

Quotes on The Virtues

The 4 theological virtues are; Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude & Justice
& The three Christian virtues are Faith, Hope & Charity

The 7 Deadly Sins or Capital Vices of Christianity are: Lust, Anger, Greed, Gluttony, Envy, Laziness, & Pride

(& 2 more modern ones Haste and Waste !!!)

The 7 (& 10) Paramitas of Perfection, the Transcendental Virtues: Dana, Shila, Kshanti, Viraga, Virya, Dhyana, Prajna (from *The Voice of the Silence* p.52/3)

The 8-Fold Noble Path of the Buddha is: Right Memory, Right Opinion, Right Word, Right Endeavour, Right Judgement, Right Attitude, Right Deed, Right Examination.

‘The life of virtue accumulates much merit; that merit will at some time cause one to be born in a wise family where the real practice of concentration may begin; or it may cause one to be born in a family of devotees or those far advanced on the Path, as said in the *Bhagavad Gita*.’

W.Q.J. from *Daily Readings* Sept. 5

‘By faith and virtue, energy and mind; by discernment of the Law, endowed with knowledge, good behaviour, concentrated, he (the disciple) will strike off the great sorrow of earthly existence.’

The Dhammapada Ch.10

Hindu tradition terms the six attributes the control of thought, control of will, equanimity, positivity, openness & equilibrium.

‘Virtue makes the difference to your happiness.’ - Stoicism

‘Right Thought, Right Word, Right Deed.’ - Zoroaster

‘Caritas’ - Latin root of our English word charity, means goodwill, love, alms giving, & dearness.

Charity can be expressed in myriad ways.

‘[...] Charity is patient, charity is kind; charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up, is not ambitious; seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil.’

St Paul from his letter to the Corinthians Ch.3

‘If all things strive towards the Good, knowledge goes hand in hand with right conduct or the cultivation of the virtues., which are, in truth, levels of reality and therefore powers.’

‘The gods/powers of the hierarchies are beyond the human being who does not develop the virtues which allow him to participate knowingly in these hierarchies. Love is the power which draws man toward the Divine and also irradiates the world.....Love is thus an action not a passion, whose end is justice, the condition in which unity, the fulfilment of all moral virtue, is possible.’

-Proclus, 5th Century Neoplatonist