

THOUGHT

Consciousness, Intelligence, Memory and Mind

1. ESSENCE

- 4966 Thinking is the talking of the soul with itself.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 4967 Memory is the treasury and guardian of all knowledge.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 4968 Mind moves matter.
Vergil (B.C. 70-19)
- 4969 Thought is free.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 4970 Intellect is brain force.
Schiller (1759-1805)
- 4971 The power of Thought, the magic of the Mind!
Byron (1788-1824)
- 4972 Consciousness is what happens to intelligence
when it is confronted with an object.
Hazrat Inayat Khan (1882-1927)

2. OPPOSITES

- 4973 Mind is indeed the source of bondage
and also the source of liberation.
To be bound to things of this world: this is bondage.
To be free from them: this is liberation.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4974 A man must elevate himself by his own mind, not degrade
himself. The mind is the friend of the conditioned soul,
and his enemy as well.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4975 It is the mind that maketh good or ill,
That maketh wretch or happy, rich or poor.
Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)
- 4976 There is one radical distinction between different minds...
that some minds are stronger and apter to mark the
differences of things, others mark their resemblances.
Bacon (1561-1626)

- 4977 There is nothing either good or bad,
but thinking makes it so.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 4978 Our thoughts are ours, their ends none of our own.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 4979 The two offices of memory are collection and distribution.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 4980 Few have at once both thought and capacity for action.
Thought expands, but lames; action animates, but narrows.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 4981 In matters of conscience first thoughts are best;
in matters of prudence last thoughts are best.
Robert Hall (1764-1831)
- 4982 Of all the faculties of the mind, memory is the first that
flourishes, and the first that dies.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 4983 Thought once awakened does not again slumber.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 4984 What is mind? No matter.
What is matter? Never mind.
Thomas Key (1799-1875)
- 4985 The revelation of thought takes men out of servitude
into freedom.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4986 Thoughts come into our minds by avenues which we never left
open, and thoughts go out of our minds through avenues which
we never voluntarily opened.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4987 Intellect distinguishes between the possible and the
impossible; reason distinguishes between the sensible
and the senseless. Even the possible can be senseless.
Max Born (1872-1970)

3. INSIGHT

- 4988 The most perfect mind is a dry light.
Heraclitus (B.C. 535-475)
- 4989 When thy reason has crossed the entanglements of illusion,
then shalt thou become indifferent both to the philosophies
thou hast heard and to those thou mayest yet hear.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

- 4990 It is the mind that makes the man,
and our vigour is in our immortal soul.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 4991 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature
one cubit?
Luke (50?-100? A.D.)
- 4992 Thought, Intelligence, Voice, and Word are one and the same
thing; that thought is the beginning of all that is, and
that there can be no break in it. Thought itself is bound
to Non-Being, and is never parted from it.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4993 How fleet is a glance of the mind!
Compared with the speed of its flight,
The tempest itself lags behind,
And the swift-winged arrows of light.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 4994 There are two distinct classes of what are called thoughts:
those that we produce in ourselves by reflection and the act
of thinking and those that bolt into the mind of their own
accord.
Paine (1737-1809)
- 4995 It hinders the creative work of the mind if the intellect
examines too closely the ideas as they pour in.
Schiller (1759-1805)
- 4996 The second, sober thought of the people is seldom wrong,
and always efficient.
Martin Van Buren (1782-1862)
- 4997 The mind wears the colors of the soul,
as a valet those of his master.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 4998 Thought will not work except in silence.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 4999 A great memory does not make a mind, any more than a
dictionary is a piece of literature.
John Henry Newman (1801-1890)
- 5000 The senses collect the surface facts of matter...It was
sensation; when memory came, it was experience; when mind
acted, it was knowledge; when mind acted on it as knowledge,
it was thought.
Emerson (1803-1882)

- 5001 Thought is the property of those only who can entertain it. 4 of 10
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5002 What is thought? It is not Matter, nor Spirit. It is not a Thing; but a Power and Force. I make upon a paper certain conventional marks, that represent that Thought. There is no Power or Virtue in the marks I write, but only in the Thought which they tell to others. I die, but the Thought still lives. It is a Power. The fact that Thought continues to exist an instant, after it makes its appearance in the soul, proves it immortal: for there is nothing conceivable that can destroy it. The spoken words, being mere sounds, may vanish into thin air, and the written ones, mere marks, be burned, erased, destroyed: but the THOUGHT
5002 itself lives still, and must live on forever.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)
- 5003 A thought often makes us hotter than a fire.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 5004 Few minds wear out; more rust out.
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 5005 Thought has a self-reproductive power, and when the mind is held steadily to one idea it becomes coloured by it, and, as we may say, all the correlates of that thought arise within the mind. Hence the mystic obtains knowledge about any object of which he thinks constantly in fixed contemplation.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 5006 It is the mind that makes one wise or ignorant, bound or emancipated. One is holy because of his mind, one is wicked because of his mind, one is a sinner because of his mind, and it is the mind that makes one virtuous. So he whose mind is always fixed on God requires no other practices, devotion, or spiritual exercises.
Ramakrishna (1836-1886)
- 5007 Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open.
Thomas Dewar (1864-1930)
- 5008 Consciousness is a state in which a man knows all at once everything that he in general knows and in which he can see how little he does know and how many contradictions there are in what he knows.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 5009 Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.
G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

5010 I conceive a man's body as a kind of flame, like a candle flame, forever upright and yet flowing: and the intellect is just the light that is shed on the things around.
D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930)

5011 The mind is a product of experience. It is the result of past thinking and is modified by present thinking.
Sivananda (born 1887)

4. POSITIVE

5012 All that we are is the result of what we have thought; it is founded on our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with pure thought, happiness follows him, like a shadow that never leaves him.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)

5013 Serenity, simplicity, gravity, self-control and purity of thought are the austerities of the mind.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

5014 A great mind becomes a great fortune.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

5015 Memory tempers prosperity, mitigates adversity, controls youth, and delights old age.
Lactantius (260-340 A.D.)

5016 True thoughts have duration in themselves.
If the thoughts endure, the seed is enduring;
if the seed endures, the energy endures;
if the energy endures, then will the spirit endure.
The spirit is thought; thought is the heart;
the heart is the fire; the fire is the Elixir.
Lu Yen (fl. 800 A.D.)

5017 Thoughts are free and are subject to no rule.
On them rests the freedom of man,
and they tower above the light of nature.
Paracelsus (1493-1541)

5018 My mind to me a kingdom is,
Such perfect joy therein I find
As far exceeds all earthly bliss
That God or nature hath assigned.
Edward Dyer (1543?-1607)

5019 'Tis the mind that makes the body rich.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- 5020 If a man empties his purse into his head,
no one can take it from him.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5021 Thinkers are scarce as gold; but he whose thoughts embrace
all his subject, pursues it uninterrupted and fearless of
consequences, is a diamond of enormous size.
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 5022 He who thinks much says but little in proportion to his
thoughts. He selects that language which will convey his
ideas in the most explicit and direct manner.
Washington Irving (1783-1859)
- 5023 Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than
any material force, that thoughts rule the world.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5024 Thought...quickly tends to convert itself into a power,
and organizes a huge instrumentality of means.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5025 One man who has a mind and knows it
can always beat ten men who haven't and don't.
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 5026 The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
- 5027 The mind...
Emperor of the body.
Chinese Proverb

5. NEGATIVE

- 5028 For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.
Genesis (B.C. 1200?)
- 5029 If a man speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows
him, as the wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws
the carriage.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 5030 It is a man's own mind - not his enemy or his foe that
lures him into evil ways.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 5031 The imagination of water does not quench thirst.
The thought of fire does not bestow heat.
And the claim to be seeking does not bring one to the
Sought.
Tusi (1201-1274)

- 5032 Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 5033 Men use thought only to justify their wrongdoings, and speech only to conceal their thoughts.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 5034 He that never thinks never can be wise.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5035 With curious art the brain, too finely wrought,
Preys on herself, and is destroyed by thought.
Charles Churchill (1731-1764)
- 5036 The rich are too indolent, the poor too weak,
to bear the insupportable fatigue of thinking.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 5037 What exile from himself can flee?
To zones, though more and more remote,
Still, still pursues, where'er I be,
The blight of life - the demon Thought.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 5038 Thinking is but an idle waste of thought,
And naught is everything, and everything is naught.
Horace and James Smith (fl. 1800)
- 5039 Every real thought on every real subject knocks the wind out of somebody or other.
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
- 5040 Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 5041 Many a man fails to become a thinker for the sole reason that his memory is too good.
Nietzsche (1844-1900)
- 5042 It is remarkable to what lengths people will go to avoid thought.
Thomas A. Edison (1847-1931)
- 5043 Thinking is the greatest torture in the world for most people.
Luther Burbank (1849-1926)

5044 Men fear thought as they fear nothing else on earth -
more than ruin, more even than death.
Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

5045 We have rudiments of reverence for the human body,
but we consider as nothing the rape of the human mind.
Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)

6. ADVICE

5046 It is good to tame the mind, which is often difficult to
hold in and flighty, rushing wherever it listeth; a tamed
mind brings happiness. Let the wise man guard his thoughts,
for they are difficult to perceive, very artful, and they
rush wherever they list: thoughts well guarded bring
happiness.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)

5047 A well-prepared mind hopes in adversity
and fears in prosperity.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)

5048 Write down the thoughts of the moment. Those that come
unsought for are commonly the most valuable.
Bacon (1561-1626)

5049 All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands
of times; but to make them truly ours, we must think them
over again honestly, till they take root in our personal
experience.
Goethe (1749-1832)

5050 If a man's eye is on the Eternal, his intellect will grow.
Emerson (1803-1882)

5051 It is well for the heart to be naive
and for the mind not to be.
Anatole France (1844-1924)

5052 Thought is a tremendous living force -
Thought gains strength by repetition,
Thought moulds your character and shapes your destiny.
Therefore centre your thoughts on God and sublime Truths.
Sivananda (born 1887)

5053 If you wish to know the mind of a man,
listen to his words.
Chinese Proverb

7. POTPOURRI

- 5054 I am the Mind - the Eternal Teacher. I am the Father of the Word - the Redeemer of all men - and in the nature of the wise the Word takes flesh. By means of the Word, the world is saved. I, Thought - the Father of the Word, the Mind - come only unto men that are holy and good, pure and merciful, and that live piously and religiously, and my presence is an inspiration and a help to them, for when I come they immediately know all things and adore the Universal Father. Before such wise and philosophic ones die, they learn to renounce their senses, knowing that these are the enemies of their immortal souls.
The Divine Pymander (BC 2500?-200 AD?)
- 5055 At the end of the worlds, all things sleep: he alone is awake in Eternity. Then from his infinite space new worlds arise and awake, a universe which is a vastness of thought. In the consciousness of the Eternal One the universe is, and into him it returns.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 5056 What a man thinks in his spirit in the world,
that he does after his departure from the world
when he becomes a spirit.
Swedenborg (1688-1772)
- 5057 Lull'd in the countless chambers of the brain,
Our thoughts are link'd by many a hidden chain;
Awake but one, and lo, what myriads rise!
Each stamps its image as the other flies.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 5058 The beings of the mind are not of clay;
Essentially immortal, they create
And multiply in us a brighter ray
And more beloved existence.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 5059 Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail,
and mankind the vessel.
August Hare (1792-1834)
- 5060 Sudden a thought came like a full-blown rose,
Flushing his brow.
Keats (1795-1821)

- 5061 Time to me this truth has taught,
(Tis a treasure worth revealing)
More offend from want of thought
Than from want of feeling.
Charles Swain (1803-1874)
- 5062 The charm of a deed is its doing;
the charm of a life is its living;
the soul of the thing is the thought.
Eugene F. Ware (1841-1911)
- 5063 Thinking is like loving and dying.
Each of us must do it for himself.
Josiah Royce (1855-1916)
- 5064 Few people think more than two or three times a year.
I have made an international reputation for myself by
thinking once or twice a week
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 5065 Seven Watchmen sitting in a tower,
Watching what had come upon Mankind,
Showed the Man the Glory and the Power
And bade him shape the Kingdom to his mind...
That a man's mind is wont to tell him more,
Than Seven Watchmen sitting in a tower.
Kipling (1865-1936)
- 5066 The difference between intelligence and education is this-
that intelligence will make you a good living.
Charles Kettering (1876-1958)
- 5067 The social states of human kinds
Are made by multitudes of minds,
And after multitudes of years
A little human growth appears
Worth having, even to the soul
Who sees most plain, it's not the whole.
John Masefield (1878-1967)
- 5068 The consciousness of man is a veil concealing
the reality of God in the state of non-manifestation.
We are ourselves the veil covering God's reality.
Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan (born 1916)