



GOLDEN WORDS OF
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*When
there is a
conflict
between the*

*heart and
the brain, let
the heart be
followed.*

*A man of
intellect can
turn into a devil,
but never a man
of heart.*

*Religion is not a
theoretical need
but a practical
necessity.*

*Renunciation
does not mean
simply
dispassion for
the world. It
means
dispassion for
the world and
also longing for
God.*

*There is no
misery where
there is no
want.*

*The secret of life
is not
enjoyment, but
education
through
experience.*

*Every new
thought must
create
opposition.*

*Renunciation is
the withdrawal
of mind from
other things and
concentrating it
on God.*

*Every man who
thinks ahead of
his time is sure
to be
misunderstood.*

*In this short life
there is no time
for the
exchange of
compliments.*

*Do not wait to
cross the river
when the water
has all run
down.*

*The greatest sin
is fear.*

*Better the
scolding of the
wise than the
adulation of the
fools.*

*If you love God's
creation more
than God, you
will be
disillusioned.*

*Everything can
be sacrificed for
truth, but truth
can't be
sacrificed for
anything.*

*God has become
man, man will
become god
again.*

*If it is impossible
to attain
perfection here
and now, there
is no proof that
we can attain
perfection in
any other life.*

*That part of the
Vedas which
agrees with
reason is the
Vedas, and
nothing else.*

*If you want to
do anything evil,
do it before the
eyes of your
superiors.*

*Happiness
presents itself
before man,
wearing the
crown of sorrow
on its head.*

*If one is a slave
to his passions
and desires, one
cannot feel the
pure joy of real
freedom.*

*If you can't
attain salvation
in this life, what
proof is there
that you can
attain it in the
life or lives to
come?*

*Never mind if
your
contribution is
only a mite,
your help only a
little, blades of
grass united
into a rope will*

*hold in
confinement the
maddest of
elephants.*

*The cow never
tells a lie, and the
stone never
steals, but,
nevertheless, the*

*cow remains a
cow and the
stone remains a
stone. Man steals
and man tells a
lie, and again it is
man that
becomes the god.*

*When even man
never hears the
cries of the fool,
do you think
God will?*

*Strength is life,
weakness is
death.*

*Never are the
wants of a
beggar fulfilled.*

*We want the
education by*

*which character
is formed,
strength of mind
is increased, the
intellect is
expanded, and by
which one can
stand on one's
own feet.*

*Let the heart be
opened first,
and all else will
follow of itself.*

*Tell the man his
defaults directly
but praise his
virtues before
others.*

*Activity is life
and inactivity is
death.*

*Salvation is not
achieved by
inactivity but by
spiritual
activities.*

*Even the least
work done for
others awakens
the power
within.*

*New things have
to be learned,
have to be
introduced and
worked out, but
is that to be
done by
sweeping away
all that is old,
just because it is
old?*

*The man who
says he has
nothing more to
learn is already
at his last grasp*

*As long as I live,
so do I learn.*

*No one can save
a person who
hires a carriage
to go from one
street to
another, and
then complain
of diabetes.*

*By the control of
the
subconscious
mind you get
control over the
conscious.*

*It is the constant
struggle against
nature that
constitutes
human
progress, not
conformity with
it.*

*The very
essence of
education is*

*concentration of
mind, not the
collecting of
facts.*

*As we get
further and
further away*

*from sense-
pleasures,
“knowledge for
the sake of
knowledge”
becomes the
supreme
pleasure of
mind.*

*It is through the
many that we
reach the one.*

*The soul is the
circle of which
the
circumference is
nowhere, but the
center is the
body. God is a
circle whose
circumference is
nowhere, but
whose center is
everywhere.*

*The body itself
is the biggest
disease.*

If any one of you believes what I teach, I will be sorry. I will only be too glad if I can excite in you the power of thinking for yourselves.

*When the world
is the end and
God the means
to attain that
end, that is
material. When
God is the end
and the world is
only the means
to attain that*

*end, spirituality
has begun.*

*The fear of God
is the beginning
of religion, but
the love of God
is the end of
religion.*

*Do not give up
anything!
Things will give
you up.*

*The sage is often
ignorant of
physical science,
because he reads
the wrong book-
the book within;*

*and the scientist
is too often
ignorant of
religion, because
he reads the
wrong book- the
book without.*

*Experience is the
only source of
knowledge.*

*Do one thing at
a time and while
doing it put your
whole soul into
it to the
exclusion of all
else.*

*Where there is
life, there will be
death; so get
away from life if
you want to get
rid of death.*

*Records of great
spiritual men of
the past do us
no good
whatever except
that they urge
us onward to do
the same, to
experience
religion
ourselves.*

*We may read all
the Bibles of the
world, but that
will not give us
religion.*

*The brave alone
can afford to be
sincere.*

*The balance is
so nice that if
you disturb the
equilibrium of
one atom, the
whole world will
come to an end.*

*Save the
spiritual store in
your body by
observing
continence.*

*The wicked see
in God
wickedness. The
virtuous see in
Him virtue.*

*When good
nectar is
unattainable, it
is no reason*

*why we should
eat poison.*

*Love to enemies
is not possible
for ordinary
men.*

*Everything that
comes from
India take as*

*true, until you
coherent reasons
for disbelieving
it. Everything
that comes from
Europe take as
false, until you
find coherent
reasons for
believing it.*

*The benefit of
Yoga is that we
learn to control
instead of being
controlled.*

*Never talk about
the faults of
others, no
matter how bad
they may be.*

*All quarrels and
disputations
concerning
religion simply
show that
religion is not
present.*

*You must not
criticize others,
you must
criticize
yourself.*

*What you have
inside you is
what you see in
others.*

*Our business is
to verify not to
swallow.*

*How can that be
loveless which
causes love in
me?*

*You cannot
judge a man by
his faults.*

*You must
believe in
yourself and
then you will
believe in God.*

*If you are pure,
if you are
strong, you, one
man, is equal to
the whole world.*

*Mother
represents
colorless love
that knows no
barter, love that
never dies.*

*We trust the
man in the
street, but there
is one being in
the universe we*

*never trust and
that is God.*

*My motto is to
learn whatever
good things I
may come*

*across
anywhere.*

*The secret of
religion lies not*

*in theories but
in practice.*

*Seek for the
highest, aim at
the highest, and
you shall reach
the highest.*

*There is an
ocean of
difference
between
idleness and
renunciation.*

*The self-seeking
man who is
looking after
personal
comforts and
leading a lazy
life, there is no
room for him
even in hell.*

*Hope is the
greatest of all
miseries, the
highest bliss lies
in giving up
hope.*

*No one ever
succeeded in
keeping society
in good humor
and at the same*

*time did great
works.*

*Know that
talking ill of
others in private
is a sin.*

*This Atman is
not to be
attained by one
who is weak.*

*Whatever
fosters
materiality is no
work.*

*Why look up to
men for
approbation,
look up to God.*

*He who knows
how to obey
knows how to
command.*

*Want of
sympathy and
lack of energy*

*are at the root
of all misery.*

*India is the only
place where,*

*with all its
faults, the soul
finds its
freedom, its
God.*

*It is the heart
that conquers,
not the brain.*

*All the strength
is in you, have
faith in it.*

*The body must
go no mistake
about that. It is
better to wear
out than to rust
out.*

*In every attempt
there are many
obstacles to
cope with, but
gradually the
path becomes
smooth.*

*One must raise
oneself by one's
own exertions.*

*Both
attachment and
detachment
perfectly
developed make
a man great and
happy.*

*Where there is
struggle, where
there is
rebellion, there
is a sign of life,
there
consciousness is
manifested.*

*Isn't it man that
makes money?
Where did you
ever hear of
money making
man?*

*He who always
speculates as to
what awaits him
in future,
accomplishes
nothing
whatsoever.*

*Fear is one of
the worst
enemies.*

*If one intends to
really find truth,
one must not
cling to comfort.*

*We manufacture
our own heaven
and can make a
heaven even in
hell.*

*The satisfaction
of desire only
increases it, as
oil poured on
fire makes it
burn more
fiercely.*

*Both happiness
and misery are
chains, the one
golden, the
other iron; but
both are equally
strong to bind
us.*

*The world is
neither true nor
untrue, it is a
shadow of truth.*

*Let us get rid of
the little 'I' and
let only the
great 'I' live in
us.*

*Concentration of
the mind is the
source of all
knowledge.*

*Keep your
thoughts on
virtue; what we
think we
become.*

*What we are, we
see outside, for
the world is our
mirror.*

*Resist not evil.
Face it! You are
higher than evil.*

*Anything we do
ourselves, that
is the only thing
we do. -----*

*Be cautious now
and do not bow,
however sweet
to chains.*

*Anything that
brings spiritual,
mental or
physical
weakness, touch
it not with the
toes of your
feet.*

*Everything that
has selfishness
for its basis,
competition as
its right hand,
and enjoyment*

*as its goal, must
die sooner or
later.*

*This is a
battlefield, fight
your way out.
Make your life a*

*manifestation of
will
strengthened by
renunciation.*

*Be the witness,
never learn to
react.*

The Hindus believe that a man is a soul and has a body, while Western people believe he is a body and possesses a soul.

Of all the scriptures of the world, it is the Vedas alone which declare that the study of the Vedas is secondary.

*I find that
whenever I have
made a mistake
in my life, it has
always been
because self
entered into the
calculation.*

*Never forget
that a man is
made great and
perfect as much
by his faults as
by his virtues.*

If a bad time comes, what of it? The pendulum must swing back to the other side. But that is no better. The thing to do is to stop it.

*This world is our
friend when we
are its slaves
and no more.*

*Whatever others
think or do,
lower not your
standard of
purity, morality,
and love of God.*

*The road to the
Good is the
roughest and
steepest in the
universe.
Character has to*

*be established
through a
thousand
stumbles.*

*Eating, drinking,
dressing, and
society*

*nonsense are
not things to
throw a life
upon.*

*He who is
always afraid of
loss always
loses.*

*Any amount of
theoretical*

*knowledge one
may have; but
unless one does
the thing
actually, nothing
is learnt.*

*Don't yield to
sorrow;
everything is in
God's hands.*

*In our moments
of anguish,
gates barred for
ever seem to
open and let in
many a flood of
light.*

*Every bit of
pleasure will
bring its quota
of pain, if not
with compound
interest.*

*If one gets one
blow, one must
return ten with
redoubled fury,
then only one is
a man.*

*Don't let egoism
to enter your
minds, and let
love never
depart from
your hearts.*

*It is a land of
dreams; it does
not matter
whether one
enjoys or
weeps; they are
but dreams, and
as such, must*

*break sooner or
later.*

*He whose joy is
only in himself,
whose desires
are only in
himself, he has*

*learned his
lessons.*

*I have worked
for this world,
Mary, all my life,
and it does not*

*give me a piece
of bread without
taking a pound
of flesh.*

*Devotion to the
mother is the*

*root of all
welfare.*

*It is religion, the
inquiry into the
beyond, that
makes the
difference
between man
and animal.*

*Dare to be free,
dare to go as far
as your thought
leads, and dare
to carry that out
in your life.*

*Every idea that
strengthens you
must be taken
up and every
thought that
weakens you
must be
rejected.*

*The same fire
that cooks a
meal for us may
burn a child,
and it is no fault
of the fire if it
does so; the*

*difference lies in
the way in
which it is used.*

*Whatever you
think, that you
will be.*

*The moment
you quarrel, you
are not going
God ward, you
are going*

*backward,
towards the
brutes.*

*First learn to
obey, the*

*command will
come by itself.*

*If there is any
sin in the world,
it is weakness;*

*avoid all
weakness, for
weakness is sin,
weakness is
death.*

*In other
countries great*

*priests try to
trace their
descent to some
king, but here
the greatest
kings would
trace their
descent to some
ancient priest.*

*We, as
Vedantists,
know for certain
that there is no
power in the
universe to
injure us unless
we first injure
ourselves.*

*Faith, faith, faith
in ourselves,
faith, faith in
God – this is the
secret of
greatness.*

*To have the
ideal is one
thing, and to
apply it
practically to
the details of
daily life is quite
another thing.*

*One ounce of
practice is worth
twenty thousand
tons of big talk.*

*Let not your
work produce
results for you,
and at the same
time may you
be never
without work.*

*Religion is not in
books, nor in
theories, nor in
dogmas, nor in
talking, not
even in
reasoning. It is
being and
becoming.*

*This Atman is
not to be
reached by too
much talk, no,
not even by the
highest intellect,*

*no, not even by
the study of
Vedas
themselves.*

*Whoever has
dared to touch
our literature
has felt the*

*bondage, and is
there bound for
ever.*

*If you have
assimilated five
ideas and made*

*them your life
and character,
you have more
education than
any man who
has got by heart
a whole library.*

*No good comes
out of the man
who day and
night thinks he
is nobody.*

*Follies there are,
weakness there
must be, but
remember your
real nature
always – that is
the only way to
cure the
weakness, that is
the only way to
cure the follies.*

*Everything in
this life is
fraught with
fear. It is
renunciation
alone that
makes one
fearless.*

*The true man is
he who is strong
as strength
itself and
possesses a
woman's heart.*

*Verily, these
three are rare to
obtain and come
only through the
grace of God -
human birth,
desire to obtain
Moksha, and the*

*company of the
great-souled
ones.*

*Why should you
feel ashamed to
take the name
of Hindu, which
is your greatest*

*and most
glorious
possession.*

*This religion is
so great that
even a little of it*

*brings a great
amount of good.*

*Don't believe
what others say
unless you*

*yourselves know
it to be true.*

*Rise at the
expense of
another? I did
not come to
earth for that.*

*Show your
power by
suffering.*

*Our misery
comes, not from
work, but by our*

*getting attached
to something.*

*The man who
can't believe in
himself, how*

*can you expect
him to believe in
anything else?*

*It is better to do
something;
never mind if it
proves to be*

*wrong; it is
better than
doing nothing.*

*If we can't
follow the ideal,
let us confess*

*our weakness,
but not degrade
it; let not any try
to pull it down.*

*If a man
possesses*

*everything that
is under the sun
and does not
possess
spirituality, what
avails it?*

*First form
character, first
earn spirituality
and results will
come of
themselves.*

*If we sit down
and lament over
the imperfection
of our bodies
and minds, we
profit nothing; it
is the heroic
endeavor to
subdue adverse
circumstances
that carries our
spirit upwards.*

*Truth, purity and
unselfishness –
wherever these
are present,
there is no
power below or
above the sun
to crush the
possessor
thereof.*

*No claim is
made by the
doer of great
deeds, only by
lazy worthless
fools.*

*To know God is
to become God.*

*Bring in the
light; the
darkness will
vanish of itself.*

*Ours not to
question why,
ours but to do
and die.*

*Education is the
manifestation of
the perfection
already in man.
Religion is the
manifestation of
the divinity
already in man.*

*Conscious
efforts lead the
way to super-
conscious
illumination.*

*Who commits
mistakes, the
path of truth is
attainable by
him only.*

*He, the brave
alone, can deny
the self.*

*And if this Maya
is so beautiful,
think of the
wondrous
beauty of the
Reality behind
it.*

*For one thing we
may be grateful;
this life is not
eternal.*

*When the mind
tries to think of
anything else,
give it a hard
blow, so that it
may turn around*

*and think of
God.*

*If I am impure,
that is also of
my own making,
and that very
thing shows that*

*I can be pure if I
will.*

*Stand and die in
your own
strength; if
there is any sin*

*in the world, it is
weakness; avoid
all weakness, for
weakness is sin,
weakness is
death.*

*I do not know
whether I*

*succeed or not,
but it is a great
thing to take up
a grand ideal in
life and then
give up one's
whole life to it.*

*In the west, they
are trying to
solve the
problem how
much a man can
possess, and we
are trying here
to solve the
problem on how
little a man can
live.*

*It is the change
of the soul itself
for the better
that alone will
cure the evils of
the world.*

*Teach yourself,
teach every one
his real nature,
call upon the
sleeping soul
and see how it
awakes.*

*Power will come,
glory will come,
goodness will
come, purity will
come, and
everything that
is excellent will
come, when this
sleeping soul is
roused to self*

*conscious
activity.*

*You have done
well; only try to
do better.*

*Work out the
salvation of this
land and of the
whole world,
each of you
thinking that the
entire burden is
on your
shoulders.*

*Let not the fire
die out.*

*Is it such a bad
choice in this
world to think,
not of matter
but of spirit, not
of man but of
God?*

*If you attempt
to get the
secular
knowledge
without religion,
I tell you plainly,*

*vain is your
attempt.*

*Anything that
makes you weak
physically,
intellectually,*

*and spiritually,
reject as poison;
there is no life in
it; it cannot be
true.*

*Love opens the
most impossible*

*gates; love is
the gate to all
the secrets of
the universe.*

*Never let curses
rise on your lips.*

*Feel that you
are great and
you become
great.*

*You can't help
anyone, you can
only serve:
serve the
children of the
Lord, serve the
Lord himself, if
you have the
privilege.*

*The moment
you fear you are
nobody. It is fear
that is the great
cause of misery
in the world.*

*Struggle for that
Grace.*

*If a man goes
towards what is
false; it is
because he
can't get what is
true.*

*Knowledge is
the finding of
unity in
diversity, and
the highest
point in every
science is*

*reached when it
finds the
underlying unity
in all variety.*

*Obey the
scriptures until
you are not
strong enough*

*to do without
them.*

*Help, if you can;
if you can't fold
your hands and*

*stand by and
see things go
on.*

*Until a man
becomes a*

*prophet, religion
is a mockery.*

*Be not in
despair; the way*

*is very difficult,
like walking on
the blade of a
razor. Yet
despair not;
arise, awake,
and find the
ideal, the goal.*

*Death is better
than a
vegetating
ignorant life; it
is better to die
on the
battlefield than
to live a life of
defeat.*

*When you find
yourselves
suffering, blame
yourselves, and
try to do better.*

*The highest
direction is that
which takes us
to God; every
other direction
is lower.*

*Understand my
words in their
true spirit and
apply
yourselves to
work in their
light.*

*I want the why
of everything. I
leave the how to
children.*