

KURAL

He was the divine poet of the civilised world & was the greatest social philosopher of the ancient world. His masterpiece Thirukkural, is non-religious & it talks the problems of the mankind & gives solatium to it. Every human being should read Thirukkural & should practice it in life.

MAMALLAPURAM

TOWN PANCHAYAT

The Garland of Thiruvalluvar

The god Brahma, hiding his own true form, was born into the world as Valluvar, who took the three categories of the Vedas Virtue, Wealth and "Bliss and expressed them in the form of the Kural; therefore let my head worship this book, let my mouth praise it, let my mind ponder on it and let my ears listen to it.

Ugra-Peruvaludhi

The Kural is a semi-perforated mustard seed, into which the poet has poured the contents of the seven seas.

Idaikkadar

There hardly exists in the literature of the world a collection of maxims in which we find such lofty wisdom as in Thirukkural

Albert Schweitzer

I wanted to learn Tamil, only to enable me to study Valluvar's Thirukkural through his mother tongue itself...
It is a treasure of wisdom

Mahatma Ghandi

O king, who rules over the land where tame birds fall asleep to the music of the rice-pounders ! The wonder of the thought contained in one of Valluvar's little verses is similar to the drop of water on the tip of the tiniest flower, which reflects the whole length of the tallest palmyra tree.

Kapilar

As Vishnu, when he appeared as Vamana, or the dwarf, measured with two steps heaven & earth, so with the two lines of his diminutive veppa-footed kural-verse Thiruvalluvar has measured the universe

Paranar

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The Garland of Thiruvallavar

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Introduction

I.A. Richards once wrote, '*Great cultures start in poetry,*' & this applies particularly to the Tamils, that ancient, heroic, dark-skinned race that dwells in Tamil Nadu & the north of Sri Lanka. Their literature is held in the esteem of its countrymen far higher than in many other nations around the globe, their writers elevated to the lofty level of sainthood. Foremost among them is Thiruvalluvar, the creator of the Thirukkural, a timeless text that, as the giant of Tamil studies GU Pope observed, "*Outweighs the whole of remaining Tamil literature, & is one of the select number of great works, which have entered into the very soul of a whole people & which can never die* "

To the Tamils, the Thirukkural is a divine book, but not in the sense of the Koran or Bible. It is simply a code of moral conduct to which all creeds, castes & colors can connect, whose lofty idealism has been acclaimed by all the religions of the world. In the words of EV Daniel, "*The Holy Kural may well be the meeting ground, the common ground, of all religions.*"

Its composer, Thiruvalluvar, can be seen as the ideal man; being a poet, scholar, lawgiver, oracle, social thinker, ethicist, psychologist, political scientist, experienced lover & containing in his own soul the soul of

mankind. The word 'Valluvar' itself means 'priest of the weaver of the Pariah class,' one of the lowest castes in India. The word 'Thirru' is the equivalent of 'Sri' in Hindi, & means 'Lord' or 'Holy.' Thiruvalluvar then means 'Very holy priest of the weavers of the Pariah caste.' It is interesting to compare this birth status with that of Jesus Christ, who himself was a low-born son of a common carpenter. The general belief is that he was born near Mylapore, a suburb of Chennai, where Saint Thomas is said to have died. This same saint was an original witness to the Sermon on the Mount & scholars have noticed the echoes & traces of this & other books of wisdom that extant in Thiruvalluvar's day. Two thousand years ago Tamil Nadu was a great maritime hinge between the trade-routes of China & Rome. Through its ports passed the sailors, customs & literature of the known world & it is by no means a stretch of the imagination to see this venerable sage listening to the Greek traders speak of Plato, the Chinese of Confucius & the northern Indians of the Buddha.

Two thousand years have passed since the Kural were first written down, but their message still resonates loudly. Each Kural is a simple couplet of seven words, in which Thiruvalluvar condensed his wisdom in a series of maxims that form a treatise on the art of living. That there is in each kural a direct & corresponding emotion, event or fact, at large in the modern spirit, is a perpetual wonder of the imperviousness of the human soul. Each one of these timeless teachings unlocks a tiny portion of the mysteries of the universe & as they are embraced by the willing student, a larger picture of the human condition shall slowly be surveyed. The Tamils say that following just a single kural will make us a better person. Then if the whole world were to do the same; as billions of raindrops make an ocean, so the absorption of many individual kural into the global psyche must form an ocean of goodness to cleanse the spirit of the world. For as the Tamil commentator Kaladar wrote, Thirukkural is, "*The only remedy available for the whole universe.*"

Over the centuries the Kural have become a much-quoted fibre of the Tamil fabric, their quintessential guidebook for life. They are heard in the speeches of Indian prime ministers, they can be seen written above the driver's seat on most of the buses that range Tamil Nadu & they can be felt in the manners of every Tamil. The popularity of Thirukkural must come from its vivid & easy to remember couplets, which lend themselves quite readily to memory & recitation. Nowhere else in the world is such a vast amount of worldly wisdom stored within such a short, aesthetic & musical form. It is for this reason that the Tamils consider themselves to be blessed among the peoples of our planet, or as Shudhannanda Bharati wrote, "*The outstanding greatness of Tamil Nadu was that it gave Valluvar to the world*"

The people of Tamil Nadu worship Thiruvalluvar as a saint, the universal guru of their lives. Each year, on Thiruvalluvar day, they celebrate him with a public holiday. Their greatest monument to him is a magnificent statue of the saint stood majestically off the shores of Kanayakamari, the most southern point in India. It was dedicated at the dawn of the new millennium (1.1.2000), & stands like some spiritual lighthouse watching over the world. The monument is 133 feet high, representing the 133 chapters of the Kural. The pedestal on which the statue stands is 38 ft high, representing the 38 chapters in the Virtue section of the text. The remaining 95 feet of the statue itself represent the total number of chapters in the second and third parts of the Kural - Wealth & Love. The three parts are also echoed by the statue's right hand, which has three fingers pointing to the heavens

Thirukkural is considered a product of the great Sangam Age of Tamil literature, a quasi-mythological era deep in the Tamil past, where three 'Academies,' in the Grecian sense, were set up in Madurai. Upon them, the crème de la crème of Tamil scholars & writers converged, to determine the older classics & adjudicate on the new literary works of the day. In total, there were three Sangams, each stuffed full of poets & pieces, & it is with the second of them that the illustrious name of Thiruvalluvar is linked. Throughout these highly literary & enquiring times many treatises were composed upon the art of living, but it is the Thirukkural that stands head & shoulders above them all, the genres highest expression & the Koh-I-Noor of Indian literature. As a repository of eastern wisdom it is on a parallel to the Tao Te Ching, the teachings of Buddha & the sayings of Confucius. These in turn were all a product of the general global question of ethics that raged two to three thousand years ago. The prime job of these philosophers was to help ordinary people effectively meet the challenge of daily life, to deal with its major losses, disappointments, challenges & tragedies.

The legend says that Valluvar submitted his palm-leaf manuscript of his Kural to the 49 Pandits of the second Sangam, the high-browed judges of the academy. He found them sat on a raft that floated on the serene waters of the Golden Lily tank, the fabulous centre-piece of the great Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple of Madurai. At first the Pandits initially scoffed at the sage, throwing scorn on the work of an unlearned man from the lower castes. Valluvar remained unphased by their mockery, & simply placed the manuscript on the raft according to the set custom. Much to the Pandit's astonishment, the raft immediately shrank, ducking these conceited men into the water, & leaving just enough room on the boards for the manuscript. Once on dry land the sodden scholars recognized through this miracle that the Kural were indeed divine, an opinion that has not changed a single iota for two millennia.

Once the Kural had been accepted by the Pandits of Madurai, its influence penetrated every aspect of Tamil society. The common Tamils took this rare blend of vibrant mysticism & pragmatic realism to their hearts, concerning as it does the everyday matters which affected their lives. The Kural was quoted in many early Tamil works, such as the Puranuru & the Manimekalai. It also influenced Kambar's excellent 13th century Tamil version of the Ramayana, where Rama & his wife Seeta were fully imbued with the moral guidance of Valluvar. Then, in 1272, the poet Parimelazhagar arranged the 1330 kural into the order which the modern world now knows them. They were placed ten at a time into 133 chapters, which were again divided into 3 sections – the *Muppaal* – of Virtue, Wealth & Love. The theory is that if these are fully adhered to, then the fourth muppaal – *Moksha* (salvation) – shall be achieved.

The first muppaal, *Aram* (virtue), contains the morals of life, an ethical code with which to perfect the individual, society & humanity as a whole. By following these maxims a solid basis is provided for fostering the other two Muppaal. In the *Porul* (wealth), socio-economic values & proper political processes are elucidated, outlining an ideal state of nationhood. The last muppaal, *Imbam* (love) relates the many phases of love, placing an especial emphasis on the suffering that parted lovers endure.

The Kural were first brought to the attention of Europe by a series of missionaries entering Tamil Nadu via Madras (British), Pondicherry (France) & Tranquebar (Danish). The very first translation was in Latin & made by an Italian priest, Father Constantius Beschi, compiled in the early eighteenth century. The next translator was the German AF Cammera, whose work was published in Leipzig in 1803. Then the French Savant, M Ariel, released his translation in 1848. It was he who proclaimed the Kural as, "*One of the highest & purest expressions of human thought.*" These men were pioneers, whose efforts helped to fan the flames of interest in this ancient text, which have ever since burnt fiercer & fiercer. Their efforts in translating Tamil can be compared to the discovery of the Rosetta stone, but instead of using that hieroglyphic key to open the doors of ancient Egypt, they have instead unlocked the wonders of the human soul.

Once the world became aware of these '*compact distiches of quintessential wisdom,*' the Kural have been translated into over 60 languages across the world, including 13 other Indian languages. The first English translation was in 1853, by the Reverend Drew, whose work would inspire GU Pope, a gargantuan figure of Kural lore. History now sees George Uglow Pope as the great standard bearer of Tamil, that '*noble language*' as called it, devoting his entire life to its study & translation. His first lesson in the language occurred when he was an eighteen-year-old lad in England. Later that year he arrived in Madras & when first hearing the true beauty of Tamil upon the lips of a humble fisherman, became determined to learn all about the language & to be able to speak it as fluently as a native. He set about meeting the greatest Tamil scholars of the day, & had soon unleashed his genius upon its life-long mission. By 1840 he was staying at Mylapore, about which he would later write, "*While visiting the villages around here, that enthusiasm for the great Tamil poet was first kindled which has been an important factor in my life.*"

'*Within a short time of my learning Tamil,*' wrote Pope, "*I commenced translating Thirukkural, for the benefit of Europeans.*" Almost fifty years later, on September 1st 1886, he would complete his noble task, which by now he had declared, '*The masterpiece of human thought.*' By February 1893 he would also add an excellent, poetic translation of the Naltiyar to his many achievements in Tamil, which included an unfinished, yet massively comprehensive dictionary of Tamil. For his erudite efforts he was given the honorary degrees by Oxford and Lambeth, & was awarded the much coveted Gold Medal of the Royal Asiatic Society in 1906. After a 'long and useful' life of 88 years, he died in 1908, when one of his last requests was to have his tomb decorated with the words, 'A student of Tamil.'

In that age of imperial oppression he wrote, "*The speech of a dying people may, perhaps, be allowed to die. But this cannot be said of the Tamil race. Heaven forbid! Let the Tamilians cease to be ashamed of their vernacular.*" Without this passionate scholar, there is a chance that Thirukkural would still be confined to Tamil Nadu & the dusty university libraries of the world. As it was, the efforts of this incredible savant opened the door to the world's appreciation of Thirukkural. Below is a sonnet which he wrote in praise of his illustrious master.

Sage Valluvar, priest of the lowly clan,

No tongue repeats, no speech reveals thy name ;
Yet, all things changing, dieth not thy fame,
For thou art bard of universal man ;
& still thy 'book' above the waters wan,
Virtue, true wealth, and joy, and being's aim,
In sweetest mystic couplets doth proclaim,
Where winds sea-wafted palmy forests fan.

Haply undreamed of 'visions ' glad thine eyes
In realms beyond thy fabled 'seven-fold birth',
& clouds of darkness from thy spirit roll ;
While lands far-off have heard with strange surprise
Faint echoes of thy song. Through all the earth
Men hail thee brother, seer of spotless soul.

The Tamils have a unique tradition of didactic & ethical literature known as the Kilkkanakku. This is a corpus of 18 full length works of humanistic & ethical content. These are not scattered proverbs, maxims & sayings but each has unifying themes & structures. Of them, Thirukkural is chief, but another, entitled 'Nalatiyar,' has long been considered it's equal. Despite this, it is largely unknown outside Tamil Nadu, despite being as rich in knowledge as the Kural, & often more beautiful. There is a very famous Tamil proverb that reads;

Banyan & Margosa are good for teeth

Nalatiyar & Thirukkural are good for tongue

The meaning of this is quite clear. As daily brushing of the teeth makes them stronger, so a daily dose of wisdom will help us to lead a happy life, fully equipped for all its eventualities. GU Pope also saw the two treatises as complementary, & wrote, "*These two great works, serving as natural commentaries, together throw a flood of light upon the whole ethical and social philosophy of the Tamil people.*" He would also write that the Tamils, "*Are the foremost among the peoples of India, & the Thirukkural & the Nalatiyar have helped make them so.*"

Like Thirukkural, its date of composition fluctuates among scholars. But what is certain is its antiquity, its origins steeped in legend. It is said that many hundreds of years ago there was a severe famine in northern India. To escape its ravages 8000 Jains went south to seek the mercy of the Pandya kings. Fortunately for them the third Sangam was at its height & the reigning monarch, Ukkirap Peruvaluti, was a patron of the arts. He welcomed his guests with open arms & the Jains soon understood his benevolence knowing no bounds. They spent their time in Madurai in perfect happiness, teaching the King many wise things about life. Eventually they heard that the famine in their homelands had ended, the Jains sought to return home. However, the king was endeared so much to their wisdom & artistry that he constantly found excuses to keep them in Madurai. Despite this, the Jains were adamant on returning, & one night all 8000 of them slipped away into the darkness. As a gift to their host each one had written four lines of wisdom on a palm leaf & left it in the royal temple. On discovering these events the unhappy King ordered the *Nalati* (quatrains) to be thrown into the flood of the great Vaikai River. To his astonishment, four hundred of these floated against the current & washed up on the shore. The now repentant king saw this was an act of God, & ordered the quatrains to be published together as the Nalatiyar (quatrainists).

Despite their equal status, as they were composed after the Kural, the Nalatiyar will always be seen as a younger child trying to emulate its superior sibling. This opinion has been reinforced by the rather forced form in which the text has come down through the ages to the modern world. It was compiled by a scholar called Pathumanar, who appears to have wanted to present it as another Kural. Indeed, he divided it into the same three parts – Virtue, Wealth, Love - & each chapter into ten individual quatrains. A sister text indeed! Unfortunately, a number of these individual maxims hold only a slender connection with the title of the chapter in which it is held, showing again how Pathumanar poured the Nalati into the successful Thirukkural mould. However, tradition is tradition, & despite its irregularities the senate of time has decreed that the Nalatiyar as we know it is set in stone. When I first began my rendition I wanted to do a direct line-by-line translation of the quatrains. But on some reflection, I decided to keep the continuity of Valluvar's kural form & channel each of the quatrains into those same seven words, forming a seamless stream of ancient Tamil wisdom.

Part

I

VIRTUE

1

Faith

As 'A' announces alphabets

Divinity begins existence

Without obtaining spiritual intelligence

Humanity studies profitless

Divine heart-beats of Avatars

Thread flourishing life

To fend off sorrow

Follow one's faith

Unwaveringly praising one's faith

Brings us balance

When desires are renounced

Life prospers long

Loving one's peerless One

Cleanses anxious minds

To enter life's ocean

Cross virtuous seas

Those refusing divinity's existence

Deaf, mute, blind

Across life's boundless ocean

Faith escorts believers

Rain

Rain's continuance sustains existence

Life's vital ambrosia

Rain produces wholesome food

Thus itself food

Although surrounded by ocean

Rainless nations starve

When fruitful rains diminish

Farmer's ploughs cease

As rain ruins us

Rain raises us

When clouds grow shy

Even grasses fail

When clouds refuse rain

Mighty oceans diminish

When drought dusts lives

Religious ritual perishes

When Heaven retains rain

Charity abandons Earth

As rain maintains rivers

Water sustains life

3

Ascetics

Souls seeking celestial enlightenment

Universal scriptures exalt

Easier to count deathdom

Than quantify asceticism

Our most esteemed leaders

Practice virtue ceaselessly

Where wisdom guides us

Excellence must follow

Those conquering sensorial pleasures

Gain infinite admiration

Greatness solves those problems

Baseness deems impossible

By controlling pentasense successfully

Pleasant living possible

Sayings & proven prophecies

Unveil greatness eventually

When virtuous mountains provoked

Violent volcanoes erupt

Souls fashioned by virtue

Don compassionate robes

4

Virtue

Enlightenment confers fruitful contentment –

Heaven, Honor, Wealth

Whereas neglecting ethics devastates

Virtue rewards magnificently

In every way possible

Practice virtue incessantly

Spotless minds support virtue

Impure minds, vanity

Envy, greed, malice, wrath

Virtue merrily avoids

If proper conduct procrastinated

Death comes friendless

Between Earl & Chauffeur

Karmic rebirth swerves

Deem daily good deeds

Celestial stepping stones

As virtue illuminates us

Sin brings shadow

To perform upstanding actions

Avoid downtrodden vices

5

Family

Honorable households capably entertain

Students, elders, ascetics

Flourishing families happily patronize

Vagabond, pensioner, peasant

Godhead, guest, ancestor, kindred

Happy homes adore

Honest & hospitable households

Preserve familial posterity

Nurturing love & virtue

Enhances happy marriages

When marital tranquility mastered

Celestialism seems unnecessary

Our wonderful family way

Mankind's finest path

Structured domesticity assists society

Praise stable households

Truly virtuous family life

Surpasses even asceticism

Crofts of honest happiness

Lofty as Olympus

Wives

Happy, house-proud, economical wives

Husbands deem ideal

Wives without domestic excellence

Life's irresponsible chaff

Worthy wives enrich lives

Worthless wives deprive

Our most majestic women

Command loyal chastity

When women worship husbands

Heaven worships women

Deem them wonderful wives;

Vigilant, attentive, unblemished

When faithful chastity exists

Why gulag wives?

By winning revered husbands

Wives themselves revered

If wives act dishonorably

Men's lionsteps falter

Children of worthy wives

Ornament our lives

Children

Parents obtaining intelligent children
Nature's ultimate beneficiaries

Benign children bless families

Safeguarding our legacies

Actions of our children

Judge the parents

When kids assist cookery
Ebbulience becomes Ambrosia

Toddler's touch brings delight
Children's chatter, joy

Voices of giggling nestlings
Sweeter than flutes

Preparing children for society
Prime parental duty

Intelligence of treasured children
Brings immeasurable pleasure

Children respected in adulthood
Outplume their birth

Improving their parents' reputation

Every child's duty

8

Love

Thro pangingly amorous tears
Lover's confess adoration

Loveless lives pass selfishly

Darlings share everything

As souls animate bodies
The loveless corpsified

Affection begets amour, begetting
Amity's immeasurable excellence

From loving nature springs
Bliss on Earth

Both sinner & ascetic
Capable of love

As sunblaze shrivels serpent
Goodness burns lovelessness

Deem the unloved heart
Dead desert tree

The perfect, physical appearance
Pointless without love

Without love, life's quintessence,
Mankind becomes pulseless

9

Hospitality

Those extending benevolent hospitality
Surmount domesticity's pinnacle

When guests are late
Wait for food

To maintain unmarred family

Offer hospitality daily

When tending dignified guests

Households gain prosperity

When guests eat well

Families improve karma

Entertaining incessant guest streams

Applaud as glory

Invitee temperament politely assesses

Appraisement of hostesses

Scroogey families eventually lament;

Unloved, aloof, alone

When ungenerous

Mendicants with money

As sniffed flowers fade

Hostility spoils hospitality

Speech

Springs of tender speech

Yield virtuous words

Giving with kind blessings

Increases gifter's value

Accents of virtuous voices -

Sweet, pleasant, cheerful

Speaking pleasure spiraling words

Avoids ingrates' poverty

Mankind's most perfect ornaments -

Humility & mellifluity

With soft, useful words

Virtue conquers sin

Thoughtful & meaningful speech

Blesses & pleases

Pleasant language imparts pleasure

Yesterday, today, tomorrow

Why deliver words harshly

When sweetness delights

Softened tongues luscious fruits,

Piquish speak, unripened

11

Gratitude

Before our true altruism

Heavenly endowment pales

Small & timely assistance

Exceeds the seas

Generosity seeking no reward

Outweighs the Oceans

A seemingly minor gift

Beneficiaries proclaim stupendous

Personalities of gifter's recipients

Measure generous gestures

Never forget helpful friends

Assisting through adversity

Wiping someone else's tears

Earns friendship immemorial

Ignore friendship's traumatizing actions

Remember former kindnesses

Fond memories of benevolence

Defy friendship's dispute

Of mankind's hopeless sins

Ingratitude seems worst

12

Impartiality

Merited eminence regards impartially;

Enemies, friends, outsiders

Possessions of proper personages

Protected by posterity

Disown finance unfairly acquired

Despite obvious advantages

Worth, fame, ineptness, shame

Our legacies determine

Whether winning or losing

Wisdom balances mind

Swerving from unscrupulous thought

Ruins noble souls

Poverties of honest people

By society accepted

Balanced as unbiased scales

Wisdom's illustrious ornament

When equipoise fills minds

Words lilt untilting

Protecting fellow businessmen's interests

Helps ours prosper

13

Willpower

Angels accompany personal restraint

Daemons escort waywardness

Protect life's greatest commodity

Your precious self-control

Gaining & grasping restraint

Wins senatorial respect

Deem possessing unswerving willpower

Loftier than mountains

No billionaire can buy

Humility's priceless commodity

A puritan tortoise shell

Guards against destruction

Flawed conversation invokes negativity -

Watch one's vocabulary

Just one evil word

Banishes developed virtues

Whereas burnt flesh heals

Scalding insults fester

Peacefulness, erudition, discipline, spotlessness

Virtue constantly quests

Posipraxis

More than life itself

Cherish good conduct

Guarding & preserving posipraxis

Princely among virtues

From morality comes nobility

From immorality, humiliation

Though forgotten knowledge rediscoverable

Disgrace effaces forever

As prosperity avoids envy

Greatness averts indecency

Neglecting virtue brings nastiness

Therefore uphold steadfastness

Proper demeanor obtains greatness

Impropriety insufferable disgrace

Goodness plants virtue's seeds

Wickedness reaps grief

Students of noble behavior

Never speak basely

If mistuned with humanity

Erudition turns ignorant

15

Infidelity

Couples comprehending property's rights

Spurn adultery's folly

Our most foolish sinners

Covet neighborhood spouses

When wooing friends' wives

Men become corpses

Seducing another woman's husband

Reduces social kudos

Sleeping with strangers' spouses

Reaps dangerous shame

Hatred, sin, fear, disgrace

Accompany bed-hoppers imperishably

Ignoring other women's womanliness

Crowns worthy husbands

Never admiring married men

Saintly beyond virtue

Those destined for honor

Avoid neighborhood flings

Sinners spurning bed-swerving stupidity

Possess elementary decency

Patience

As fields maintain farmers
Patience handles slander

Forgive individual unsocial behavior
Better still, forget

Inhospitality indicates extreme poverty
Patience, incalculable wealth

Patience preserved & exercised

Maintains perfect posipraxis

Patience our purest gold
Vengeance, muckiest mud

Retaliation's pleasure swiftly passes
Forbearance flows forever

Even if unjustly injured

Dismiss unrighteous response

Calmness overcomes arrogant enemies
Patience conquers pride

Remaining unfazed by insults

Amazes the ascetic

Place bearing insolent speech

Above spartan fasting

Envy

Esteem as righteous conduct

Freedom from envy

Deem life's matchless excellence

Emancipation from jealousy

When jealous of riches

Lives agitate joylessly

Envy's goddess confers disgrace

Avoid invidian advances

Envy always forges ruin

Even those foeless

Through jealousy's acrimonious legacies

Our families embarrassed

Whereas felicity detests Envy

Misfortune embraces her

Envy's vice curses lives

Ruining our riches

As goodness sometimes impoverished

Jealousy prospers occasionally

Envious natures never great

Contented, always noble

Characters consumed by covetousness
Guilt eventually destroys

From landgrabbing's embarrassing desire
Balanced minds immune

When seeking higher bliss
Ignore trifling pleasures

Impoverished yet decent people
Still spurn avarice

If covetousness consumes thought
What use knowledge?

When envy turns criminal
Virtue leaves us

Fruits plucked by cupidity
Always taste bitter

Desiring other people's property
Corrodes our own

When not wanting wealth
Wealth wants us

While desire drops disastrously
Contentment climbs triumphantly

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Slander

Even the very evil
From smearing refrain

To smile then backbite

Mankind's vilest evil

A life of defamation

Better left unborn

Indulge slander during confrontation

Not ugly backbiting

Those insincere in virtue

Their vilify exposes

Publicly announcing another's faults

Unmasks our own

Estrangement of dear friends

Cheerless conversation causes

Revealing our friends' faults

Terrifies watching strangers

Insulting recently departed 'friends'

Earns anonymous animosity

Those recognizing personal faults

Cease their slander

Vain Speech

Those speaking useless things

Receive universal derision

Arrogant public dialogue outviles

Antagonizing one's friends

Bombast long & useless

Betrays worthless speakers

Pointless chatter dishonors speakers

While boring listeners

Princes muttering utter inanities

Dispel popular prestige

Verbalisers of empty words

Humanity's superfluous chaff

Talk uselessly when necessary

But only then

When seeking extraordinary gain

Dismiss trivial speech

Words devoid of meaning

Lucid minds deny

Accept only useful words

Reject fruitless speech

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Sin

Tho immorality terrifies virtue

Rogues remain unfazed

Fear evil over fire

Sin induces sinning

To never consider revenge

Sports virtue's crown

By dreaming wicked schemes

Our ruin ensured

Blaming sins on poverty

Brings more poverty

Souls calm & contented

Never intend harm

Whereas escaping enemies possible

Sin pursues relentlessly

Shadows of evil deeds

Never leave sinners

Avoiding even smallest evils

Brings massive self-respect

Lives deviating from virtue

Plunge into sorrows

22

Community

Charity seeks no recompense -

Who reimburses clouds?

By spending wages benevolently

Money's purpose realized

Between Heaven & Earth

Nothing betters benevolence

Whereas benefactors breathe healthily

Spongers appear dead

Compare dutiful community spirit

With brimming reservoirs

Compare prospering charitable souls

With community allotments

Benefits of noble benevolence

Like life-giving medicine

Dutiful charities assist communities

Whenever credit crunches

When benefactors become indigent

Charitable inability wounds

Benefactors cash-strapped by charity

Accept poverty happily

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Charity

As destitution induces altruism

Giftery generates return

Even for good causes

Receiving charity hurts

Impoverished nobility never complains,

"I have nothing!"

Beggars possess happy faces

Why pity them?

Before fasting one's body

Alleviate foreign famine

Though money craves investment

Stave off starvation

By sharing food habitually

Fiery hunger defied

Better to embrace benevolence

Before losing money

Deem famished beggar pathetic

Lonely banqueter worse

Better we die painfully

Than live uncharitably

Fame

Renown won thro charity

Life's true celebrity

Of our universal languages

Charity widest spoken

Though our bodies perish

Fame lasts forever

Those gaining glorious reputation

Deify their lives

Poverty's prosperity, death's martyrdom

Only ascetics obtain

Unless ear-marked for renown

Better remain unborn

For our fameless lives

Only blame ourselves

Life shames the nameless

While praising fame

Foods from unfamous fields

Diminish through anonymity

Whereas praiselessness seems pulseless

Famous heart thunders

25

Ruth

Wealth of human kindness

Richest of riches

Compassionate practice & prescription

Conjoins global faiths

Those having loving hearts

Unloved by evil

Compassion shields the soul

Denying dangerous sinfulness

This fertile, flourishing Earth

Rewards kindness subliminally

Those consciously neglecting pity

By Karma forsaken

As wealth brings contentment

Compassion pleases virtue

Though lost riches recoupable

Grace lost forever

As study discovers knowledge

Kindness illuminates Divinity

Recall cowering before bullies

Before browbeating cowards

26

Vegetarianism

Eating flesh fattens flesh

But compassion in absentia

Like wastrels squandering property

Carnivores lack kindness

Those relishing fleshy ingestion

Resemble bloody murderers

Refraining from consuming meat
Supports compassionate proclamations

For each life digested
Mother Nature screams

For food & finance
Animals brutally slaughtered

As butchery creates wounds
Eating meat unclean

Clever & clear vision
Spurns carcass consumption

Vegetarianism outshines sacred rites
Acolytical carnivores sanctimonious

Both bird & beast
Applaud vegan banquets

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Penance

Ascetic discipline endures suffering

By satyagraha bolstered

Karmic destiny permits austerity

Otherwise penance impossible

Because most forsakes austerities

Supporting asceticism possible

Powers of penitent repentance

Modify the world

Through forces of remorse

Human goodness attainable

Entangling indulgence fangles destruction

Penance, peaceful pleasance

Liken shining ascetic suffering

To white-hot gold

By learning soul control

Social kudos develops

As we master austerity

We dominate death

Because few dream austerities

Billions scream poverty

28

Hypocrisy

We may deceive others

But never ourselves

What use angelic beauty

When mentality infernal

Liken oxen donning tiger-hide

With weakling leadership

Sinners sporting saintly masks

Hunters laying ambush

False ascetics awaken screaming

Haunted by misdeeds

Fraudsters posing as priests

Humanity's heartless heathenry

People may appear spotless

Yet harbor darkness

Certain scoundrels feign piousness

Disguising wicked hearts

As sitars sound celestial

Action surpasses appearances

Those acting without hypocrisy

Never need repent

29

Stealing

Those ruminating fraudulent thoughts

Despise, chastise, ostracize

Even thinking of theft

Lets evil in

Property accumulated through fraud

Perishes very rapidly

Sorrows woeful & unending

Fraud's awful fruits

Sentries of theft's chances

Of graciousness bereft

When treading deceitful paths

Wisdom's ways elusive

Minds guided by morality

Deny nasty crime

Virtuous hearts house righteousness

Thieving hearts, deceit

Knowing nothing but deviousness

Kills us soon

As dishonesty brings calamity

Integrity wins prosperity

30

Honesty

Answer, "*What is truth?*"

With, "*Virtuous words!*"

If lies are beneficial

Proclaim them true

After consciously uttering falsehood

Guilt consumes conscience

Those true to themselves

Idolized by all

Natural truth forever out-chimes

Church & charity

From springs of truth

Flow virtuous rivers

Honesty bestows universal virtue

Even evil sinners

As water cleanses body

Truth purifies mind

Through lanterns of veracity

Mental darkness obliterated

Of all described excellences

Honesty aspires highest

Restrain only painful anger

Toothless fury useless

As bad tempers unsettle

Malicious delirium harms

When we showboat anger

Spurious furies unloosed

Deem pleasure slaying ire

Our greatest enemy

Leaving one's anger unguarded

Ensures personal destruction

Pleasant rafts of friendship

Sunk by wrath

As certain as gravity

Temper's terrible consequences

Remain unruffled whenever effective

Even within infernos

Streams of normal thinking

Dammed by anger

Between Angels & Demons

Anger divides Humanity

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Pacifism

Souls peaceful & spotless

Uncompromised by plunder

Passive spirits renounce aggression

Even for revenge

Those avenging wanton wounding

Suffer irremovable sorrows

Shame & punish sinners

With blushing kindness

Preventing other people's pains

Wisdom's first purpose

If an action upsets

Why pursue it?

Deem life's supreme principal

Never administering pain

When we have suffered

Why inflict suffering

Imposed sorrows always rebound

By day's end

Cheerful lives ever evade

Harm's unhappy karma

33

Killing

As killing invokes evil

Virtue never murders

Feeding & cherishing life

Crowns every creed

Never destroying life surpasses

Freedom from falsehood

Walk the good way

Along pacific paths

Of all abandoned desires

Pacifism reigns sublime

Those never destroying life
Preserve mortal longevity

Even to protect ourselves
Turn from murder

Though murder may benefit
Killing brings dishonor

Wisdom deems destroying life
Wallowing below baseness

Woe, disease, humiliation, poverty
Albatrosses of murderers

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Impermanence

Praising something completely useless
Dishonors common sense

Cashquisition gathers & melts
Like music festivals

Our days are axe-strokes

Felling life's oaks

When acquiring perishable wealth

Practice imperishable virtue

Pursue virtue without delay

Age prevents activity

Perhaps those alive yesterday

Lifeless corpses today?

Minds muse innumerable futures

Despite death's uncertainty

As winglings abandon shells

Souls betray bodies

Death resembles falling asleep

Birth our reawakening

Our bodies merely hostels

For homeless souls

Whenever one's desires disown'd

Distress never suffer'd

Renunciation during unfulfilled youth

Amplifies ascetic pleasure

Dismissing one's pentasensory desires

Realizes renunciational spiritessence

Prefer destitution's stark minimalism

Possessions befuddle mind

When seeking immortal nirvana

Reject petty trivialities

When surrendering one's selfishness

Celestial sweetness surpassed

Sorrow firmly clasps people

Grasping for attachments

True ascetics conquer everests

Delusion snares part-timers

Unless detached from desire

Lives rumble unstably

Most desirable of desires

Desires no desire

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Truth

Those valuing vain things

Plagued by delusion

From darkness to lucidity

Faith guides vision

Minds quintessant & doubtless

Obtain celestial domain

Unless natural truth understood

Pentasensory knowledge useless

Wisdom perceives all things

By basic truths

Paths toward divine wisdom

Never lead home

Completely considering life's teachings

Breeds Eden's freedom

When knowledge removes ignorance

Divinity's vision unravels

By ruminating true virtue

Bruising ruin debarred

Knowledge dams suffering's streams;

Desire, wrath, infidelity

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Desire

From seeds of lust

Unceasing creatures born

If anything, desire nothing -

Abstinence attains nirvana

To feel oneself content

Surpasses all sensations

When yearning for truth

Spurn burning desires

Want snares the world

Renunciation frees us

As seducing produces sin

Asceticism dreads desire

Souls uprooted from desire

Planted in salvation

Ruthless sorrows accompany desire

Incessant & increasing

When minds defuse desire

Happiness flows unbroken

Extracting desire's rotten cancer

Ensures harmonious life

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Fate

On indolence & industry

Karma acts appropriately

Both folly & prosperity

Engineered by fate

Despite studying polished treatises

Fate sways minds

Both wisdom & wealth

By destiny decreed

Through mortal money making

Fate's pendulum swings

Property's preservation & dissipation

Ordained by destiny

Millionaires control no wealth

Destiny determines spending

However much we study

Fate clouds intelligence

If Karmic benevolence delights

Accept her malevolence

Beneath unavoidable, unassailable destiny

Humanity helplessly whimpers

Part

II

WEALTH

Kings

Defended, advised, wealthy, adored

Lions amid kings

Courage, liberality, wisdom, energy

Encapsulate sceptered character

Proper princes perpetually brandish

Vigilance, learning, bravery

Deem humanity's true leaders -

Sinless, virtuous, honorable

Acquisition, storage, preservation, distribution -

Administers regal riches

When swerving from vice

Power preserves virtue

Pleasant & accessible protectors

Earn public praise

Protective & dutiful sovereigns

Consider demi-mortal godhead

Stoical, heroic, thick-skinned kings

Guard this globe

Usefulness, benevolence, rectitude, compassion

Leadership's shining standards

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Learning

Thoroughly learn one's learning

Then live it

Deem letters & numbers

Humanity's vital eyes

Learned men possess eyes,

Lorelessness only sores

Erudites dutifully delight company

Leaving visitors craving

Deem ignorance the peasant

Erudition the millionaire

As wells spring water

Wisdom brings wits

Happily wandering the world

Increases personal sapience

Through our noble legacies

Learning lives forever

As learning spreads learning

Yearn its increase

Nuggets of studied wisdom

Life's true jewels

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Lorelessness

Half-mindedly engaging learned assemblies

Chess without pieces

Flat-chested ladies crave bosoms

Fools, public speaking

Klutzes silent among scholars

Gain wisdom's acclaim

Uneducated insight occasionally excellent

But seldom respected

Speaking before educated companies

Stupidity shrivels inwardly

Ignorant lorelessness simply exists

Like worthless wilderness

Deem beauty lacking knowledge

Mere painted mannequin

When fools gain riches

Sorrow soon follows

Educated fellows easily outrank

Caste, class, clan

Deem professorship human being

But buffoonery, beast

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Listening

Riches gained by listening

Chieftain amid treasuries

Before feeding the belly

Feed the ear

As sacrifice gorges gods

Hearing feeds mankind

Illiterates must always listen

Wisdom supports existence

Traverse life's slippery slopes

With sapient staffs

As raindrops fill rivers

Aphorisms enrich society

Erudite & diligent listening

Ensures intelligent speech

When ears ignore instruction

Deem them deaf

Those lacking subtle understanding

Mostly mutter immodestly

Feeding bellies before intelligence

Spells social indifference

Wisdom

Inner wisdom's inviolable fortress

Wards off destruction

Wisdom watching wandering minds

Protects against problems

With every word spoken

Wisemen recognize lies

Intelligence listens & elucidates

Simplifying difficult speech

Whereas a flower fades

Wisdom runs forever

To happy social acceptance

Wisdom gains admittance

Where sapience possesses foresight

Ignorance envisages nothing

What terrifies an erudite

Humors the fool

Letting wisdom take control

Avoids casualties effortlessly

Wisdom wins the world

Fools own nothing

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Faults

Bad attributes define trustless kings;

Pride, anger, lust

Greed, inelegance, hedonism, pride

Leadership's undignified faults

If we fear disgrace

Guiltiness amplifies mistakes

Because fault burns indiscriminately

Eliminate one's defects

Lives defenceless against defects

Haystacks before bonfires

As we eradicate errors

Others learn how

When misers make mistakes

Wealth wastes away

Of all our faults

Greed stands tallest

Both pride & misdeed

Yield no good

Contentment in private life

Nullifies enemy scheming

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Elite

Mature & virtuous friendship

Secure & value

Our best of friends

Soothe distress away

Life's lucky, rare illustrials

Seek, secure, cherish

To crown personal power

Befriend superior peers

As cabinets protect countries

Choose ministers carefully

Adherence of wise counsel

Frightens our enemies

Those accepting sound criticism

Impervious to injury

Advice's avoidance ruins us

Even when enemiless

As money feeds investments

Monarchies need governments

Better gaining many enemies

Than friendship lose

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Badapples

Inherent greatness shuns society

Abhorrent baseness relishes

As mud colors water
Associates influence personality

Our friendships mould us
Like influential study

When calculating someone's character

Observe their friends

Consummate conduct & intellect

Chaste company inspires

Purer thought & action

Permeates perfection's pals

Noble minds attract wealth

Noble company, glory

Good minds foster mankind

Good friends, fame

Blissful thinking conjures virtue

Bonhomie's natural reward

Good company wins support

Wicked company, sorrow

Deliberation

Balance profit against loss

Before making decisions

When wise counsel advises

Anything seems possible

Upon prospective, far-off profits

Defer from investment

Desist from thoughtless adventures

Irresistible disgraces inevitable

As we attack recklessly

Our enemies profit

Those yearning for posipraxis

Spurn unfitting actions

Intelligence deliberates then acts

Hesitancy insults ideas

Though thousands may assist

Shoddy schemes collapse

Not everybody appreciates samaritans

Ascertain recipient personalities

As society respects status

Citizens act appropriately

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Assets

Examine resources before activity -

Personal, allied, enemy

The fully prepared mind

Considers nothing impossible

Most actions blindly launched

Perish before completion

Both arrogance & ignorance

Indicate failure's imminence

If carts are overloaded

Feathers break axles

When climbing narrowing treetops

Beware snapping branches

Benevolence within one's means

Preserves our estate

When expenses outpace income

Minimum wages inadequate

Without counting one's riches

Wealth swiftly vanishes

Those liberally distributing money

Soon beg pennies

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Timing

As daylight weakens owls

Strike when opportune

Those prepared for action

Overcome all difficulties

Best means & moment

Blesses successful enterprise

Kings calculating optimum chances

Triumph in conquest

Meditating upon appropriate moment

Wins the world

Compare restraining one's revenge

To Rams pre-charge

Wisdom binds temper's reflex

Preferring timely vengeance

Until an enemy's death

Maintain due respect

As chances come rarely

Seize them immediately

As Herons fish patiently

Await favorable opportunity

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Battlefield

Unless obtaining advantageous terrain

Avoid aggressive activity

Everyone gains from fortresses
Even legendary leaders

When choosing useful ground
Feeble forces powerful

Cleverly placed counter attacks
Panic confident conquerors

Crocodiles omnipotent in lakes
Struggle on land

As oceans disarm chariots
Soil shackles ships

Defending strategically chosen sites
Requires only courage

Engagements in cramped places
Demoralize massive armies

Primitive natives hazard invasions
Even without fortifications

Ferocious, mud-sunk battle tusker
Scrawny jackal slaughters

Decisions

Courage? Affluence? Character? Exuberance?

Try thy minister

Faultlessness, modesty, nobility, sinophobia

Preferable ministerial attributes

Scrutinizing seemingly spotless sages

Unearths ignorance always

Weigh positives & negatives

Heaviest determines nature

Only a touchstone deed

Measures our measure

Kinless loners shame insensate

Employing them undesirable

Most foolish of fools

Employ foolish friends

A stranger's unknown quantity

Potential ruin brings

After testing & consideration

Commit labor's delegation

Trusting strangers, doubting friends

Brings irredeemable sorrow

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Staff

Virtue, wealth, inclination, respect

Check before employment

Employees protecting widening incomes

O workplace paragon!

Loyalty, intelligence, lucidity, contentment

Acclaimed lackey qualities

Most personas winning employment

Transformed by office

Employ wise, patient associates

Before best friends

Workload's delegation needs contemplation -

Worker, task, timing

Gaffers convinced of competence

Unfetter their staff

Before delegating labor's stations

Consider employee capabilities

Prosperity abandons those kings

Doubting dutiful subjects

As workers execute workload

Bosses observe workers

53

Domesticity

Relations share mutual aid

Even if impoverished

From unceasing, familial love

Blossoming prosperity springs

Liken bankless water tanks

To kinless millionaires

Life amid many relatives
Prosperity's priceless advantage

Hubs of famous families
Happy hospitable homes

Gentle & extragenerous largesse
Swarming relatives engulf

As carrion draws crows
Generosity attracts riches

Rewarding according to merit
Gathers abundant relations

Though family members argue
They easily reunite

When traveling relations return
Welcome them wholeheartedly

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Idleness

Showing slackness in success

Oursins excessive anger

As poverty freezes wisdom

Laziness erases fame

Forgetfulness, global academies conclude,

Never finds fame

As defence despises cowardice

Luck shuns laxity

Those ignoring approaching calamity

Inevitably regret disaster

A constantly vigilant community

Unequaled in society

'There is nothing impossible,'

Muse thoughtful minds

To neglect excellent advice

Reaps eternal shame

When elated with joy

Reflect upon ruin

Proving persistent during process

Accomplishes difficult tasks

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Government

Before imparting proper punishment

Impartially examine crime

As rain supports society

Just monarchy rules

Upon honestly wielded scepters

Holy scriptures depend

Mankind bestows greatest praise

On loving leaders

Rain & glowing harvest

Accentuate astraeon sceptersway

Stoic Princes gain victories

Not embattled lances

As Kings defend countries

Justice defends Kings

Ineffective & inaccessible leaders

Must perish disgracefully

Those administering honest justice

Protects their people

As weeding improves fields

Criminals need imprisoning

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Maladministration

More immoral than murderers

Cruel, oppressive kings

When monarchs demand money

Words become weapons

Crimes unexamined & unpunished

Ruin nations daily

When thoughtlessly perverting justice

Fame topples shamefully

Tears of weary subjects

Erode regal riches

Kingship without righteous government

Soon fades... forgotten

Subjects serving unkind kings

Deserts without rain

When presidents without propriety

Problems beset property

Heaven punishes tyrannous kingdoms

By denying rain

When borders left unguarded

Sophisticated nations fail

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Power

Distribution of fit retribution

Deters most sinners

Gently administering severe punishment

Ensures regal prosperity

Ruin accompanies terrible tyranny

Swiftly & certainly

When kings scorn'd publicly

Monarchy soon crumbles

Inaccessible & stalinian billionaires

Possess daemonic wealth

From heated, unkind kings

Wealth surely evaporates

From harsh, brutal tongues

Immense riches flee

Leaders lazily delegating work

Cannot complain incompetence

Promptly, at war's onset,

Perish defenceless kings

Ignorant & tyrannical ministers

Earth's worst burden

Because humanity remains kind

Our world works

Mercy sustains global prosperity

Scroogery burdens Earth

Compare an unfit song

To unkind eyes

Apart from furnishing faces

Pitiless eyes useless

Kind looks prettify eyes

Otherwise unsightly sores

Those sporting unkind eyes

Arborize to tree-stumps

Eyes must possess benignity

Else them blind

Being benevolent during duties

Wins the world

Compassion for one's detractors

Earth's first virtue

Those cultivating esteem'd courtesy

Happily swallow poisons

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Espionage

Espionage & laws esteemed

Leadership's ancient eyes

Daily knowing everybody's business

Statesmen's unceasing duty

When espionage discovers advantages

Principal victories earned

Objectives of investigative enquiries

Servants, relatives, enemies

Fearlessness, invisibility, firmness, eloquence

Inspire able spies

Agents dressed as ascetics

Probe freely undetected

Spies ferret out facts

Rendering doubtless findings

Before believing an agent

Listen to another

When spies concur unwittingly

Deem data correct

Publicly praising successful espionage

Exposes secret agents

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Zeal

As lethargy rots life

Harness one's industriousness

As wealth fades ephemeral

Cherish energetic minds

Those possessing zealous energy

Unaffected by losses

When one's vigor unfailing

Wealth becomes us

As water-levels measure lotus-stalks

Willpower measures spirit

If nursing lofty ambitions

Aspiration sustains motivation

Resolve unfazed by failure

Dauntless, dart-dotted elephant

Attitudes proud & liberal

Spurn narrow-minded criticism

The largest, sharp-tusked elephant

Trembles before tigers

Idleness imitates rooted trees

Ambition animates minds

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Sloth

Idleness extinguishing illustrious families

Inviting expanding darkness

Those discrediting idle conduct

Expect respectable households

Houses of the idle

Dilapidate before death

Sloth induces increasing faults

Destroying entire families

Procrastination, forgetfulness, idleness, slumber –

Distract to destruction

However dignified one's friends

Faineance acquires nothing

Those ignoring dignified exertions

Earn social rebuke

Enemies enslave those families

Invaded by laziness

Common & stagnant opinion

Exertion's heat evaporates

Kings of constant energy

Conquer epic spheres

Reject feebly admitting defeat

Exertion energizes ability

Those leaving work unfinished

Ostracized as shirkers

Proud powers of assistance

Born from perseverance

Idleness conducts life's labors

Like fighting hermaphrodites

Putting workplace before pleasure

Supports one's relations

As wealth rewards industry

Poverty repays laziness

As laziness drags adversity

Industry propels prosperity

Blame only unworthy efforts

Not innate limits

Honest effort strengthens soul

Even through misfortune

By laboring on undaunted
Even Fate overhauled

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Courage

Scoffing at approaching misfortunes
Drives them away

When sages focus thought
Torrential troubles disappear

Those untroubled by troubles
Trouble these troubles

To plough through problems
Observe persevering Oxen

Afflictions massing like mountains
Dismissed by willpower

Them silent when affluent
Handle destitution quietly

Because bodies brunt sorrow

Ascetic souls tranquil

Those deeming grief natural

Seldom experience sorrow

Never seeking pleasure's pleasure

Dissolves sorrow's sorrow

Finding pleasure in pain

Amazes one's enemies

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Administration

Once schedule absorbs budget

Ministers execute plans

Firmness, respectability, lucidity, persistence

Moulds good ministers

Fe-amity, fraternity, enemy division

Major ministerial abilities

Approachable, erudite, energetic, decisive

Edifices of office

Understanding, learning, sound advice

Helpful executives exude

Nothing can resist intelligence

Strengthened by study

Although trained in theory

Practical experience essential

Wisely advising ignorant kings

First ministerial duty

Prefer millions of enemies

To lone traitors

Plans cannot properly operate

Without executive power

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Eloquence

Perfumed & persuasive speech

Surpasses every talent

As words wreak devastation

Guard one's speech

To hearing friendly chit-chat

Even enemies love

Accordingly engaging ascertained audiences

Virtue's peerless pinnacle

Before delivering public speech

Ensure unreproachable sermon

Compare spotless, empathising ears

With charming tongues

Bravery, focus, eloquence, faultlessness;

Qualities of unconquerables

Around pleasant, intelligent speakers

People swiftly gather

Prefer few, faultless words

To longwinded lectures

Deem silence within sapience

Bouquets without fragrance

Decency

Friendship brings global prosperity

Posipraxis demolishes needs

At all times avoid

Actions without benefit

If aspiring for improvement

Deny destructive movement

Infallible judgement obviates disgrace

Even if imperilled

When actions cause regret

Why entertain them

Adverse behaviour saving relatives

Even this avoid

Sinful riches taste bitter,

Ascetic poverty sweet

However successful forbidden deed

Sorrow still stings

Fraudulent gains painfully disappear

Honest advantage prospers

With water holding handkerchiefs

Compare corrupt security

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Efficiency

Firm & efficient thinking

Renders assistance unnecessary

Thoroughly investigating prevent future

Often prevents disaster

Only publish completed manuscripts

Embryonia earns embarrassment

Anyone can say how

But doing difficult

Excellent & efficient achievements

Awarded regal respect

Projects planned & prosecuted

Procure mankind's desires

When lynch-pins are small

Why despise size?

As weariness affects deeds

Execute actions swiftly

Persistence through sorrowful beginnings

Becomes delightful accomplishment

Only firmness in process

Guarantees universal esteem

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Action

Why dawdle on decisions?

Deliberate then decide!

Delay when delay calls -

But never urgencies

Fight when victory beckons

Otherwise ingenuities employ

Unfulfilled undertakings induce devastation

Like smoldering fires

Resources, method, timing, location

Consider before execution

Aim, exertion, obstacles, profit

Balance before activity

Before contemplating particular methods

Consult their masters

As elephants corner elephants

Success breeds success

Before helping a friend

Befriend an enemy

When weak & afraid

Seek strong allies

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Envoys

Amiability, breeding, pleasing demeanor

Seasoned diplomatic characteristics

Loyalty, wisdom, worldly speech

Indispensable ambassadorial attributes

Send one's cleverest consuls

Amidst bellicose kings

Envoys must abundantly possess

Sense, scholarship, personality

Deem useful diplomatic speech

Brief, inoffensive, witty

Erudition, energy, eloquence, etiquette

Empowers impressive emissaries

Decorum, timing, delivery, balance

Define chief envoys

Purity, respect, courage, honesty

Complement faithful diplomats

Flawless & focused words

Elucidate royal replies

Good ambassadors glorify leaders

Even facing death

Court

Fickle kings are fires
Keep appropriate distance

Ministers contented with frugality
Eventually rewarded royally

Faulty behavior rouses suspicion
Impressions rarely erased

Clever courts cast out
Whispers & winks

From leadership's secret counsel
Ministers distance themselves

Executives combine intention's intuition
With appropriate sycophancy

Avoid giving futile advice
Even on demand

Whether decrepit or relations
Always respect monarchs

Deem wisdom no counter-balance

To base behavior

When ministers grow corrupt

Their ruin ensured

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Mind-reading

Ministers knowing monarchs' minds

Ornament sea-girt earth

Telepaths discovering doubtless truth

Gods amid mortals

In obtaining telepathic staff

Spare no expense

However human telepaths appear

Their minds divine

When ministers misunderstand ministers

What use ministers?

As mirrors reflect images

Faces echo thoughts

Pleased & vexed demeanors
Advertise mental machinations

Faces of telepathic ministers
Speak silent truths

By our moving eyes
Ambassadors ascertain truth

Ministers make meaningful measures
Through eyes only

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Audience

Diligently addressing ascertained assemblies

Proclaim oratorical master

Qualities of expert eloquence;
Timing, deliberation, knowledge

Parading before unknown audiences

Insults performance's art

Be brilliant before brilliance

Ignorant fronting fools

Affording superiors' first words

Life's finest caliber

Slip from mountain path

Blunder before scholar

Only our intellectual peers

Ascertain luminary genius

Lecture to understanding listeners

Water salutary plants

When conversing with fools

Refrain from savantry

Eloquence amidst inferior assemblies

Gutters getting nectar

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Performance

Purest eloquence never falters

Before assemblies ascertained

Savants among other savants
Express cognizance convincingly

Before our erudite sages
Bravest warriors tremble

Those confidently sharing learning
Absorb superior knowledge

Studying logic & grammar
Fortifies fearless replies

Some erudites fear assemblies
Like sword-wielding cowards

Senates fear foolish scientists
Like axemad hermaphrodites

What use excellent scholarship
When expression impossible

Intellectuals fearing intelligent assemblies
Inferior to illiterates

Scholars fearing sharing knowledge
Zombies among mankind

Nation

Living components cultivate countries;
Agriculturalists, intelligentsia, merchandisers

Qualities of coveted commonwealths

Wealth, safety, fertility

With wars & woes

Superpowers maintain taxation

Noble nations never know

Starvation, epidemics, enemies

Nescient in noble nations

Factions, murder-gangs, subversives

Excellent states remain prosperous

Even facing ruin

Rainwater, rivers, hills, fortresses

Nationhood's constituent pillars

Health, wealth, fort, fertility

Embrace happy nations

Countries with natural resources

Attain effortless prosperity

Lands without fitting rulers

Deserts amidst fertility

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Fortification

Both attacker & defender

Consider castles important

Water, food, elevation, firewood

Essentials of fortresses

Height, strength, width, inaccessibility

Characterize important citadels

Easily defendable, massive castles

Decays enemy courage

Fortress features demotivate aggressors

Impregnability, defendability, stockpiles

Citadels blend plentiful supplies

With heroic garrisons

Fortresses fend these pressures;

Blockades, mines, assaults

Against vastly superior forces

Garrisons guard fortresses

Castles gain great kudos

Enhancing battlefield strategy

Exquisite castles merely rubble

Without excellent inmates

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Affluence

There's nothing like wealth

To parvenu peasantry

As we despise poverty

We adore wealth

Dependable lamps of affluence

Dispel enmity's darkness

Wealth won with integrity

Yields felicitous virtue

Wealth won without mercy

Better left alone

Booty, taxes, unclaimed riches -

Swell regal coffers

We seldom consider compassion

Without wealth's nursemaid

Enterprises of sufficient wealth

Eternal spectator sport

When wealth's weapon won

Enemy arrogance evaporates

From riches honestly acquired

Virtuous pleasures spring

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Army

Deem dignified, fearless forces

Regalism's foremost riches

Even facing desperate annihilation

Seasoned soldiers stand

Hoads of roaring rats

Single cobras scatter

Valorous veterans never envisage

Defeat nor desertion

Proper armies stand united

Facing death's fury

Courage, loyalty, honour, tradition

Safe-guard royal armies

Well-trained armies withstand onslaughts

Before counter-attacking storm

Pathetic armies win renown

Wearing splendid uniforms

Medals of triumphant armies -

Independence, wealth, respect

Gigantic battalions swiftly reduced

Without competent generalry

Valor

Foes challenging courageous generals

Earn tragic epitaphs

Better spears miss elephants

Before slaying rabbits

Assisting one's wounded foe

Surpasses battlefield valor

Spears skewering true warriors

By them used

When wincing at bullets

Bravehearts become cowards

Heroes proclaim days wasted

Without bloody trial

Bravery when facing death

Glorifies the soul

Fearless warriors crave war

Even when restrained

Never reproach dead warriors –

Valor's vow fulfilled

At mankind's greatest funeral

Kings grieve heroes

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Alliance

Deep & trusted friends

Bodyguards against enemies

Wise friendship waxing moon

Foolish friendship waning

Friendship resembles cultivating libraries -

Delights discovered daily

Not fun, but guidance

Friendship's proper role

Friendship's mutual understanding crowns

Companionship, cohabitation, conversation

Smiling hearts reveal affections

Smiling faces hide

What marks true friendship?

Virtue, inspiration, compassion

Hand supporting slipping garments

Friendship's spontaneous reflex

Extending eternal, immutable support

Friendship's prodigal state

Friendship comes from God

Its essence immeasurable

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Friends

Rarely rashly rush friendship

Its cancellations harsh

From befriending without enquiry

Grief-laden lifetimes grow

Fame, family, flaws, fellowship

Determine before friendship

Procure at any price
Well-bred, blameless friends

Those confident & crimeless
Seek, bond, befriend

Ruin can become beneficial
Affectionate friendships ascertained

Renouncing friendship from fools
Life's greatest gain

Harbor no dim thoughts
Nor selfish friends

Deserting friends in adversity
Burns both forever

Cling to pure friendship
Pay off fools

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Intimacy

Long-term intimacy develops laws

Practice them pleasantly

When friends take liberties
Friendship's rights realized

When carte blanche refused
What use friendship?

Thro rights of intimacy
Friends act uninhibited

Thro ignorance & intimacy
Pals supply pain

Old comrades forever friends
However far apart

Firm friends ruining us
Remain firm friends

Friends ignoring one's slanderers
Fortify this friendship

Those friends for life
The world adores

Life-long friendship's loyal affections

Even enemies exalt

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Malliance

When friends lack virtue

Increasingly decrease meetings

When gain motivates friendship,

Its maintenance undesirable

With thieves & prostitutes

Class profischeming 'friends'

Wild war-steeds unseating riders

Better left unbefriended

'Pals' leaving us unprotected

Deserve no friendship

Sapient hatred vastly outranks

Intimacy with ingrates

Before friends laughing vainly

Prefer one's enemies

When friends feign inability

Phase them out

False & unreliable friends

Distress our dreams

Those slandering us publicly

Deserve no amity

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Treachery

Anvils of false friendship

Await treacherous hammer-blows

Fickle is false friendship

Like female love

Ignoble souls, however erudite,

Barred from goodheartedness

Beware sweetly smiling faces

Concealing deceitful hearts

When hearts seem unloving

Distrust doting words

When enemies speak amicably

Immediately discern evil

With bowstrings half bent

Handle slanderous foes

As hands conceal daggers

Tears reveal knives

When discovering feigned friendship

Laugh them away

If enemies offer alliance

Smile back vigilantly

84

Folly

Incur loss, forego gain,

Indulge in imbecility

Fools seem most delighted

Doing deeds forbidden

Shameless, listless, tactless, ambitionless,

Foolish character carved

Ignoring one's own teaching

Mankind's greatest lunacy

Living a foolhardy life

Curses one's legacy

Actions of clueless fools

Always fail shamefully

While relations are starving

Fools feed neighbors

When buffoons obtain property

Giddiness intoxicates further

How wonderful friendly fools

Their partings painless

Like foot-filth on linen

Ignorance amid savancy

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Vanity

Deem want of wisdom

World's worst poverty

Gifts from cheerful chumps

Deem luckiness incarnate

Self-inflicted sufferings of fools

Astonishes their foes

Bestowing brilliance on oneself

Shows one's ignorance

If gnosis occasionally feigned

Real knowledge doubted

Buffoons bow to fashion

Before correcting faults

Ignorance rejecting precious counsel

Injures us immensely

Nescient & indecisive limbo-lives

Earth's limping burden

Teaching fools is foolish

Folly blinkers thought

Those denying global truths

Earth's own demons

Hatred

Horrible plagues of hatred

Foster hostile evils

Keeping peaceful amid panic

Life's highest pathway

Those denouncing hatred's cancer

Emit imperishable glory

When hatred's sorrow ceases

Joys! Unsurpassable joy!

Those renouncing life's hostility

None can conquer

Taking delight in hating

Attracts great ruin

Those imbeciled with hatred

Blind to success

Calm wealth waxes rich

Confrontational coffers wane

Approaching prosperity reduces animosity

Ruin increases malice

As hatred causes calamity

Friendship creates virtue

87

Enemy

Vastly inferior forces harmless

Never oppose impregnability

Glorious generals ecstatically embrace

Witless, weakling foes

Timid, ignorant, miserly, solitary

Easy prey falls

Those angry & discontented

Conquered ever easily

Wildness, blindness, fearlessness, unpleasantness

Pleases our foes

Desire in one's foes

Blind, furious superlust

Our best of enemies

Leave work unfinished

Abandoning one's many-faulted friends

Helps their foes

Timid & ignorant belligerents

Delight potential conquerors

By fighting trifling foes

Fame ignores us

88

Strategy

Never desire hatred's evil

Even in sport

Worse than warrior's weapons

Wisdom's dysphemistic words

Loners hated by everyone

Life's lowliest wretches

With making new friends

Our world abides

With two opponents approaching

Better one befriend

Neither far nor near
Hold comforting friends

Keep sorrows from friends
Weakness from foes

Sound arts of diplomacy
Destroy enemy joys

Fell the thorny tree
Before growing vicious

Either destroy enemy pride
Or be destroyed

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Infighting

Water might be poisoned
Kindred potentially harmful

Before fearing bladed enemies
Beware friendly traitors

When secret foes dissatisfied
Internal dissents arise

Guard against internal adversaries

Betrayal cuts deep

Families harboring negative tensions

Fabricate fatal crimes

When detested by relations

Our destruction inescapable

Fighting families unite superficially

Despite amiable appearances

As hatred consumes kindred

Kinship wears away

Like metal being filed

Feuding families fade

Living with disagreeable souls

Cohabiting with cobras

90

Disrespect

By never transgressing greatness

One's safety safeguarded

Those disrespecting important leaders

Receive irredeemable evils

When personal destruction desired

Provoke powerful lawmakers

When weakness attacks strength

It attracts destruction

Furious wraths of rulers

Follow us forever

Burns may heal blemishless

Insulting superiors scars

When righteous vengeance approaches

Glorious splendor useless

Willing living legend's dead

Ruins us instead

When exalted noblesse rages

Even kings quake

Peerless powers of protection

Esteemed anger demolishes

Under-the-thumb

Worshipping a woman's whims

Feeds more whimpering

A fawning, sycophantic husband

Embarrasses his sex

Pathetically stooping before lovers

Laudable souls fall

Good society dismisses husbands

Blissless & mistresslike

Men afraid of wives,

Fear doing good

However flourishing men's lives

Fearing wives undignified

Both whores & harlots

Surpass sycophantic spouses

Enslavement by craving wives

Eradicates charitable dispositions

Perpetually obeying marital commands

Wastes one's soul

Thoughtful, firm hearted husbands

Doting follies avoid

92

Prostitutes

Promises of pretty prostitutes

Reduce pitiful clients

Prostitution delays destitution's curse

Wenching wealthy men

To hug a whore

Cuddles a corpse

Society prefers graceful femininity

Before desperate prostitution

Female affection commonly shared

Wisdom deems worthless

If seeking noble fame

Avoid wanton women

Those devoid of virtue

Enjoy feigned embraces

Each succubus's false affections

Ruins senseless fools

Into jeweled harlot hells

Degraded souls plunge

Three disgraces replace riches;

Drink, dice, demoness

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Alcohol

When celebrities enter rehab

Fame's foes amused

Drinking liquor to excess

Gains disgusted insult

Boozing upsets our mothers

But wisemen more-so

Modest maidens despise drunkenness

Its horribleness abhorrent

Those purchasing inebriating unconsciousness

Show sense in absentia

As sleeping echoes death

Alcohol resembles poison

Drinking heavily at home

Advertises private heartache

Drunkards declaring total sobriety

Inebriety soon reclaims

Deem reasoning with drunkards

Lighting torches underwater

Waggoners envy drunken drunkards

Forgetting drinking's evils

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Gambling

When gambling seems profitable

Winnings merely fish-hooks

Gain one, lose thousands

Gambling's irrefutable truth

When chronically chance addicted

Wealth enriches enemies

Betting's bloodletting miseries brings;

Poverties, sorrows, shame

Gaming & gambling houses

Shames us penniless

If gambling hooks us

Starvation soon follows

Destinies of lydian lineages

Destroyed by casinos

Ruin, lies, misery, scroogery

Accompany ceaseless chancery

Dress, wealth, food, clothing

Maliferous gambling destroys

As gamblers lose more

They chance more

95

Health

When overfed & undernourished

Gas, bile, phlegm

Better filling empty bellies

Before gibbous guts

Measured & moderate dining

Leads to longevity

Agreeable, well chewed food

Renews crucial digestion

Taking food in moderation

Never harms life

Moderate eating vitalizes health

Disease plagues gluttony

Temperate eating stretches stomachs

Causing countless maladies

Learned physicians carefully diagnose;

Cause, cure, treatment

Condition, malady, convalescence, remedy

Doctors concur accounts

Patient, physician, medicine, recipe

Medical science's menage

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Lineage

Indignant sense of shame

Nobility's innate integrity

Truth, modesty, proven cordiality

Nobility's traditional attributes

Joviality, eloquence, charity, intelligence

Nobility's illuminating essences

Dignity denies degrading deeds

Even diamond studded

Nobility may lose property

But dignity never

Those disowning ignominious shame
Defend family fame

Aristocratic defects visibly pronounced
Like lunar blemishes

Unloved by good relations?
Question one's ancestry

Seedlings reflect fertile soil
Speech conveys nobility

From modesty comes goodness
From humility, fame

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Honor

Far better to die
Than honor lose

Shameful actions guaranteeing fame
The self-respecting spurn

Cultivate modesty in prosperity,

Dignity in adversity

As hairs leave heads

Lives shed status

Those exalted as mountains

Leveled by dishevelment

To follow one's revilers

Is never beneficial

Why worship one's discreditors

Our death preferable

Obsessive fitness delays death

Yet ruins dignity

Hairless yaks refuse life

Wretches commit suicide

Those dying before dishonor

Exalted all over

Glorious lives achieve greatness

Anonymity receives destitution

Humanity bound by birth

Divided by deeds

Humbled illustriousness remains high

Elevated baseness low

As women protect chastity

Greatness defends itself

Deeds normally deemed difficult

Greatness capably performs

Adulation of true greatness

Alien to baseness

As rascals win prestige –

Arrogance, cocksurety, pride

As illustriousness embraces humility

Baseness flounces haughtily

Where arrogance is absent

There greatness abides

Where fools pick faults

Jewels quietly cool

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Goodness

Those noble in conduct

Invite every virtue

Sublimity exalts perfect good

Sensal delights unsought

Sinfeared, affection, charity, truth

Pillar perfect propriety

Penitent sublimity never murders

Saintliness never slanders

When modesty strengthens mightiness

Enemies become friends

Accepting defeat from inferiors

Perfection's true touchstone

When good deeds disabled

What good goodness?

When goodness is abundant
Poverty without disgrace

Deem destiny tumultuous ocean
Perfection unchangeable shore

Earth bares human burden
Because perfection exists

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Courtesy

Easy & universal accessibility
Global homage adorns

Good paths of courtesy
Affection & nobility

Mankind collaborates thro spiritus
Our corporealm superfluous

When benevolence blends justice
All society applauds

As even anti-banter wounds

Show enemies courtesy

Nobility energizes Earth's continuation

Baseness promotes collapse

Though chisel sharp intellectually

Automons resemble timber

Even among one's enemies

Deem rudeness unbeseeming

Darkness consumes sullen souls

Even under sunlight

Dirty containers rancify food

Discourtesy pollutes money

101

Scroogery

Those amassing useless wealth

Diamond studded corpses

Ghoulish ghosts of hoarders

Haunt their hordes

Earning riches over glory

Burdens the world

A miser must realize

Their legacy nothing

Our planet's poorest people

Scroogey, uncharitable Abramovichs

Without charity or fun-fair

Wealth is cursed

Deem billionaires without benevolence

Beauty ageing spinsterly

Compare poisonous communal orchards

With disrespected wealth

Monies of stingy misers

Inherited by strangers

Millionaires experience poverty briefly

Like dry clouds

Both piousness & bashfulness

Classes of shyness

Food & clothing common

Excellent modesty rare

As lives need bodies

Virtue requires modesty

Modesty must accompany magnificence

Celebrity arrogance nauseating

Unless modesty ornaments greatness

Pride eradicates merit

Only modesty hems in

Greatness without bound

Reserved souls prefer death

Over modesty's loss

Shamelessly conducting embarrassing actions

Prevents virtues' gain

Rudeness bruises one's families

Immodesty injures ourselves

Mankind living life immodestly

Mannequins & puppetry

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Households

Untiringly raising one's family

Glorious among virtues

Ceaseless zeal & wisdom

Exalts ones family

Families determined on fame

Gain celestial aid

Ceaselessly advancing family prestige

Reaps unexpected success

Around households without blemish

Humanity happily flocks

Those beneficially leading communities

Society's supreme custodians

As heroes dominate battlefields

Competence controls families

Daily seek family improvement

Delay destroys households

Absorbing one's household problems

Wounds us gravely

Families without fair offspring

Misfortune's battle-axe fells

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Agriculture

Though easier vocations exist

Everyone may farm

Farmers lynch-pin the world

Supporting society's invalids

Only farmer's truly live

Everybody else sycophantic

Self sufficiency never begs

Nor refuses beggars

Patriotic farmers stockpile supplies

Supporting conquering Kings

When farmers fold arms

Even ascetics starve

Drying by one fourth

Prepares abundant fields

As manure surpasses ploughing

Observance outweighs weeding

Compare negligent farmers' fields

With sulking women

When idleness pleads poverty

Mother Earth amused

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Poverty

Beneath every cringing poverty

Lurks absolute impoverishment

Present & future blisses

Nemesis poverty deprives

Dignified lineage & speech

Craving raglife destroys

Destitution induces improper speech
Even noble born

Miserable poverty's drags behind
Many more miseries

Words of intelligent paupers
Drowned by disrespect

Those absolute poverty afflicted
Disowned by mothers

Poorness that wounded yesterday
May kill today

Sleeping possible amidst flames
But never poverty

As raglives desperately survive
Neighborhood larders drain

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Begging

By begging the beggable

Begging made blameless

Even cadging becomes pleasant

When aggression inabsentia

When imploring benevolent souls

Begging seems beautiful

When soliciting the supercharitable

Begging actually giving

As supercharity never refuses
Certain beseechers superleech

Before openly charitable souls
Vagrancy's anguish vanishes

Receiving kind, courteous alms
Beggars rejoice exceedingly

The process of begging
Energizes the Earth

Without mendacity benevolent society
Entertains no praise

Never fume when refused
Blame poverty's ugliness

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Mendiphobia

Better not to beg
From even supercharity

The actions of mendacity

Question existing divinity

Begging boldly in vagabondage

Poverty's oldest folly

Those silent in destitution

Never praised enough

Gruel obtained by graft

Jeweled, ambrosial food

Mankind's most disgraceful tongues

Beg for water

Never beg unwilling souls

Even when desperate

The raft of begging

Cleft by refusal

Begging melts our hearts

Refusal breaks them

Prohibiting beggars slays them

Whilst shaming ourselves

Scruples

Baseness assuming human form

Nature's grotesque assemblage

Contemptible personalities happily exist

Untroubled by consciences

Rogues act like teenagers -

However they please!

In outsinning other sinners

Wickedness take pride

From minute to massive

Fear affects sinning

Baseness beats bass drums

Announcing gossipy secrets

Rogues only shake respect

With jaw-breaking fists

Goodness helps neediness easily

Scroogery needs bullying

Jealous low-lives viewing affluence
Spread false accusations

Unlucky scum prostitute themselves
Baseness's purpose realized

Part

III

LOVE

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Beauty

Her jewelry perplexes me
Celestial? Peahen? Woman?

When stunners return looks
Celestial armies unleashed

In soul enthralling glances
Murder runs rampant

Eyes of gracious ladies
Enslave men's lives

Her eyes confuse me
Death? Deer? Darling

Beneath cruel, arched eyebrows

Throbbing hearts tremble

Cloth blinds rutting tuskers,

Covering panting chests

Powers of conquering warriors

Romantic glances depose

When bambeyed beauty omnipotent

What use jewelry?

Drink's delight needs drunkenness

Love's, merely looks

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Love-signs

Her dyed eyes duality –

Remedy & pain

One single, stolen glance

Magnifies sexual desire

We look, we pause –

We sigh, circean

Games of tugging glances

Begin budding romances

Furtive, smiling, sideways glances

Confined lust betrays

Warmth exposes arguing couples

Polemic actually love-letters

Feigned angers conceal loveship

Affectionate gazes reveal

When smiles answer gazes

Lovers become comforted

Even the sweetest lovers

Sometimes strangers seem

When the eyes agree

Dispute turns useless

111

Sex

Treasures of pentasensory pleasure

Glittering lovers discover

Only love can dismiss

It's debilitating sicknesses

Soft-armed embraces of love-sleep

Sweeter than Heaven

Separation burns, approaching cools

Love-ship's mysterious fire

Fires of passion surpass

All other desires

Ambrosial arms of lovers

Energize on entwining

Embrace of beautiful lovers

Satisfying as suppers

Bonds of breathless lovers

Form impenetrable bubbles

Love, quarrel, reconciliation, intercourse

Exhilarate salacious couples

As learning reaps learning

Sex increases lust

Ladies

Delicate lilies flourish lovely

Yet ladies more-so

Scenes of floral beauty

Decorate ladies eyes

Pearl-teeth, shoot-complexion, forest-scent, lance-eyes

Accentuate bamboo-shouldered ladies

If flowers could see

Feminine beauty envied

Applying too much make-up

Loses lustred looks

Between Helen & Selene

Confused stars flutter

As moons possess spots

Human beauty blemishes

Men prefer female face

To lovely Luna's

Luna's beauty universally shar'd,
Human handsomeness private

Deem soft female feet
Petals & feathers

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Vows

Milk mixes with honey
As silk-lips kiss

Inseparable body & soul
Mirrors love's union

Loving eyes desire nothing
But lover's image

We live to love
For separation murders

Hearts charmed by love-darts
Forever & unforgetting

When lovers haunt us
Gorgeous partying impossible

Love-rats haunting women's eyes

Exorcised by make-up

Eat not hot food

Hearts house lovers

When love tortures us

Gossip grows gravelly

Parted lovers remain together

Despite public comment

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Immodesty

Publicly pleading one's passion

Quashes cautious romance

When passion overpowers us

We publicly explode

Where once was calm

Passion creates panic

Lust's current carries away

Rafts of modesty

When abandoned publicly proclaimed

Evening brings agonies

Eyes consumed by love-rage

Restless, sleepless, lidless

Boating thro lusty sea-storms

Nobility remains chaste

Our tender, public virtues

Veil wanton lust

Pent lust sends lovers

Public places reeling

When fools suffer lustfully

Even strangers laugh

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Rumors

Rumors of romantic scatter-tongues

Resurrect forlorn love

Rumor aids clandestine romances

Linking conjucraving families

Sometimes only village gossip

Sustains love's dream

Gossip increases violent passionate

Society's natural aphrodisiac

As wine delights drunkards

Hearsay vitalizes romance

News of first meetings

Spread like eclipses

Rumors manured by women

Watered by mothers

As petrol extinguishes fire

Rumor quenches passion

When lovers betray us

Village gossip insensible

Useful rumors plant romance

Realized by couples

Separation

Our toings & froings

Burden wooing minds

When lovers fear parting

Pain laces lust

When heartless lovers depart

Pining erodes confidence

Blame not love's disciples

Parting's lexicon fallible

Longpartedness erodes physical love

Denying myrtle satisfaction

When sweethearts announce departure

Romantic magic fades

When appearance commences decay

Separation soon announced

Worse than friendless cities

Pains of separation

Love burns on removal

Fire's fiery antithesis

Those stoic through break-ups

Live after love

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Pining

As sadness swells unstoppable

Pining's hiding impossible

Sicknesses of secret crushes

Foster shameful feelings

Both lust & shame

Languishing shoulders balance

When crossing love's ocean

No ship unsinkable

Lover's love brings pain

Fear their enmity

Deem lust's pleasure - sea,

Lust's pain – ocean

Swimming lust's terrible flood

Shorelessness in darkness

Gracious sleep links creation

Broken hearts apart

Long, lonely nights out-callous

Love's heartless abandonmenters

Eyes flooded in tears

Visible lovers dry

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Longing

Eyes sleepless with excitement

Soon wither weeping

Those eyes dotting foolishly

Rue without sympathy

When leaping eyes weep

Cupid conducts mischief

Eyes like feverish love-lakes

Weep themselves dry

Eyes like crying oceans

Endure sleepless tortures

Eyes causing love's sickness

Suffer nightly sleeplessness

Longing eyes, once tender

Flow tear-duct dry

When just lips love

Only nearness enough

Lovers agitate suffering eyes

Distant & close

To expose true love

Examine the eyes

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Sadness

After driving lovers away

Why cry loneliness?

The sadness lovers cause

Smother our existence

Relationships replace shy beauty

With lovesick sadness

When conversation recalls abandonment

Sadness consumes soul

Ghosts of absent lovers

Haunt emotional hours

As dusk brings darkness

Celibacy bestows sadness

The moment of rejection

Yields immediate sorrow

People gossip about pining

But never abandonment

We help wealth-seeking lovers

By baring abandonment

When society remains neutral

Sallow pining acceptable

Solitude

Wooing one's love idol

Wins true love

Just like regular rain

Beloveds bestows love

Only those sharing love

Deem truly alive

Excellence detests public celebrities

Living without love

Paths of unrequited love

Dark & uncertain

How nobly we mourn

Guiltless party's departure

Love-darts pierce singleton hearts

Whenever Cupid mischievous

Enduring insulting, interminable love

Life's highest bravery

Love's idols' horrible lexicon

Still sounds sweet

Better plead to pity

Than lovers beg

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Nostalgia

Even thinking of lovers

Creates unfailing ecstasy

Pleasantly thinking of lovers

Delights sexuality perpetually

Thinking of ones lover

Not necessarily reciprocated

Love's passage between us

Meets many obstacles

Some close their hearts

While invading others

Memories of wonderful lovemaking

Sustain the world

Thinking of love's forgetting

Burns emotional hearts

Constantly imagining one's lover

L'amore's unwritten law

Cruel & broken promises

Erode fissile love

Though lovers' bodies depart

Nightly anima remain

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Love-dreams

Dreaming of one's darling

Prepares wedding feasts

Lovers unkind during daytime

Adorable in dreams

Those unloved on waking

Sustained by dreaming

When refuseniks visit dreams

Pleasure finally arrives

Lovers viewed or dreamt

Scatter pleasure's sweets

The sharp waking pain

Separates dreaming lovers

Waking cruelty not enough

Refuseniks torture dreams

Couples cuddling through sleep

Beloved when waking

Lovers avoiding our dreams

Reproached on waking

Without viewing loving dreams

Gossips announce amabandon

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Night-crying

Archaean evening's clandestine twilight

Slays modern marriages

Does eventide despise darkness

Like parted lovers?

Thro evening's dim solitude

Our sufferings increase

Evening charges parted lovers

Like bellicose foes

Morning resuscitates abandoned lovers

Evening murders again

Before partner's first departure

Lonely nights unknown

Lonely mornings bud lovesickness

Blossoming by evening

Euphrasian sounds of sunset

Slay abandoned lovers

When pining for lovers

Friends pine too

Though lovers survive separation

Night extinguishes life

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Haggardizing

Tears for far-off lovers

Render flowerless eyes

Pallid, teary, discolored eyes

Proclaim callous partners

Shoulders swelling on wedding-days

Divulge divorce droopingly

Skulking shoulders? Loosened jewels?

Partners are departed

Straggledom of moping women

Reflects cruel lovers

However pathetic friends' lovers

Never slate choices

Observe disfavourment's heartfelt clamor

Desperate, inglorious, ugly

When embraces are rejected

Faces fade dejected

When breezes penetrate embraces

Separation's sadness begins

Our weary, weeping forehead

Weakens teary eyes

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Emotions

Does any remedy exist

For rampant lovesickness

Fools suffer panging hearts

For unrequited love

As refuseniks never pity

Why suffer heartbreak

Through craving absent lovers

Eyes consume themselves

Though idols refuse advances

Hating them impossible

When lovers sooth us
Why pretend unpleasantness

Between lust & honor
Love's pendulum swings

When desire not reciprocated
Why chase rainbows

Lovers possess our souls
Wherefore art sanctuary?

Obsessing on unrequited love
Destroys inner beauty

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Lust

Lust's thundering battleaxe sunders
Chastity's modest bolt

When lust dominates dreams
Minds cannot sleep

As we control sneezes

We subdue lust

Passion breaks all bonds

Even firmest self-control

When stricken by love

The chase undignified

When wooing becomes weeping

Nobody can prosper

Confronting a cruel lover

Strengthens our hearts

Words of trickish rogues

Break feminine firmness

At point of re-union

Plotted quarrel evaporates

Into each other's arms

Meeting lovers melt

Assuaging love's incurable curse

Requires soul-searching remedy

When our love unrequited

Its sufferings pointless

As heroes win victories

Lovers come home

Languishing hearts swell enraptured

Imagining returning lovers

When viewing returning lovers

Crooning shoulders vanish

When absent partners return

Our agony departs

Kings feast with queens

After conquering foes

Both demon & angel

Returning lovers seem

Anxiously awaiting absent amourettes

Days become weeks

When one's heart broken

What use reunion?

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Feelings

Painted eyes gleaming rebellious

Reveal concealed feelings

Appreciating beauty's simple truth

Love's attractive catalyst

Threads of crystal necklaces

Resemble beauty's charm

Deem beauty's secret smile

Invisible flower fragrance

Departures of secret lovers

Leaves us panting

From the loveliest hug

Unbearable parting born

Afore lovers leave us

We sense separation

One day of amabandon

Feels like weeks

When entertaining shevelled escorts

Attraction's enthusiasm apparent

Screeching & beseeching eyes

Love's vulgar weapon

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Desire

Philtres of passion's fruit

Surpasses fashionable wine

Mixtures of lust's juices

Drown love's displeasure

However loveless & unscrupulous

Spouses offer security

Previously prepared pretended polemic

Buried on reunion

Like dressing without mirrors

Desire hides faults

We only notice defects

When partners depart

Pretended dislike soon embarrassed

Why feign tears?

As drink delights drunkards

Kisses bliss beloveds

Deem lovemaking flower tender

& equally enigmatic

When lovers feign dislike

Our passions unbalanced

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Lovesickness

Between fluster & fortitude

Loving hearts meander

Lovers dote on lovers

Even when estranged

Abandoned hearts stalk eyes

Leaving friends behind

Loving with feigned sulkiness

Leaves us inexperienced

Souls of anxious lovers

Suffer sorrows unceasing

A broody, lonely lover

By gloom consumed

Obsessed & senseless hearts

Forget even shame

Lovely hearts condemn hating

However much hurting

Hearts refusing love's support

Beat totally alone

When stranger to oneself

Strangers rarely help

To test love's distress

Reserve one's emotions

Arguments are salty affairs

Excess spoils relationships

Best embrace after argument

Sulkiness erodes love

Those misunderstandings of relationships

Cut love's root

Flowery eyes feigning tears

Reveal graceful relationships

Love-sex without occasional quarrel

Bruises passion's fruit

When lovemaking seems doubtful

Feigned distress back-fires

Lovers unwittingly serving distress

Deserve no blame

Mountain streams taste delicious

Occasional dislike pleases

As caustic fighting finishes

Only love-sex reunites

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Jealousy

Publicly parading personal beauty

Turns off lovers

In polemic's piquant midst

Sneezes win blessings

By departing gorgeously dressed

Partners imagine infidelity

Declaring partners *'The Loveliest,'*

Earns *"Among whom!"*

Lovers inseparable in life

Devastated by death

"I thought of you!"

Earns, *"You forgot!"*

When loving jealous types

Every action suspicious

Hiding deeds rousing suspicion

Raises more suspicion

Mind-monkeys imagine tender fingers

Touching other lovers

However pleasant our personality

Jealousy operates separately

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Coyness

Even a faultless lover

Receives feigned tears

Though pique-speak causes pain

Quarrels reinforce love

When true lovers argue

Divine bliss arises

Prolonging argument after resolution

Wounds our hearts

Being far from partners

Possesses certain charm

Eating's pause exceeds eating

Altercations transcend romance

When arguing lovers reunite

Vanquished becomes victor

When contending foreheads perspire

Reunion, perhaps, impossible

Prolonging true love's polemic

Prolongs passion's pleasure

Dislike increases love's delight

Bringing rapturous reunion

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Finances

This year opulent banqueteer,

Next year beggar

Wealth resembles wheel spokes –

Rising & falling

When sins consume us
Masters become mendicant

As only impermanence certain
Pay whenever capable

To provide in prosperity
Avoids malefic privilege

As death strikes randomly
Why hoard money?

Generosity before we die
Justifies our lives

Hoarders of gloating scrooges
Time's lightning demolishes

Scroogery among huge riches
Life's crudest destitution

Deem dead misers' money
Hungry bears' honey

Ageing

Gallivanting thro ephemeral youth

Ages us unagreeably

Upon decrepit, friendless rocks

Loveless lives founder

Lusting thro feeble age

Destroys one's virtue

As spouses slowly stoop

Marital lust fades

We follow parents heavenward

As they, theirs

Stuff rejoiced in youth

Wiser minds bypass

As fallen fruits decay

Beauty ages away

Youth treats pensioners rudely;

Inquisition, mollycoddle, fuss

Unripe fruit still falls

Live every day

Whether fetus or teenager

Death still merciless

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Instability

Even wonderful world empires

One day die

Lives rise & fall

Like daily suns

Weddings may become wakes

Lives change instantaneously

From funeral to funeral

Coffins swallow pallbearers

Marriages commencing on mourning-days

Spent in sorrow

Why grieve decorated corpses

They breathe namore

As falling raindrops disappear

Cradles become death-beds

Mountain cloud soon passes

Enjoy bodily fitness

As grass dew fades

Bodies must die

Relations gatecrash lives uninvited

Death empties nests

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Worthiness

Resting on one's laurels

Invites desperate homelessness

Those chasing elusive wealth

Waste precious lives

Dwell not on criticism

Accept & advance

Our lives are grapes

Enjoy its wine

Those leading worthy lives

Approach death peacefully

Random death denies renunciation

Avoid evil acts

Those pursuing perfect virtue

Receive massive benefits

As seeds become trees

Benevolence blossoms heavenward

Passing days approach Death

Through general indifference

When begging brings survival

Deem mendacity satisfactory

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Corporeality

However lovely your skin

Blemishes still blemishes

Turning bodies inside out
Equalizes everyone's appearance

Bodies emit stench incessantly
Needing endless nourishment

However beautiful irradant eyes
Empty sockets behind

Do skull's dead teeth
Retain life's loveliness

Flesh, fat, skin, bones
Sinew, bowels – beauty?

Despite nine excremental orifices
Body still admired

Carrion ravaging decorated corpses
Ridicule cosmetic folly

Bony jaws of skulls
Proclaim death's certainty

Those looking on corpses
Learn of death

Austerity

From lamps of virtue

Sin shrinks back

Against inevitable physical decline

Foolish soothsayers useless

Bliss, youth, beauty, power,

Like everything, fades

Because pauperism craves pleasure

Ascetics dismiss domesticity

When age overwhelms youth

Virtuous paths unveiled

As matrimony chains miserably

Singlesse assists virtue

Dauntless ethipractice overcomes obstacles

Blocking enthusiastic effort

Bastions of noble character

Pity their detractors

Pentasense controlled & directed

Provides unfailing beatitude

Painful & pernicky, painful

Saintly souls disown

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Composure

Shoo away disrespectful hostility

Like irritating flies

However ignominious one's disgrace

Untiring penance purges

Both listening & learning

Stop sloppy conversation

Fools bash verbal heads

Against wisdom's rock

Beneath might & wisdom

All foes fall

As cobras close hoods

Patience handles insults

Remain passive before aggression

Never contemplate revenge

Noble vengeance swiftly fades

Lynchings forever linger

While ungratefulness emits evil

Nobility always cordial

Nobody answers barking dogs,

Why counter insults?

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Tolerance

Speech senseless & incessant

Better left abandoned

Silence before verbal violence

Perfectly praiseworthy behavior

When befriending the wise

Accept harsh criticism

Life's sulking evils bypass
Honest, reproachless happiness

Intricate attributes of intimates
Fashion our behavior

Discarding a close friend
Beneath even animals

Because magnanimousness forgives blunders
Befriend noble souls

Only pronounce personal poverty
To benevolent personages

Prefer life's harmless pleasures
Before shameful pursuits

Never sample fools' cuisine
Nor distribute lies

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Adultery

Sorrows surround straying spouses

Solicitors, sinfulness, guilt

Virtue, praise, friendship, dignity

Vanish with infidelity

When dread accompanies adultery

Why encourage bedswerving

Incredibly selfish, unfaithful cuckolds

Shame family honor

Thrusting lust between partners

Attracts criminal ridicule

When one's marriage wonderful

Why wander elsewhere

Spouses pursuing diverse copulation

Lick poisonous snakes

Wisdom suppresses luxurian encroachment

Understands desire's disgrace

Flaming arrows blister flesh

Lust incinerates hearts

Not even icy plunges

Cool scorching lust

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Benevolence

Whether wasted or wealthy
Noblesse remains benevolent

Better to share food
Before death's finality

Alleviate depressed pauper's distress
Before wealth vanishes

Share food every day
Even littlest butty-bites

Those fully understanding charity
Never become beggars

Alms are healthy palms
Scrooges shadeless stumps

Charitable duties left unattended
Humanity loses hope

Crippling loans demand recompense

Largesse expects nothing

Benevolent benefits steadily accumulate

Like beggar's change

Thunderstorms echo many miles

Charity resounds worldwide

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Karma

As lamb seeks ewe

Harmful karma returns

However beautiful & fabulous

Uncharitable people pointless

Our daily deeds determine

Merriness & misery

We cannot stop fate

Nor rainfall falling

From pinnacle to agony

Kismet controls prestige

Martyrdom prefers illustrious juices

Before ignorant residue

Those forlorn, lonely wanderers

Chequered histories haunt

Mankind merely recognizes evil

Karma carves criminals

However firm we struggle

Fate never falters

Never declare Karma unjust

Her arrows straight

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Facts

Deem cheating with deceit

Worse than selfishness

Fruit maintains perpetual taste

Personality never changes

Poverty's darkness repels relatives

Prosperity charms them

Both happiness & charity

Depend upon prosperity

While society adores millionaires

It scorns paupers

Minds immune to improvement

Bitter, uncookable paddymelons

Better stand slandering face-to-face

Than defame surreptitiously

From myriad, multicolored cows

Identical milk flows

Scandal, failure, suffering, poverty

Touches everyone eventually

When Death cherishes us

Bodies wither uselessly

When eating fellow animals

Bellies become crematoriums

Before keeping claustrophobic birdcages

Please experience imprisonment

Cutting legs from crabs

Causes karmic leprosies

Immoral friends corrupt attitude

However normally impartial

Noble friendship waxing moon

Evil friendship waning

As boxes hide snakes

Beware befriending fools

Action differs from thought

Rendering telepathy impracticable

Befriending life's greedy sneaks

Always ends grievingly

When friends become base

Cut cordial cords

Why hanker chaotic existence

Nurture simple goodness

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Sapience

Unlike mental beauty's durability

Superficial prettiness ephemeral

Imperishable education illuminates lifetimes

Demolishing delusional ideas

However low one's birth

Knowledge raises everyone

Settling wisdom on children

Parenthood's best asset

As knowledge swamps studies

Choose dissertations selectively

As boatmen ferry passengers

Sages aid mankind

Prudent students sharpen intellect

Through understanding classics

Deem clever friend sugarcane

Buffoon, fruitless root

As flowers aromify water

Erudition perfumes illiteracy

The world's whole wisdom

Little books contain

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Noblesse

Hungry lions refuse grass

Impoverished aristocrats, crassness

Calibres of famous families

Wisdom, gentleness, cordiality

Renowned families nurture hospitalities

Manners, etiquette, formalities

Those famous family born

Duty-bound & scrutinized

Illiteracy, idleness, honesty, scroogery

Terrify majestic families

Friendliness, liberality, eloquence, cordiality

Nobility's reputable pre-requisites

Derelict mansion's habitable wing

Dignifies penniless nobility

Impoverished nobility still illuminated

Like waning moon

Deem high birth warsteed

Low birth, deer

Dry riverbeds remain aquaterran

Paupered nobility, charitable

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Nobility

Bright moons bear blemishes

Baronial births abhor

Whether flunking or successful

Nobility remains blameless

However poor or emaciated

Nobility strives benevolently

Stately sages handle strangers

Like ancient friends

When fools speak publicly

Professors listen pityingly

Bruised sugarcane remains sweet

Insulted nobility, generous

Respect, honesty, abstinence, stoicism

On flawlessness conferred

When ignoring others' faults

Moral treatises superfluous

Baseness despises frequent visitors

Honorables remain hospitable

By befriending elegant greatness

Treasure caves discovered

Avoid provoking noble souls

Their fury unquenchable

Fools obtaining elite friendship

Waste its wonders

Only sages may deem

Depreciation & esteem

As thunder frightens cobras

Noble enemies terrify

Never estimate personal greatness

Let senates decide

Forenoon shade-fade lowbred friendship

Accrescent noonsun, noble

Tree-shade, beauty, presidential prosperity

Enjoyed by everyone

Since breaking friendship burns

Spurn hasty friendship

Greatest quality of greatnesses

Touches of humility

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Posipals

When winning positive friendship

Base habits vanish

Our better friends possess

Patience, reverence, graciousness

As wisemen understand suffering

Seek sage friendship

Those who befriend goodness

Alleviate their ordeals

As sewers join Ganges

Fools befriend legends

Moonspots share lunar adulation

Befriending legends beneficial

As milk whitens water

Greatness improves baseness

As stumps defy lawnmowers

Power protects weakness

Base friends form storms

Thrashing life's voyage

Fires burn without bias

Scoundrel proximity dangerous

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Prestige

After life's full leading

Only celestialism remains

Tomorrow family may fail

Reject sorrow today

However stable existence seems

Tidal undertow torrential

Compare vital village wells

With charity's rarity

Rivers of noble benevolence

Yield every drop

Sins branding decent citizens

Invisible against criminals

Better a noble enemy

Than ignorant friend

Be courteous amid courtesy

Fierce among enmity

Actions of spotless minds

Steadfast without confusion

Life curses the misers

Lust, anger, delusion

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Perseverance

Those depending on familiarity

Shallow water lotuses

From saplings grow forests

From nobility, strength

Hungry tigers require frogs

Society, menial labor

Working unswervingly against impossibility

Persistence's first instance

Education, dignity, penance, perseverance

Improve one's breeding

Essential triumvirate of genius

Training, timing, telepathy

Follies of our fathers

Their sons absolved

Remembrance of mighty power

Protects its legacy

What good noble birth

Without personal ambition

Persistence when hunting food

Claims delicious prey

Kinship

Babies banish labor's pains

Relations defuse sorrow

Compare beautiful, fruitful trees

With dutiful householders

As branches bear fruit

Households help families

Our friends' mental stability

Influences that friendship

Deem truly unbiased altruists

Humanity's proper royalty

Our relatives' meager scraps

Out-flavor enemy banquets

Enemy cuisine taste bitter

Family fare delicious

Friends leap into infernos

For rescuing friends

If suffering follows festivity

Friendship remains stable

When relatives serve food
Blandness becomes ambrosia

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Befriending

Deem wise friendship sugarcane

Evil friendship, root

Judge people by personality

Not untouchable bloodline

Entertain dog loyal friends

Before unfaithful elephants

Those carving deep friendship

Need many days

Never trust those friends

Closing like lotuses

Friends possessing celebrated qualities

Yield innumerable benefits

Mutual affection improves food

Animosity embitters dining

As canals irrigate soil

Friendships invigorate lives

Death betters terminal disease

Finish insincere friendship

As parting happens painfully

Make mates carefully

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Friendship

As azure oceans foam

Esteem'd dignitaries sin

Even courting uncomfortable friction

Friends remain friends

Being patient with friends

Life's fairest pleasure

Remaining friends with rogues

Kindles embering heartburn

Troublesome friends are hearths

Handle with caution

Friendship grows like limbs

Drastic amputations painful

With wisdom & willpower

Admonish mistakeful mates

Although friends' deeds distressful

Loving affection stable

When friends declare enmity

Remain their friend

Scrutinizing newly made friends

Makes us traitors

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Antipals

However horrible one's home

Selfish friends encamp

As good friends rainfall

Bad friends, drought

Deem clever friends heavenly

Foolish friends, devils

Affectionless acquaintances quickly vanish

Like burning haystacks

Dimwits declare things impossible

While procrastinating possibilities

Base behavior stays base

However excellent friends

Like young, hungry monkeys

Dissenting friendship difficult

List among dreadful heinousness

Dismissing friend's distresses

Noble friendship olive oil

Goatish friendship, tar

Compare beauty omitting benevolence

With watery milk

Understandings

When enemies seem weak
Commonsense continues cautiously

Wear poverty with dignity
Gossip embarrasses family

As seeds produce plants
Behavior induces Karma

Noble deportment stably unchangeable
Deeming baseness strange

Nationalities never determine nature
Only inner feelings

Act cautious in befriending
Adjust character accordingly

Sage friends bring happiness
Illiterates, teeming sorrows

Only personal exertion controls
Individual social status

Doing business with fools

A necessary wisdom

Shipmates on life's voyage

Enterprise, festivity, benevolence

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Ignorance

Prosperity exalts astute minds

Poverty loves dullards

Where erudite minds proliferate

Affluence rarely nests

Rejecting education in childhood

Ensures embarrassing adulthood

Fools address learned senates

Like barking dogs

Buffoons crudely bluster words

Cerebrals converse coolly

Deem wisdom green-leaf silent

Illiteracy, dry-leaf rustle

Driving sticks into rocks

Like lecturing idiots

Milk never whitens coal

Advice, enlighten idiots

Cretins ignoring academic nectar

Flies preferring filth

Fools favor ludicrous banter

Over intellectual debate

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Riches

What use immense riches

Without prestigious status

However salutary baseness becomes

Wisdom stays away

Low-born fortune salt-sea thirst

Noble, mountain spring

Trendy & pompous apparel

Vestures of senselessness

When goodness becomes impoverished

Blame negative karma

Meanness stimulates money's interest

Generosity its indifference

When Chavs celebrate windfalls

Charities never invited

Honest paupers hunt food

Shameful paupers, idle

Compare a buffoon's benevolence

With ocean drizzle

As knowledge needs reason

Charity defines wealth

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Skinflints

Whereas humans share food

Animals eat alone

Because scrooges procrastinate charity

Their deaths shameful

Money hoards & multitudes

Mock dying misers

Vaultopias, like beautiful daughters,

Strangers soon enjoy

The charitable remain charitable

However much impoverished

The monies of misers

By nobody owned

Stinginess demonizes mean minds

Peaceful poverty preferred

Hoarders hope their heirs

Spend no inheritance

Like milking kicking cows

Miser's charity obtained

Money's accumulation vexes misers

Constantly safeguarding loss

Paupers

As money increases respect

Poverty reduces reputation

Paupers driven by desperation

Penetrate impenetrable vaults

Our relations hungry honeybees

Our riches, nectar

Millionaires surrounded by relatives

Corpses among carrion

Poverty's more magnanimous casualties

Nobility, dignity, education

Being someone else's guest

Beats solitary rotting

Character, intelligence, nobility, goodness

Cancerous poverty's victims

Better the traveling busker

Than hometown beggar

Though millionaire made mendicant

Daily affairs continue

As insects ignore flowerlessness

Families deride destitution

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Self-respect

Misdeeds of miserable miscreants

Cauterize honorable hearts

Intelligence seldom needs explanation

Dispositions intuitively understood

From socializing with paupers

Heartless millionaires flee

Estimations from eminent minds

Energize our legacies

Goodness shuns maleficent evil

Even during dying

Deem contented paupers wealthy

Ungenerous millionaires, poor

As hunger panics peasants

Rebuke frightens respect

When millionaires revile richlessness

Heartfelt eminence swoons

Those never shaming enemies

Gain true modesty

Nobility maintains upright standards

Fending off temptations

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Mendicancy

From pompous, boasting fat-cats

Lucid beggars swerve

Better the stoical fast

Than begging scraps

Whole lives without begging

Have never existed

Nobility never begs misers

However lowly fallen

Life better without mendacity

Begging disturbs mentality

To strive for prosperity

Or postpone poverty?

Giving alms without snobbery

Deem legendary deed

Phantoms of refusal's failure

Haunt mindless mendacity

Better the moneyman's worker

Than begging sycophant

The matter of mendicancy

Divides old friends

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Forums

Teaching feeds foolish bombast

Avoid educating idiots

Promoters of half-boiled knowledge

Provoke excessive quarreling

Despite losing every argument

Fools altercation ceaselessly

Savants understand teachings' meanings

Pedants memorize texts

Brutal violence fools use

Rescues losing arguments

Pity publicly babbling fools

Their mother' more-so

Both prostitute & literature

Deeper than appearances

Lesser scholars collect libraries

Better scholars trawl

Meaning, idea, explanation, theme

Analyze before teaching

Where baseness picks faults

Nobility stays silent

Idiocy

Spoons cannot taste porridge

Nor cretins, wisdom

Idiots omit wisdom's milk

Preferring its skin

For fools abusing lifetimes

Show no sympathy

Why spend days hating

When lifespan short

Keeping cool when scalded

Shames abusive hecklers

Mankind's most loyal staff

Reproach uncharitable bosses

Scrooges lead confused lives

Addicted to money

Compare misers' mothly wallet

With souring wood-apple

Most ignore charity's existence

Until needing assistance

Despite family funeral finalities

Fools live fruitlessly

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Foolishness

Life's powerful, unfathomable net

Entangles playful fools

Those who manyana modification

Daily lose admiration

Breeding, morality, learning, longevity

Invisible without respect

Stones for sitting on

Handier than idiots

An angry, abusive fool

Stutters through scalding

Attempting to reform scoundrels

Always brings discomfort

As ants cover tupperware

Desperados crowd misers

Misers, adulterers, sinners, slubbers

Lead meaningless lives

If flattery wins friendship

That flattery false

Humility attracts happy praises

Arrogance, insulting mockery

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Baseness

Engorged poultry scavenge rubbish

Ignorance ignores morality

Instead of superiors' converse

Idiots prefer sleep

Fools of trifling qualities

Fickly change nature

However glorious giftery's magnificence

Ignorance always ungrateful

As dogs prefer scraps

Ignorance ignores luxury

Wealthy nobility flags humility

Baseness brags regally

Deem meanly minded millionaires

Diamond encrusted slippers

Aggressive, merciless, vindictive, moody

Attributes of wickedness

Whereas excellence respects benefactors

Baseness reviles them

However healthy bank accounts

Ignorance advertises baseness

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Imbecility

Wisdom avoids wrong ways

Nincompoops perpetually offend

Boetians read many books

Without understanding one

A person's good qualities

Public insults conceal

The prostitute's bodily beauties

Like flashfloods pass

Unless encouraged by force

Baseness never helpful

Noblesse muse former glories

Fools brood abuses

One single, bad blunder

Destroys base friendship

Adorning swine in armor

Never creates war-elephants

Those welching on promises

Perish like leaves

However much money abundant

Deem misers useless

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Ethics

What use fabulous houses

Without beloved spouses

Oppressive imprisonment moulds opposition

Hardening determined hearts

Lazy & aggressive wives

Murder their families

Putting pleasure before penance

Pensioners stone themselves

Beneath family & penitence

Place money's acquisition

Both study & charity

Surpass sleepless Envy

As seeds becomes shoots

Fathers educate sons

Princes fall, whoresons rise
Nature's senseless strangeness

With one heartless refusals
Our friends slain

As rainfall feeds floods
Money conjures courtesans

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Courtesans

As petrol powers Porsche
Cash impassions prostitute

Glowing promises of prostitutes
Growing poverty destroys

However great one's status
Whores refuse paupers

Prostitutes proclaim poverty poison
Millionaires, delicious sugar

Strumpets trumpet flowered faces
Attracting honeybee clients

Favors of fickle tarts

Causes heart's confusion

Kerb-crawlers confuse courtesans' caresses

For genuine affection

Harlots offer moneymen friendship

But paupers, enmity

When prostitutes propose marriage

Ulterior motives abound

Many embrace prostitution's illusion

Despite beguilement's transparency

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Chastity

Loyal & loving lovers

Never flirt publicly

Noble wives bearing poverty

Wear xenial dignity

Shanty-shacks of vestal wives

Considered palatial residences

Gorgeous, forgiving, modest, respectful

Accentuate gracious wives

Aberrant improprieties of prostitutes

Astound feminine decency

Alongside maiden modesty resides

Femininity's goddessian gorgeousness

Flirting husbands' perfumed scent

Marital continence detests

Virtuous wives remain silent

Thro husband infidelities

Idolized wives remain loyal

When husbands indifferent

Each prostitute & mistress

Erodes matrimonial respect

From cuddles & quarrels
Comes incredible copulation

Promises of returning lovers
Terrible weather destroys

What use gorgeous garlands
When partners absent

Crimes of callous parting
Moody sunsets punish

Bow-brows of separated lovers
Slay lustful suitors

For love, gentle lovers
Endure sickening hardships

When eventide comes heartlessly
Parted partners inconsolable

Through hopeful, hopeless elopement
Love teaches life

Children passionately embracing parents
Soon elope secretly

Of all life's sorrows
Love's parting saddest

Glossary

Deathdom - the kingdom of the dead, peopled by the spirit of every deceased person

sensorial - of the senses

pentasense - the combined essence of the five senses

gulag - verb, to imprison with implications of laborious work & scanty provisions

celestialism - a spiritual, ascetic way of life

lionsteps - manly progress through life

nestling - an infant

outplume - to receive more honours than somebody else

posipraxis - positive action

giftery - to give presents

cashquisition - the accumulation of money

badattributes - unpleasant personal traits

illustrials - a society's highest members

badapples - society's basest members,

sceptersway - a king's power over his people

maladministration - [bad government

stalinian - like a dictator, tyrannous

foe-amity - friendship with one's enemies

embryonia - works in early stages of development

axemad - wild & unruly & dangerous

corporeal- the tangible world

anti-banter - defensive chit-chat when attacked verbally

abramovich - self-made billionaires

raglife - poverty

bambeyed - beautiful eyes as if of a deer

conjucraving - the desire for marriage

amabandon - leaving one's beloved

disfavourment - to be rejected

ethipractice - good behaviour - moral

luxurian - luxury

famicharity - alms from one's relations

manyana - procrastinate

The Stemmlers

Max = Karolina
(1894-1979) (1896-1945)

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Eleanor - Xaver - Khan - Freidrieck
(1923-40) (1922-43) (1921-42) (1928-44)

The Grunfelds

Herz = Maria

(1862-1944) (1864-89)

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Anna = Moses - Jakob = Helen

(1882-1935)(1887-1943) (1913-45)(1912-44)

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Heidi = Franz - Joseph

(1912-44) (1906-44) (1913-45)

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Nikki

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Etta = Karl

(1908-45) (1909-44)

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Ludwig

(1936-42)

(1930-45)