

# PLEASURE

## *Delight, Enjoyment, Luxury and Novelty*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 3643 Pleasure is the bait of sin.  
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 3644 In everything satiety closely follows the greatest pleasures.  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 3645 Pleasure itself is painful at the bottom.  
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 3646 Novelty is the great parent of pleasure.  
Robert South (1634-1716)
- 3647 Most pleasures, like flowers  
when gathered, die.  
Young (1683-1765)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 3648 Good things cease to be good in our wrong enjoyment of them. What nature meant pure sweets, are then sources of bitterness to us; from such delights arise pain, from such joys, sorrows.  
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 3649 There is this difference between spiritual and corporal pleasures, that corporal ones beget a desire before we have obtained them, and after we have obtained them, a disgust; but spiritual pleasures, on the contrary, are not cared for when we have them not, but are desired when we have them.  
Gregory I (540-604)
- 3650 Follow pleasure, and then will pleasure flee,  
Flee pleasure, and pleasure will follow thee.  
John Heywood (1497?-1580?)
- 3651 We have not an hour of life in which our pleasures relish not some pain, our sours, some sweetness.  
Philip Massinger (1583-1640)
- 3652 The honest man takes pains, and then enjoys pleasures;  
the knave takes pleasure, and then suffers pain.  
Franklin (1706-1790)

- 3653 When our pleasures have exhausted us,  
we think that we have exhausted pleasure.  
Vauvenargues(1715-1747)
- 3654 The seeds of repentance are sown in youth by pleasure,  
but the harvest is reaped in age by pain.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 3655 Pleasure's a sin, and sometimes sin's a pleasure.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 3656 Simple pleasures are the last refuge of the complex.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 3657 Pleasures are shallow;  
Sorrows deep.  
Chinese Proverb

### 3. INSIGHT

- 3658 Times of luxury do not last long, but pass away very  
quickly; nothing in this world can be long enjoyed.  
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 3659 The pleasure of all things increases by the same danger that  
should deter it.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 3660 Pleasure is a necessary reciprocal; no one feels, who does  
not at the same time give it. To be pleased, one must  
please. What pleases you in others will in general please  
them in you.  
Chesterfield (1694-1773)
- 3661 Men seldom give pleasure where they are not  
pleased themselves.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 3662 All the great pleasures in life are silent.  
Georges Clemenceau (1841-1929)
- 3663 Speed provides the one genuinely modern pleasure.  
Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)

### 4. POSITIVE

- 3664 Pleasure is the absence of pain in the body and of trouble  
in the soul.  
Epicurus (B.C. 341-270)

- 3665 The pursuit of pleasure  
Is the most pleasant pleasure.  
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 3666 Mental pleasures never cloy; unlike those of the body,  
they are increased by repetition, approved by reflection,  
and strengthened by enjoyment.  
Nathaniel Cotton (1705-1788)
- 3667 The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of pleasures.  
Vauvenargues(1715-1747)
- 3668 The love of study, a passion which derives fresh vigor from  
enjoyment, supplies each day and hour with a perpetual  
source of independent and rational pleasure.  
Gibbon (1737-1794)
- 3669 That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.  
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 3670 The sweetest pleasure is in imparting it.  
Bovee (1820-1904)

## 5. NEGATIVE

- 3671 Do not look at wine when it is red,  
when it sparkles in the cup  
and goes down smoothly.  
At the last it bites like a serpent,  
and stings like an adder.  
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)
- 3672 In this ill-smelling, unsubstantial body, which is a  
conglomerate of bone, skin, muscle, marrow, flesh, semen,  
blood, mucus, tears, rheum, feces, urine, wind, bile, and  
phlegm, what is the good of enjoyment of desires?  
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 3673 From pleasure comes grief, from pleasure comes fear;  
he who is free from pleasure neither sorrows nor fears.  
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 3674 There is no such thing as pure pleasure;  
some anxiety always goes with it.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 3675 If I give way to pleasure, I must also yield to grief, to  
poverty, to labor, ambition, anger, until I am torn to  
pieces by my misfortunes and my lust.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

- 3676 Fire is never satisfied with fuel,  
nor the ocean with rivers,  
nor death with all creatures,  
nor bright-eyed women with men.  
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)
- 3677 Pleasure admitted in undue degree  
Enslaves the will, nor leaves the judgment free.  
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 3678 Most of the luxuries, and many of the so-called comforts, of  
life are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances  
to the elevation of mankind.  
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 3679 Men may scoff, and men may pray,  
But they pay  
Every pleasure with a pain.  
William Henley (1849-1903)
- 3680 All the things I really like to do are either immoral,  
illegal or fattening.  
Alexander Woollcott (1887-1943)

## 6. ADVICE

- 3681 Consider pleasures as they depart, not as they come.  
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 3682 If by leaving a small pleasure one sees a great pleasure,  
let a wise man leave the small pleasure, and look to the  
great.  
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 3683 When the idea of any pleasure strikes your imagination, make  
a just computation between the duration of the pleasure and  
that of the repentance that is likely to follow it.  
Epictetus (50-138 A.D.)
- 3684 Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost little.  
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 3685 Venture not to the utmost bounds of even lawful pleasures;  
the limits of good and evil join.  
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 3686 Mistake not. Those pleasures are not pleasures that trouble  
the quiet and tranquility of thy life.  
Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)

- 3687 What leads to unhappiness, is making pleasure the chief aim.  
William Shenstone (1714-1763)
- 3688 Pleasure soon exhausts us and itself also;  
but endeavor never does.  
Richter (1763-1825)

## 7. POTPOURRI

- 3689 There is the path of earthly joy, and there is the path of  
earthly pleasure. Both attract the soul. Who follows the  
first comes to good; who follows pleasures reaches not the  
End.  
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 3690 An intelligent person does not take part in the sources of  
misery, which are due to contact with material senses.  
Such pleasures have a beginning and an end, and so the  
wise man does not delight in them.  
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 3691 Fishing is a pleasure of retirement,  
yet the angler has the power to let the fish live or die.  
Chessplaying is an enjoyable pastime,  
yet the players are motivated by the idea of war.  
Hung Tzu-ch'eng (1593-1665)
- 3692 To hide her cares her only art;  
Her pleasure, pleasures to impart.  
Thomas Gray (1716-1771)
- 3693 Pleasures are like poppies spread,  
You seize the flower, its blossom is shed!  
Or like the snowfall in the river,  
A moment white - then melts for ever.  
Robert Burns (1759-1796)
- 3694 There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,  
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,  
There is society where none intrudes  
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 3695 Let me enjoy the earth no less  
Because the all-enacting Might  
That fashioned forth its loveliness  
Had other aims than my delight.  
Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)
- 3696 Pleasure is frail like a dewdrop, while it laughs it dies.  
Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)