Where belief is painful, we are slow to believe.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 2291 Vows begin when hope dies.
Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519)
- 2292 How many things served us yesterday for articles of faith,
which to-day are fables to us!
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 2293 We are inclined to believe those we do not know,
because they have never deceived us.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 2294 The hours we pass with happy prospects in view
are more pleasing than those crowded with fruition.
Goldsmith (1728-1774)
- 2295 No iron chain, or outward force of any kind,
could ever compel the soul of man to believe or disbelieve
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 2296 Man is, properly speaking, based upon hope,
he has no other possession but hope;
this world of his is emphatically the place of hope.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 2297 Faith begins where Reason sinks exhausted.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)

- 2298 The only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weathers is that which is woven of conviction.
James Lowell (1819-1891)

4. POSITIVE

- 2299 Hope is the only good which is common to all men;
those who have nothing more possess hope still.
Thales (B.C. 625?-547?)
- 2300 On a long journey of human life, faith is the best of companions; it is the best refreshment on the journey; and it is the greatest property.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 2301 Faith removes greed, fear and pride;
it teaches courtesy and wins respect;
it frees one from the bondage of circumstances;
it gives one courage to meet hardship;
it gives one power to overcome temptation;
faith enables one to keep one's deeds bright and pure;
and it enriches the mind with wisdom.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 2302 If a man has faith and has virtue, then he has true glory and treasure. Wherever that man may go, there he will be held in honour.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 2303 True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings:
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2304 Hope and patience are two sovereign remedies for all, the surest reposals, the softest cushions to lean on in adversity.
Robert Burton (1576-1640)
- 2305 However deceitful hope may be,
yet she carries us on pleasantly to the end of life.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2306 Hope! of all ills that men endure,
The only cheap and universal cure.
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 2307 Whatever enlarges hope will also exalt courage.
Johnson (1709-1784)

- 2308 Hope is itself a species of happiness,
and perhaps the chief happiness which this world affords.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 2309 Hope is the best part of our riches. What sufficeth it that
we have great wealth in our pockets, if we have not the
hope of heaven in our souls?
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 2310 It is always easier to believe than to deny.
Our minds are naturally affirmative.
John Burroughs (1837-1921)
- 2311 He who has health, has hope;
and he who has hope, has everything.
Arabian Proverb

5. NEGATIVE

- 2312 Much knowledge of divine things is lost to us through
want of faith.
Heraclitus (B.C. 535-475)
- 2313 Hope of ill gain is the beginning of loss.
Democritus (B.C. 490-360)
- 2314 Nothing is so easy as to deceive one's self;
for what we wish, that we readily believe.
Demosthenes (B.C. 384-322)
- 2315 Confidence is nowhere safe.
Vergil (B.C. 70-19)
- 2316 Hope is such a bait, it covers any hook.
Ben Jonson (1572-1637)
- 2317 Hope! fortune's cheating lottery
Where for one prize a thousand blanks there are.
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 2318 He that lives on hopes will die fasting.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2319 When there is no hope, there can be no endeavor.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 2320 Hope is a flatterer, but the most upright of all parasites;
for she frequents the poor man's hut, as well as the
palace of his superior.
William Shenstone (1714-1763)

- 2321 Have you not observed that faith is generally strongest
in those whose character may be called the weakest?
Germaine De Stael (1766-1817)
- 2322 Hope is a delusion; no hand can grasp a wave or a shadow.
Victor Hugo (1802-1885)
- 2323 I suppose it can be truthfully said that hope is the only
universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity.
Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)
- 2324 Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.
Nietzsche (1844-1900)

6. ADVICE

- 2325 Be of good hope in the face of death. Believe in this one
truth for certain, that no evil can befall a good man either
in life or death, and that his fate is not a matter of
indifference to the gods.
Socrates (B.C. 469-399)
- 2326 A strong mind always hopes, and has always cause to hope.
Polybius (B.C. 203?-120)
- 2327 One does not have to believe everything one hears.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 2328 It is best to hope only for things possible and probable;
he that hopes too much shall deceive himself at last,
especially if his industry does not go along with his hopes;
for hope without action is a barren undoer.
Owen Feltham (1602-1668)
- 2329 In the Affairs of the World Men are saved,
not by Faith but by the Want of it.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2330 In all things it is better to hope than to despair.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2331 I can tell you, honest friend, what to believe:
believe life; it teaches better than book or orator.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2332 Better trust all and be deceived,
And weep that trust, and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart that, if believed,
Had blessed one's life with true believing.
Francis Anne Kemble (1809-1893)

- 2333 Our belief at the beginning of a doubtful undertaking is the one thing that assures the successful outcome of any venture.

William James (1842-1910)

7. POTPOURRI

- 2334 The miserable hath no other medicine but only hope.

Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- 2335 He that lives in hope dances without music.

Herbert (1593-1632)

- 2336 Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never is, but always to be blest.

Pope (1688-1744)

- 2337 For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
His can't be wrong whose life is in the right.

Pope (1688-1744)

- 2338 Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,
Adorns and cheers our way;
And still, as darker grows the night,
Emits a brighter ray.

Goldsmith (1728-1774)

- 2339 I steer my bark with hope in the head, leaving fear astern.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

- 2340 Hopes, what are they? - Beads of morning
Strung on slender blades of grass;
Or a spider's web adorning
In a straight and treacherous pass.

Wordsworth (1770-1850)

- 2341 Hope is a prodigal young heir, and experience is his banker, but his drafts are seldom honored since there is often a heavy balance against him, because he draws largely on a small capital and is not yet in possession.

Colton (1780-1832)

- 2342 Hope is a pleasant acquaintance, but an unsafe friend.
Hope is not the man for your banker, though he may do for a travelling companion.

Haliburton (1796-1865)

- 2343 Whose faith has centre everywhere,
Nor cares to fix itself to form.

Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892)

- 2344 The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun.
The brightness of our life is gone.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2345 Faith is a fine invention
For gentlemen who see;
But Microscopes are prudent
In an emergency.
Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)
- 2346 Under the storm and the cloud today,
and today the hard peril and pain -
tomorrow the stone shall be rolled away,
for the sunshine shall follow the rain.
Joaquin Miller (1839-1913)
- 2347 Optimism is a kind of heart stimulant -
the digitalis of failure.
Elbert Hubbard (1859-1915)
- 2348 We do not stray out of all worlds into the ever silent;
We do not raise our hands to the void for things beyond
hope.
Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)