

ON RELIGION

Some aphorisms, sayings, maxims, adages, dictums, epigrams, proverbs, precepts attributed to Li Kiang by Albert G. Wilson

1. Unless we can learn and can change we are ultimately destroyed by our most basic beliefs; our theologies, religions and world views.
2. The path to Buddhahood lies in the acquisition of plenary compassion.
3. Finite beings with no sense of something higher than themselves cannot properly fit into the order of the world. They either self-destruct or must be destroyed, for they threaten destruction to all else.
4. Man has the freedom to be corrupt, but not the power to make corruption a law of nature.
5. What paradox is to the secular, mystery is to the sacred.
6. The greatest use of the intellect in spiritual development is to remove the road blocks which human thinking has already placed in its path.
7. A miracle is not an event that violates the laws of nature. A miracle is an event that violates our ignorance.
8. You will have no understanding of God until you see that there is no difference between pantheism, monotheism, and atheism.
9. The challenge for one of the spiritual path is to be able to persist without human support or feedback.
10. Knowledge may often, but wisdom may never, be secularized.
11. The Sage needs know only that "It Exists."
12. Two concepts that are undefinable; God and Random
13. Love is light that casts no shadow.
14. The most important thing for you to do is what you are doing now.
15. All suffering is isolation from God.
16. It would be impoverishing to listen to only one kind of music, or to listen to the works of only one composer. Similarly, it is impoverishing to confine spiritual life to one brand of religion, or to belong to but one church. The great wealth of music or spiritual experience can be acquired only by encountering all.
17. God intended the church to be a tree, not a pole.
18. Humility is not self-denigration; It is rather deep recognition of, being part of a greater whole.
19. Think globally, act locally; eat seasonally and locally.

20. A real prophet is not one who forecasts the future, but one who writes the future.
21. Proceed with confidence, but without specific expectations. Be engaged but detached.
22. It is not so much war between religion and science as much as it is war between fundamentalists and logical positivists.
23. Religion is about the attempts to solve with authority the problems that have been created by authority.
24. The creation of a cosmology or atheology is a religious act, as is the creation of a temple or any sacred space.
25. A sacred space is a place capable of receiving more than one projection. If there is more than one facet, the place becomes a "God Trap."