

Self and Personal Style

...everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is the Indian theory of existence.

American Indigenous Religions,
Mourning Dove [Christine Quintasket]
(Salish)

The first Taraz and the first effulgence which hath dawned from the horizon of the Mother Book is that man should know his own self and recognize that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty . . .

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: TAB, pp. 34-35

Each human creature has individual endowment, power and responsibility in the creative plan of God.

Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: PUP, 293

Your own self is
your own mainstay,
for who else could your mainstay be?
With you yourself well-trained
you obtain the mainstay
hard to obtain

Buddhism, Dhammapada, 160

Evil is done by oneself

by oneself is one defiled.
Evil is left undone by oneself

by oneself is one cleansed.
Purity & impurity are one's own doing.
No one purifies another.
No other purifies one.

Buddhism, Dhammapada, 165

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

Christianity, Romans 12: 6 ASB

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Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Christianity, Romans 12: 6-8 ASB

That which is the finest essence—this whole world has that as its soul. That is Reality. That is the Self. That art thou.

Hindu, Chandogya Upanishad 6.8: 7

Who denies God, denies himself. Who affirms God, affirms himself.

Hindu, Taittiriya Upanishad, II.6.i

God, glory be to Him, has not created you without a purpose and has not left you without duties, obligations, and responsibilities.

Islam, Nahjul Balagha Sermon 67

But HaShem said unto Samuel: 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him; for it is not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but HaShem looketh on the heart.'

Judaism, Shmuel A (Samuel I) 16: 7 JPS

When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching, Chapter 8

Knowing others is intelligence;
knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Mastering others is strength;
mastering yourself is true power.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching, Chapter 8