

WORDS OF WISDOM

Rig Veda

आ नो भद्रा : क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः

āno bhadra krtavo yantu vishwatah |

Let noble thoughts come to us from everywhere of the World.

Atharva Veda

उत् क्रामतः पुरुष माव पत्था।

ut krāmataḥ puruṣa māva patthā.

Oh, Soul, rise above, don't fall down.

Atharva Veda

उद्यानं ते पुरुष नावयानं |

udyānaṁ te puruṣa nāvayānaṁ |

Oh man, look up! Don't look down.

Bhagavad Gita

उद्धरेदात्मनात्मानं नात्मानमवसादयेत् |

आत्मैव ह्यात्मनो बन्धुरात्मैव रिपुरात्मनः ||

uddhared ātmanātmānaṁ nātmānam avasādayet |

ātmaiva hyātmāno bandhur ātmaiva ripurātmānaḥ ||

One must develop with the help of one's mind, not degrade oneself. Mind is the friend as well as the enemy (if not controlled) for the bonded soul (self within).

Charvaka Phylosophy

उद्योगिनं पुरुषसिंहमुपैति लक्ष्मीः

दैवेन देयमिति कापुरुषा वदन्ति।

दैवं निहत्य कुरु पौरुषमात्मशक्त्या

यत्ने कृते यदि न सिध्यति कोऽत्र दोषः॥

Udyoginam purusasimhamupaiti lakshmiḥ

Daivena deyamitam kapurusa vadanti |

Daivam nihatya kuru paurusamatmasakya

Yatne krte yadi na sidhyati ko'tra dosah ||

Prosperity woos the lion of a man who is perseverant. Only ignorant and lazy fools say that prosperity is bestowed by God. Kill (forget) God and put forth your sincere efforts with will power and confidence. Even if your efforts fail where is the harm? (You can try again and again to succeed.)

