

Readings from the World Scriptures on the subject of spiritual liberty.

We read from the Hindu Scriptures - Bhagavad Gita:

Worn-out garments are shed by the body,
worn-out bodies are shed by the dweller within the body,
new bodies are donned by the dweller, like garments...
And, such is the one.
Not dried, not wetted, not burned, not wounded,
Innermost essence, everywhere, always,
being of beings, changeless, eternal, for ever and ever -
'Self-Knowledge is the real wisdom.'
"Knowledge of God as well as the knowledge of our own divine nature.
What do we mean when we say God?
God is infinite existence, infinite consciousness, and infinite bliss.

We offer to the omniscient God our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the light of the Divine Wisdom.

We read from the Buddhist Scriptures Dhammapada, 4: 52-56

Like a beautiful flower full of colour and also fragrant, even so
fruitful are the fair words of one who practices them.
As from a great heap of flowers many garlands can be made, even so
should many good deeds be done by one born a mortal.
Not the sweet smell of flowers, not even the fragrance of sandal,
tagara, or jasmine blows against the wind. But the fragrance of the
virtuous blows against the wind. Truly the virtuous one pervades all
directions with the fragrance of their virtue.
Of all the fragrances - sandal, tagara, blue lotus and jasmine - the
fragrance of virtue is the sweetest.
Faint is the fragrance of tagara and sandal, but excellent is the
fragrance of the virtuous, wafting even amongst the gods.

We offer to the omniscient God, our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the Light of Divine Compassion.

We read from the Zoroastrian Scriptures God is found through worship: 62

We first offer sacrifice to Thee, O Lord.
And so, thinking of Thee, and of all the gifts of the Good Spirit, and of the deeds of the Saint whose
soul is united with Righteousness, we draw near to Thy Majesty to worship with songs of Praise, O
God.
To Thee, O Lord, and to Righteousness shall we thus humbly pay our due, all of us who indeed
humbly dwell in the Kingdom and who are fed by Love, for the wise find bliss in all things within Thy
Majesty, O God.

We offer to the omniscient God, our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the Light of Divine Purity.

We read from the Jewish Scriptures: Isaiah 26 8-10

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;
your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.
My soul yearns for you in the night;
in the morning my spirit longs for you.
When your judgments come upon the earth,
the people of the world learn righteousness.

We offer to the omniscient God our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the light of the Divine Law.

We read from the Christian Scriptures: Corinthians 8-13

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.
For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.
For now, we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

We offer to the omniscient God our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the light of the Divine Self Sacrifice.

We read from the Scriptures of Islam - Sura At-Taghabun 64 15-17

Your wealth and children are only a test, but Allah alone has a great reward.
So be mindful of Allah to the best of your ability, hear and obey, and spend in charity—that will be best for you. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of their own souls, it is they who are truly successful.
If you lend to Allah a good loan, He will multiply it for you and forgive you. For Allah is Most Appreciative, Most Forbearing.
‘He is the’ Knower of the seen and unseen—the Almighty, All-Wise.

We offer to the omniscient God our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the light of the Divine Unity.

We read from the Gayan: (Raga’s p. 124)

Thou hast won my heart
A thousand times over.
Thou comes veiled under many and varied guises
And in every guise thou art unique.
Who is not attracted by the splendour
thou hast so skilfully produced on the face of the earth?
In this fair beauty thou shinest, adorned in myriad garbs.

We offer to the omniscient God, our reverence, our homage and our gratitude, for the Light of Divine Truth.