

PRIDE

Arrogance, Boasting, Egotism, Vanity and Self-Love

1. ESSENCE

- 3787 Self love, as it happens to be well or ill conducted,
constitutes virtue and vice.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 3788 What is pride? a whizzing rocket
That would emulate a star.
Wordsworth (1770-1850)
- 3789 Arrogance is a mixture of impertinence, disobedience,
indiscipline, rudeness, harshness and a self-assertive
nature.
Sivananda (born 1887)
- 3790 Pride is the mask of one's own faults.
Jewish Proverb

2. OPPOSITES

- 3791 Arrogance means that one knows how to press forward
but not how to draw back,
that one knows existence but not annihilation,
knows something about winning but nothing about losing.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 3792 Pride is a virtue, let not the moralist be scandalized,
pride is also a vice. Pride, like ambition, is sometimes
virtuous and sometimes vicious, according to the character
in which it is found, and the object to which it is
directed.
Greville (1554-1628)
- 3793 They are proud in their humility,
proud that they are not proud.
Robert Burton (1576-1640)
- 3794 Pride does not wish to owe and vanity does not wish to pay.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 3795 We rise in glory as we sink in pride.
Young (1683-1765)
- 3796 Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who
know the least.
Gay (1688-1732)

- 3797 The infinitely little have a pride infinitely great.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 3798 It is equally a mistake to hold one's self too high,
or to rate one's self too cheap.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 3799 The truly proud man knows neither superiors nor inferiors.
The first he does not admit of; the last he does not concern
himself about.
Hazlitt (1778-1830)
- 3800 There is a paradox in pride: it makes some men ridiculous,
but prevents others from becoming so.
Colton (1780-1832)

3. INSIGHT

- 3801 Who is it that affirms most boldly? Who is it that holds
his opinion most obstinately? Ever he who hath most
ignorance; for he also hath most pride.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 3802 The human mind is prone to pride even when not supported by
power; how much more, then, does it exalt itself when it
has that support.
Gregory I (540-604)
- 3803 There is not one wise man in twenty
that will praise himself.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3804 Pride may be allowed to this or that degree, else a man
cannot keep his dignity. In gluttons there must be eating,
in drunkenness there must be drinking; it is not the eating,
nor is it the drinking, that is to be blamed, but the
excess. So in pride.
John Selden (1584-1654)
- 3805 Pride, perceiving humility honourable, often borrows her
cloak.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 3806 Pride will spit in pride's face.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 3807 Self-love is more cunning than
the most cunning man in the world.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

- 3808 The most amiable people are those who least wound
the self-love of others.
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 3809 Pride is to the character, like the attic to the house
the highest part, and generally the most empty.
Gay (1688-1732)
- 3810 He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 3811 The proud are always most provoked by pride.
Cowper (1731-1800)

4. POSITIVE

- 3812 When a man gains wealth within,
He shows it with pride without.
When the clouds are full of water,
They move and rumble with thunder.
Saskya Pandita (1182-1251)
- 3813 Pride which inspires us with so much envy,
serves also to moderate it.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 3814 This self-love is the instrument of our preservation;
it resembles the provision for the perpetuity of mankind:
- it is necessary, it is dear to us, it gives us pleasure,
and we must conceal it.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 3815 Pride will not act unless it be allowed that it can succeed;
and it will do nothing rather than not do it brilliantly.
Thomas Lynch (1749-1779)
- 3816 There is a certain noble pride, through which
merits shine brighter than through modesty.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 3817 The essence of a self-reliant and autonomous culture
is an unshakable egoism.
H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)

5. NEGATIVE

- 3818 Behold the vain man, and observe the arrogant; he clotheth
himself in rich attire, he walketh in the public street, he
casteth round his eyes, and courteth observation. He
tosseth up his head, and overlooketh the poor; he treateth
his inferiors with insolence, his superiors in return look
down on his pride and folly with laughter.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)

- 3819 Pride goeth before destruction,
and an haughty spirit before a fall.
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)
- 3820 Ignorant of their ignorance, yet wise
In their own esteem, these deluded men,
Proud of their vain learning, go round and round
Like the blind led by the blind. Far beyond
Their eyes, hypnotized by the world of sense,
Opens the way to immortality.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 3821 He who stands on tiptoe is not steady.
He who strides forward does not go.
He who shows himself is not luminous.
He who justifies himself is not prominent.
He who boasts of himself is not given credit.
He who brags does not endure for long.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 3822 Arrogance, pride, anger, conceit, harshness and ignorance-
these qualities belong to those of demonic nature.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 3823 Small things make base men proud.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3824 To be proud and inaccessible is to be timid and weak.
Massillon (1663-1742)
- 3825 Pride is observed to defeat its own end, by bringing the man
who seeks esteem and reverence into contempt.
Bolingbroke (1678-1751)
- 3826 What the weak head with stronger bias rules,
Is pride, the never-failing vice of fools.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 3827 Pride that dines on vanity,
sups on contempt.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 3828 In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.
John Ruskin (1819-1900)

6. ADVICE

- 3829 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;
a stranger, and not your own lips.
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)

- 3830 Thou shouldst not become presumptuous through much treasure ^{5 of 6}
and wealth; for in the end it is necessary for thee to
leave all.
Zoroaster (B.C. 628?-551?)
- 3831 Respect yourself most of all.
Pythagoras (B.C. 582-507)
- 3832 Those who love themselves must be on constant guard
lest they yield to evil desires.
Once in a lifetime, at least, they should awaken faith,
either in youth, or in middle age, or even in old age.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 3833 When young, rejoice in the tranquillity of the old.
However great your glory, be forbearing in your manner.
Boast not of what you know, even when learned.
However high you may rise, be not proud.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 3834 And walk not proudly on the earth: verily thou shalt never
cleave the earth, nor reach to the mountains in height!
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)
- 3835 Do you wish men to speak well of you?
Then never speak well of yourself.
Pascal (1623-1662)
- 3836 Shun praise. Praise leads to self-delusion. Thy body is
not Self, thy SELF is in itself without a body, and either
praise or blame affects it not.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

7. POTPOURRI

- 3837 If you are truly persevering in virtue,
What is the place of a haughty attitude?
The cow which has no milk will not be purchased,
Even though equipped with a pleasant-sounding bell.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 3838 If you wish in this world to advance
Your merits you're bound to enhance;
You must stir it and stomp it,
And blow your own trumpet,
Or, trust me, you haven't a chance.
William S. Gilbert (1836-1911)

- 3839 We often boast that we are never bored, but yet we are so conceited that we do not perceive how often we bore others.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 3840 When you begin with so much pomp and show.
Why is the end so little and so low?
Roscommon (1633?-1685)
- 3841 Deep is the sea, and deep is hell, but pride mineth deeper;
it is coiled as a poisonous worm about the foundations of
the soul.
Tupper (1810-1889)
- 3842 When flowers are full of heaven-descended dews, they always
hang their heads; but men hold theirs the higher the more
they receive, getting proud as they get full.
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 3843 To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)