

WORLD

Earth, Foundation, Order, Plans and Universe

1. ESSENCE

- 6376 The world is God's epistle to mankind -
his thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 6377 The world is but a perpetual see-saw.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 6378 The world is a wheel, and it will all come round right.
Isaac D'Israeli (1766-1848)
- 6379 That one vast thought of God which we call the world.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 6380 The Universe is the periodical manifestation of the unknown
Absolute Essence.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

2. OPPOSITES

- 6381 The Laws of Nature are such that things at their peak must
decline and those at their lowest point must rise up, just
as the sun and moon follow one another ceaselessly through
the skies. Man also follows these Laws.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 6382 The Heavens seemed to men to fulfill the functions of
father, and the Earth of mother. The former impregnated
the earth with its fertilizing rains, and the earth,
receiving them, became fruitful and brought forth.
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 6383 The entire lower world was created in the likeness of the
higher world. All that exists in the higher world appears
like an image in this lower world; yet all this is but One.
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 6384 Like an image in a dream the world is troubled by love,
hatred, and other poisons. So long as the dream lasts,
the image appears to be real; but on awaking it vanishes.
Sankara (c. 900 A.D.)
- 6385 The world in all does but two nations bear,
The good, the bad, and these mixed everywhere.
Andrew Marvell (1621-1678)

- 6386 But as the world, harmoniously confused,
Where order in variety we see;
And where, tho' all things differ, all agree.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 6387 This world is a comedy to those who think,
a tragedy to those who feel.
Horace Walpole (1717-1797)
- 6388 The world is seldom what it seems; to man, who dimly sees,
realities appear as dreams, and dreams realities.
Thomas Moore (1779-1852)
- 6389 There are two worlds; the world that we can measure with
line and rule, and the world that we feel with our hearts
and imaginations.
Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)
- 6390 A piece of wood may be saturated with water,
water may in its turn be filled with gas.
Exactly the same relation between different kinds of
matter may be observed in the whole of the universe:
the finer matters permeate the coarser ones.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 6391 The world is like a grand staircase,
some are going up and some are going down.
Italian Proverb
- 6392 Water floats a ship
Water sinks a ship.
Chinese Proverb

3. INSIGHT

- 6393 The three mothers in the world are: air, water and fire.
Heaven was created from fire or ether; the earth
(comprising sea and land) from the elementary water;
and the atmospheric air from the elementary air, or spirit,
which establishes the balance among them.
Sepher Yezirah (B.C. 2000?-600 A.D.)
- 6394 How Heaven and Earth are like a bellows!
While vacuous, it is never exhausted.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 6395 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh:
but the earth abideth for ever.
Ecclesiastes (B.C. 300?)

- 6396 The universal order and the personal order are nothing but different expressions and manifestations of a common underlying principle.
 Marcus Aurelius (121-180 A.D.)
- 6397 The wave, the sea, and the bubbles are all one.
 All is one, nothing else, whether less or more.
 Ni'matullah Wali (1331-1431?)
- 6398 The world's a theatre, the earth a stage,
 Which God and nature do with actors fill.
 John Heywood (1497?-1580?)
- 6399 All the world's a stage, and all the men and women in it
 merely players. They have their exits and their entrances;
 and one man in his time plays many parts.
 Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 6400 My soul, what's lighter than a feather? Wind.
 Than wind? The fire. And what than fire? The Mind.
 What's lighter than the mind? A thought. Than thought?
 This bubble world. What than this bubble? Nought.
 Quarles (1592-1644)
- 6401 The created world is but a small parenthesis in eternity,
 and a short interposition for a time, between such a state
 of duration as was before it, and may be after it.
 Thomas Browne (1605-1682)
- 6402 The world is a beautiful book, but of little use to him
 who cannot read it.
 Carlo Goldoni (1707-1793)
- 6403 Whoever has seen the masked at a ball dance amicably
 together, and take hold of hands without knowing each other,
 leaving the next moment to meet no more, can form an idea of
 the world.
 Vauvenargues(1715-1747)
- 6404 The world is a great ocean, upon which we encounter more
 tempestuous storms than calms.
 Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)
- 6405 The first fundamental law of the universe is the law of
 three forces, or three principles, or, as it is often
 called, the law of three. According to this law every
 action, every phenomenon in all worlds without exception,
 is the result of a simultaneous action of three forces-
 the positive, the negative, and the neutralizing.
 Gurdjieff (1873-1949)

6406 This world which consists of friends, enemies and neutrals, which affects you with pleasure and pain, is only a creation of your mind which is a product of ignorance.
Sivananda (born 1887)

6407 Man has a thousand plans...
Heaven but one.
Chinese Proverb

4. POSITIVE

6408 By three things is the world sustained:
by justice, by truth, and by peace.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)

6409 Beauty from order springs.
William King (1663-1712)

6410 Everything is for the best in the best of all possible worlds.
Voltaire (1694-1778)

6411 O Earth! all bathed with blood and tears, yet never
Hast thou ceased putting forth thy fruit and flowers.
Germaine De Stael (1766-1817)

6412 Long have I loved what I behold.
The night that calms, the day that cheers;
The common growth of mother-earth
Suffices me.
Wordsworth (1770-1850)

6413 This world, after all our science and sciences, is still
a miracle; wonderful, inscrutable, magical and more, to
whosoever will think of it.
Carlyle (1795-1881)

6414 The Universe should be deemed an immense Being, always
living, always moved and always moving in an eternal
activity inherent in itself, and which, subordinate to no
foreign cause, is communicated to all its parts, connects
them together, and makes the world of things a complete
and perfect whole.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)

6415 For every man the world is as fresh as it was at the
first day, and as full of untold novelties for him who
has the eyes to see them.
Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)

6416 The grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere; the dew is never all dried at once; a shower is forever falling; vapor is ever rising. Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gleaming, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls.

John Muir (1838-1914)

5. NEGATIVE

6417 The world has no self-substance of its own. It is simply a vast concordance of causes and conditions that have had their origin, solely and exclusively, in the activities of the mind as it has been stimulated by ignorance, false imagination, desires and infatuation.

Buddha (B.C. 568-488)

6418 Trust not the world, for it never payeth that it promiseth.

Augustine (354-430 A.D.)

6419 The world is but a large prison,
out of which some are daily selected for execution.

Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)

6420 The more a man drinketh of the world,
the more it intoxicateth.

Bacon (1561-1626)

6421 The world is all a carcass and vanity,
The shadow of a shadow, a play
And in one word, just nothing.

Owen Feltham (1602-1668)

6422 What is this world? Thy school, O misery!
Our only lesson is to learn to suffer.

Young (1683-1765)

6423 The world, in its best state, is nothing more than a larger
assembly of beings, combining to counterfeit happiness
which they do not feel.

Johnson (1709-1784)

6424 Believe everything you hear said of the world;
nothing is too impossibly bad.

Balzac (1799-1850)

6425 This earth is but the dismal entrance leading to the
twilight that precedes the valley of true light,
that light which no wind can extinguish,
that light which burns without a wick or fuel.

H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

- 6426 The world rolls round forever like a mill;
It grinds out deaths and life and good and ill;
It has no purpose, heart or mind or will.
James B. V. Thomson (1834-1882)
- 6427 Man has lost the capacity to foresee and to forestall.
He will end by destroying the earth.
Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)
- 6428 The world is an illusion. Friends are hypocritical cheats.
Relatives are selfish bugs. There is none on whom you can
depend except God.
Sivananda (born 1887)
- 6429 Though a tree grow a thousand feet...
The fruits will fall to earth again.
Chinese Proverb
- 6430 Heaven lent you a soul
Earth will lend a grave.
Chinese Proverb

6. ADVICE

- 6431 This world is like a foyer leading into the world to come -
prepare thyself in the foyer so that thou mayest enter into
the inner chamber.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
- 6432 The world is a looking glass, and gives back to every
man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it and it
will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with
it, and it is a jolly kind companion.
Thackeray (1811-1863)
- 6433 You and I must not complain if our plans break down if we
have done our part. That probably means that the plans of
One who knows more than we do have succeeded.
Edward E. Hale (1822-1909)
- 6434 Be sure of the foundation of your life. Know why you live
as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not, in
such a matter as life, build it on opinion or custom or what
you guess is true. Make it matter of certainty and science.
T. Starr King (1824-1864)
- 6435 The most efficient way to live reasonably is every morning
to make a plan of one's day and every night to examine the
results obtained.
Alexis Carrel (1873-1944)

- 6436 Your life will be no better than the plans you make and the action you take. You are the architect and builder of your own life, fortune, destiny.

Alfred A. Montapert (born 1910?)

7. POTPOURRI

- 6437 In a vision he asked the Dragon (symbol of universal light) to disclose the nature of the universe and the constitution of the gods...The Dragon acquiesced...Immediately the form of the Spirit changed. Where it had stood there was a glorious and pulsating Radiance. This Light was the spiritual nature of the Great Dragon itself. The universe of material things faded from his consciousness. Presently a great darkness descended and expanding, swallowed up the Light. Everything was troubled. About Him swirled a mysterious watery substance which gave forth a smokelike vapor. The air was filled with inarticulate moanings and sighings which seemed to come from the Light swallowed up in darkness. His mind told Him that the Light was the form of the spiritual universe that the swirling darkness which had engulfed it represented material substance. Then out of the imprisoned Light a mysterious and Holy Word came forth and took its stand upon the smoking waters. This Word - the Voice of the Light - rose out of the darkness as a great pillar, and the fire and the air followed after it, but the earth and the water remained unmoved below. Thus Light was divided from darkness, and from the waters of Light were formed the worlds above and from...darkness...worlds below.

The Divine Pymander (BC 2500?-200 AD?)

- 6438 The question of whether the universe has limits or is eternal can wait until some way is found to extinguish the fires of birth, old age, sickness and death; in the presence of lamentation, sorrow, suffering, and pain; one should first search for a way to solve these problems and then devote oneself to the practice of that way.

Buddha (B.C. 568-488)

- 6439 Beauty, strength, youth, are flowers but fading seen;
Duty, faith, love, are roots, and ever green.

George Peele (1558?-1597?)

- 6440 Confusion heard his voice, and wild uproar
Stood ruled, stood vast infinitude confined;
Till at his second bidding darkness fled,
Light shone, and order from disorder sprung.

Milton (1608-1674)

- 6441 As beauteous is the world, and many a joy
Floats through its wide dominion. But, alas,
When we would seize the winged good, it flies,
And step by step, along the path of life,
Allures our yearning spirits to the grave.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 6442 This world is all a fleeting show,
For man's illusion given;
The smiles of joy, the tears of woe,
Deceitful shine, deceitful flow,-
There's nothing true but Heaven.
Thomas Moore (1779-1852)
- 6443 For the world was built in order
And the atoms march in tune;
Rhyme the pipe, and Time the warder,
The sun obeys them, and the moon.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 6444 The Universe, which is the uttered Word of God, is infinite
in extent. There is no empty space beyond creation on any
side. The Universe, which is the Thought of God pronounced,
never was not, since God never was inert; nor was, without
thinking and creating. The forms of creation change, the
suns and worlds live and die like the leaves and the
insects, but the Universe itself is infinite and eternal,
because God Is, Was, and Will forever Be, and never did
not think and create.
Albert Pike (1809-1891)
- 6445 Earth took her shining station as a star,
In Heaven's dark hall, high up the crowd of worlds.
Bailey (1816-1902)
- 6446 Love to his soul gave eyes; he knew things are not
as they seem.
The dream is his real life; the world around him
is the dream.
Francis Palgrave (1824-1897)
- 6447 The chess-board is the world,
the pieces are the phenomena of the universe,
the rules of the game are what we call the laws of Nature.
The player on the other side is hidden from us.
Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)

6448 This world is full of beauty, as other worlds above,
And if we did our duty, it might be as full of love.

Gerald Massey (1828-1907)

6449 A man said to the universe:
"Sir, I exist!"
"However," replied the universe,
"That fact has not created in me
A sense of obligation."

Stephen Crane (1871-1900)