

JUDGMENT

Decision, Fire, Heaven and Hell

1. ESSENCE

- 2464 Heaven means to be one with God.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 2465 Heaven is not the wide blue sky but the place where
corporeality is begotten in the house of the Creative.
Lu Yen (fl. 800 A.D.)
- 2466 Heaven, the treasury of everlasting joy.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2467 Hell is the full knowledge of the truth when truth, resisted
long, is sworn our foe, and calls eternity to do her right.
Young (1683-1765)
- 2468 By heaven we understand a state of happiness
infinite in degree, and endless in duration.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2469 A perpetual holiday is a good working definition of hell.
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 2470 Hell is not to love anymore.
Georges Bernanos (1888-1948)

2. OPPOSITES

- 2471 The choice must be made between the path of public acclaim
and the path of obscurity and introspection. Each person
must make their own choice.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 2472 Heaven but the Vision of fulfilled Desire.
And Hell the Shadow from a Soul on fire.
Omar Khayyam (fl. 1100)
- 2473 Men's judgements are a parcel of their fortunes; and
things outward do draw the inward quality after them.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2474 It is not alone what we do, but also what we do not do,
for which we are accountable.
Moliere (1622-1673)

- 2475 Hell was built on spite, and Heaven on pride.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 2476 In our judgment of human transactions, the law of optics is reversed; we see the most indistinctly the objects which are close around us.
Richard Whately (1787-1863)
- 2477 The majority of men are subjective toward themselves and objective toward all others, terribly objective sometimes, but the real task is in fact to be objective toward oneself and subjective toward all others.
Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
- 2478 The very thing that men think they have got the most of, they have got the least of; and that is judgment.
Josh Billings (1815-1885)
- 2479 We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2480 Nothing is farther than earth from heaven; nothing is nearer than heaven to earth.
Hare & Charles (c. 1830)
- 2481 It took me forty years on earth
To reach this sure conclusion:
There is no Heaven but clarity,
No Hell except confusion.
Jan Struther (1901-1953)
- 2482 A wise man makes his own decisions,
an ignorant man follows the public opinion.
Chinese Proverb

3. INSIGHT

- 2483 As the kindled fire consumes the fuel, so in the flame of wisdom the embers of action are burnt to ashes.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 2484 The nature of all men is so formed that they see and discriminate in the affairs of others, much better than in their own.
Terence (B.C. 185-159)
- 2485 What came from the earth returns back to the earth,
and the spirit that was sent from heaven, again carried back, is received into the temple of heaven.
Lucretius (B.C. 99-55)

- 2486 The love of heaven makes one heavenly.
Shakespeare (1564-1616) 3 of 9
- 2487 Everyone complains of his memory;
no one complains of his judgement.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2488 Knowledge is the treasure, but judgment is the treasurer
of a wise man.
William Penn (1614-1718)
- 2489 Men are not to be judged by their looks, habits, and
appearances; but by the character of their lives and
conversations, and by their works.
L'Estrange (1616-1704)
- 2490 Self-love and the love of the world constitute hell.
Swedenborg (1688-1772)
- 2491 It is with our judgments as our watches,
none go just alike, yet each believes his own.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 2492 I mistrust the judgment of every man in a case in which
his own wishes are concerned.
Wellington (1769-1852)
- 2493 How little do they see what really is, who frame their
hasty judgment upon that which seems.
Robert Southey (1774-1843)
- 2494 We do not judge men by what they are in themselves, but
by what they are relatively to us.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 2495 Whatsoever a man soweth, that, and not something else, shall
he reap. That which we are doing, good or evil, grave or
gay, that which we do to-day and shall do to-morrow; each
thought, each feeling, each action, each event; every pass-
ing hour, every breathing moment; all are contributing to
form the character, according to which we are to be judged.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)
- 2496 It is an eternal law that man cannot be redeemed by a power
external to himself.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 2497 It does not take much strength to do things, but it
requires great strength to decide on what to do.
Elbert Hubbard (1859-1915)

- 2498 A mountain is composed of tiny grains of earth. The ocean is made up of tiny drops of water. Even so, life is but an endless series of little details, actions, speeches and thoughts...And the consequences whether good or bad of even the least of them are far-reaching.

Sivananda (born 1887)

4. POSITIVE

- 2499 The Way of Heaven does not compete,
And yet it skillfully achieves victory.
It does not speak, and yet it skillfully responds to things.
It comes to you without your invitation.
It is not anxious about things and yet it plans well.
Heaven's net is indeed vast.
Though its meshes are wide, it misses nothing.

Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)

- 2500 As the touchstone which tries gold, but is not itself tried
by the gold; such is he, who has the standard of judgment.

Epictetus (50-138 A.D.)

- 2501 A right judgment draws us a profit from all things we see.

Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- 2502 The generous who is always just, and the just who is always
generous, may, unannounced, approach the throne of heaven.

Lavater (1741-1801)

- 2503 There is nothing more to be esteemed than a manly firmness
and decision of character. I like a person who knows his
own mind and sticks to it; who sees at once what is to be
done in given circumstances and does it.

Hazlitt (1778-1830)

5. NEGATIVE

- 2504 There are demon-haunted worlds, regions of utter darkness.
Whoever in life denies the Spirit falls into that darkness
of death.

Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

- 2505 He who says what is not goes to hell; he also who, having
done a thing, says I have not done it. After death both
are equal: they are men with evil deeds in the next world.

The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)

- 2506 The way of sinners is made plain with stones,
but at the end thereof is the pit of hell.

Ecclesiasticus (B.C. 200?)

- 2507 The ascent from earth to heaven is not easy. 5 of 9
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 2508 And where two raging fires meet together,
They do consume the thing that feeds their fury.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2509 We sometimes see a fool possessed of talent,
but never of judgment.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 2510 The more one judges, the less one loves.
Balzac (1799-1850)
- 2511 Heaven might be defined as the place which men avoid.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 2512 There is no more miserable human being than one in whom
nothing is habitual but indecision.
William James (1842-1910)
- 2513 Only our concept of time makes it possible for us to speak
of the Day of Judgment by that name; in reality it is a
summary court in perpetual session.
Franz Kafka (1883-1924)
- 2514 Maybe this world is another planet's Hell.
Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)
- 2515 The safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle
slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without
milestones, without signposts.
C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)

6. ADVICE

- 2516 Examine the contents, not the bottle.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
- 2517 Mark well three things and thou wilt not fall into the
clutches of sin: Know what is above thee - an eye that
sees, an ear that hears, and all thine actions recorded
in the book.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
- 2518 Judge a tree from its fruit; not from the leaves.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)

- 2519 Men must be decided on what they will not do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do.
Mencius (B.C. 371-288)
- 2520 Speak the truth, do not yield to anger; give, if thou art asked for little; by these three steps thou wilt go near the gods.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 2521 Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
Jesus (B.C. 6?-30? A.D.)
- 2522 In judging of others a man laboreth in vain, often erreth, and easily sinneth; but in judging and examining himself, he always laboreth fruitfully.
Thomas A. Kempis (1380-1471)
- 2523 Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2524 Give your decisions, never your reasons; your decisions may be right, your reasons are sure to be wrong.
Mansfield (1705-1793)
- 2525 When confronted with two courses of action I jot down on a piece of paper all the arguments in favor of each one - then on the opposite side I write the arguments against each one. Then by weighing the arguments pro and con and canceling them out, one against the other, I take the course indicated by what remains.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2526 Be sure you are right, then go ahead.
David Crockett (1786-1836)
- 2527 To reach the port of Heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift or lie at anchor.
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
- 2528 When once a decision is reached and execution is the order of the day, dismiss absolutely all responsibility and care about the outcome.
William James (1842-1910)
- 2529 To get to heaven we must take it with us.
Henry Drummond (1851-1897)

2530 Depend upon yourself. Make your judgement trustworthy by trusting it. You can develop good judgement as you do the muscles of your body - by judicious, daily exercise. To be known as a man of sound judgement will be much in your favor.

Grenville Kleiser (1868-1953)

2531 I shall tell you a great secret, my friend. Do not wait for the last judgment, it takes place every day.

Albert Camus (1913-1960)

2532 One must be aware that one is continually being tested in what one wishes most in order to make clear whether one's heart is on earth or in heaven.

Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan (born 1916)

7. POTPOURRI

2533 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Deuteronomy (B.C. 1200?-800?)

2534 Into deep darkness fall those who follow action.
Into deeper darkness fall those who follow knowledge.
There are worlds of no joy, regions of utter darkness.
To those worlds go after death those who in their unwisdom
have not wakened up to light.

Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

2535 The descent to hell is easy; the gates stand open night and day; but to re climb the slope, and escape to the upper air, this is labor.

Vergil (B.C. 70-19)

2536 He who does not try a remedy
For the disease of going to hell
What will he do when he reaches that place
Where there is no cure to be found?

Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)

2537 Every soul is subject to the trial of Transmigration...
An individual does not know that he is called for assessment before entering this World as well as after leaving it. He does not know how many transformations and esoteric trials he has to pass through...and that souls revolve like a stone shot from a sling.

Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)

- 2538 When the Heaven is rent asunder, and when the stars are scattered, and when the seas are let loose, and when the tombs are turned upside-down, the soul shall know what it hath done and left undone.

Koran (c. 651 A.D.)

- 2539 Lo! the Day of Decision is appointed - the day when there shall be a blowing of the trumpet, and ye shall come in troops, and the heavens shall be opened, and be full of gates, and the mountains shall be removed, and turn into mist.

Koran (c. 651 A.D.)

- 2540 You are now before the King of the Dead. In vain will you try to lie, and to deny or conceal the evil deeds you have done. The Judge holds up before you the shining mirror of action, wherein all your deeds are reflected...The mirror in which the King of the Dead seems to read your past is your own memory, and also his judgment is your own. It is you yourself who pronounce your own judgment, which in its turn determines your next rebirth.

Tibetan Book of the Dead (c. 780 A.D.)

- 2541 Whoever has done good in the main has spirit-energy that is pure and clear when death comes. It passes out by the upper openings of mouth and nose. The pure and light energy rises upward and floats up to heaven and becomes shadow-spirit. But if, during life, the primal spirit was used by the conscious spirit for avarice, folly, desire, and lust, and committed all sorts of sins, then in the moment of death the spirit-energy is turbid and confused...it crystallizes downward, sinks down to hell, and becomes a demon...

Lu Yen (fl. 800 A.D.)

- 2542 I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

- 2543 The trumpet! the trumpet! the dead have all heard;
Lo, the depths of the stone-covered charnels are stirred:
From the sea, from the land, from the south and the north.
The vast generations of man are come forth.

Henry H. Milman (1791-1868)

- 2544 It is not beyond the tomb, but in life itself, that we are to seek for the mysteries of death. Salvation or reprobation begins here below, and the terrestrial world too has its Heaven and its Hell. Always, even here below, virtue is rewarded; always, even here below, vice is punished...

Albert Pike (1809-1891)

- 2545 Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or
evil side.
James Lowell (1819-1891)
- 2546 We see but dimly through the mists and vapors;
Amid these earthly damps
What seem to us but sad, funeral tapers
May be heaven's distant lamps.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2547 Of the delights of this world man cares most for sexual
intercourse, yet he has left it out of his heaven.
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
- 2548 Who seeks for Heaven alone to save his soul
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.
Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)
- 2549 For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name,
He marks - not that you won or lost -
But how you played the game.
Grantland Rice (1880-1954)