

VISION

Discernment, Perception, Prophecy and Sight

1. ESSENCE

- 5596 Vision - The art of seeing things invisible.
Swift (1667-1745)
- 5597 The eye sees what it brings the power to see.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 5598 A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
- 5599 He who could foresee affairs three days in advance
would be rich for thousands of years
Chinese Proverb

2. OPPOSITES

- 5600 Men are deceived by what the eyes see,
but the gods are swayed by what the heart conceals.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 5601 The easier a matter is reckoned
the more difficult it proves at the last;
for this reason the Sage sees difficulties in everything,
and therefore he encounters no difficulties.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 5602 If a man take no thought about what is distant,
he will find sorrow near at hand.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 5603 Perception is strong and sight weak. In strategy it is
important to see distant things as if they were close and
to take a distanced view of close things.
Miyamoto Musashi (1584-1645)
- 5604 It is easy to see, hard to foresee.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5605 The future hides in it gladness and sorrow.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5606 And finds with keen, discriminating sight,
Black's not so black - nor white so very white.
George Canning (1770-1827)

- 5607 Man, if he compare himself with all that he can see,
is at the zenith of power;
but if he compare himself with all that he can conceive,
he is at the nadir of weakness.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5608 We are always looking into the future,
but we see only the past.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 5609 Man was created with two eyes, so that with one he may see
God's greatness, and with the other his own lowliness.
Shmuel Yosef Agnon (1888-1970)

3. INSIGHT

- 5610 When things are going well it is all too easy to become
overconfident and not give proper attention to one's duties.
If this tendency is recognized early it may be corrected and
no harm will be done.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 5611 Sound judgement, with discernment, is the best of seers.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 5612 One who sees the Supersoul accompanying the individual soul
in all bodies and who understands that neither the soul nor
the Supersoul is ever destroyed, actually sees.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 5613 I shall always consider the best guesser the best prophet.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 5614 Men's minds perceive second causes,
But only prophets perceive the action of the First Cause.
Jalal-Uddin Rumi (1207-1273)
- 5615 When clouds are seen wise men put on their cloaks.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5616 I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.
Patrick Henry (1736-1799)
- 5617 If the doors of perception were cleansed
every thing would appear to man as it is, infinite.
For man has closed himself up,
till he sees all things thru' narrow chinks of his cavern.
William Blake (1757-1828)

- 5618 The past cannot be changed,
the future is still in your power.
Hugh White (1773-1840)
- 5619 The future is not in the hands of fate but in ours.
Jean Jules Jusserand (1855-1932)
- 5620 Vision looks inward and becomes a duty.
Vision looks outward and becomes aspiration.
Vision looks upward and becomes faith.
Stephen S. Wise (1874-1949)
- 5621 The only way to predict the future is to have power to shape
the future. Those in possession of absolute power can not
only prophesy and make their prophesies come true, but they
can also lie and make their lies come true.
Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)
- 5622 The rich man plans for tomorrow...
The poor man for today.
Chinese Proverb

4. POSITIVE

- 5623 The light of the Spirit is invisible, concealed in all
beings. It is seen by the seers of the subtle, when their
vision is keen and clear.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 5624 Is not he a sage who neither anticipates deceit nor suspects
bad faith in others, yet is prompt to detect them when they
appear?
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 5625 The eyes are more exact witnesses than the ears.
Heraclitus (B.C. 535-475)
- 5626 Few things are brought to a successful issue by
impetuous desire, but most by calm and prudent forethought.
Thucydides (B.C. 460-400)
- 5627 He who lives a hundred years, not seeing the highest law,
a life of one day is better if a man sees the highest law.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 5628 The eye of the master will do more work
than both of his hands.
Franklin (1706-1790)

5629 The veil which covers the face of futurity
is woven by the hand of mercy.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

5630 A man, foreseeing that another will do a certain act, and
in nowise controlling or even influencing him may use that
action as an instrument to effect his own purposes.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)

5631 The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world...
To see clearly is poetry, prophecy and religion all in one.
John Ruskin (1819-1900)

5. NEGATIVE

5632 Where there is no vision, the people perish.
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)

5633 What we look for does not come to pass.
God finds a way for what none foresaw.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)

5634 You can never plan the future by the past.
Burke (1729-1797)

5635 He who foresees calamities, suffers them twice over.
Porteus (1731-1808)

5636 Forethought we may have, undoubtedly, but not foresight.
Napoleon (1769-1821)

5637 He who anticipates his century is generally persecuted when
living, and is always pilfered when dead.
Disraeli (1804-1881)

5638 All eyes do not see alike. Even the visible creation is
not, for all who look upon it, of one form and one color.
Our brain is a book printed within and without, and the two
writings are, with all men, more or less confused.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)

5639 It is sure to be dark if you shut your eyes.
Tupper (1810-1889)

5640 It is as hard to see one's self as to look backwards
without turning round.
Thoreau (1817-1862)

5641 Among all forms of mistake, prophecy is the most gratuitous.
George Eliot (1819-1880)

- 5642 I never think of the future. It comes soon enough. 5 of 7
Einstein (1879-1955)
- 5643 You can only predict things after they've happened.
Eugene Ionesco (born 1912)

6. ADVICE

- 5644 Study the past if you would divine the future.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 5645 With your spirit open and unconstricted,
look at things from a high point of view.
Miyamoto Musashi (1584-1645)
- 5646 Our grand business is not to see what lies
dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 5647 The best preparation for the future,
is the present well seen to, and the last duty done.
George MacDonald (1824-1905)
- 5648 Before the Soul can see, the Harmony within must be
attained, and fleshly eyes be rendered blind to all
illusion.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 5649 It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the
chain of destiny can be handled at a time.
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
- 5650 To know the road ahead
Ask those coming back.
Chinese Proverb

7. POTPOURRI

- 5651 The man is quiet, but firm as a rock, yet sensitive to the
first imperceptible signs of impending changes. He does
not delay in taking action.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 5652 Behold the universe in the Glory of God; and all that lives
and moves on earth. Leaving the transient, find joy in the
Eternal; set not your heart on another's possession.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)

- 5653 I wonder that a soothsayer doesn't laugh
whenever he sees another soothsayer.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 5654 A wise God shrouds the future in obscure darkness.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 5655 His eye is ever open and sleepeth not, for it continually
keepeth watch. And the appearance of the lower is according
to the aspect of the higher light....His two nostrils like
mighty galleries, whence His spirit rushes forth over all.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 5656 There was the Door to which I found no key;
There was the Veil through which I might not see.
Omar Khayyam (fl. 1100)
- 5657 The Eternal looked upon me for a moment with his eye of
power, and annihilated me in his being, and became manifest
to me in his essence. I saw I existed through him.
Jalal-Uddin Rumi (1207-1273)
- 5658 Whoe'er thou art, thy master see;
He was - or is - or is to be.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 5659 The future is purchased by the present.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5660 You can make a better living in the world as a soothsayer
than as a truthsayer.
Georg Lichtenberg (1742-1799)
- 5661 To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour.
William Blake (1757-1828)
- 5662 The more sand has escaped from the hourglass of our life,
the clearer we should see through it.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 5663 Hence in a season of calm weather though inland far we be,
Our souls have sight of that immortal sea
which brought us hither,
Can in a moment travel thither,
And see the children sport upon the shore,
And hear the mighty waters rolling evermore.
Wordsworth (1770-1850)

- 5664 Poets are the hierophants of an unapprehended inspiration;
the mirrors of the gigantic shadows which futurity casts
upon the present.
Shelley (1792-1822)
- 5665 The eye speaks with an eloquence and truthfulness surpassing
speech. It is the window out of which the winged thoughts
often fly unwittingly. It is the tiny magic mirror on whose
crystal surface the moods of feeling fitfully play, like the
sunlight and shadow on a still stream.
Tuckerman (1813-1871)
- 5666 Prophecy - To observe that which has passed, and guess it
will happen again.
Elbert Hubbard (1859-1915)
- 5667 The power is yours, but not the sight;
You see not upon what you tread;
You have the ages for your guide,
But not the wisdom to be led.
Edwin A. Robinson (1869-1935)
- 5668 I always avoid prophesying beforehand, because it is much
better policy to prophesy after the event has already taken
place.
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)