Why should you feel ashamed to take the name of Hindu, which is your greatest and most glorious possession.

Never talk about the faults of others, no matter how bad they may be.
You cannot judge a man by his faults.

Love to enemies is not possible for ordinary men.
What you have inside you is what you see in others.

Our business is to verify not to swallow.
The benefit of Yoga is that we learn to control instead of being controlled.

You must not criticize others, you must criticize yourself.
All quarrels and disputations concerning religion simply show that religion is not present.

You must believe in yourself and then you will believe in God.
How can that be loveless which causes love in me?

Everything that comes from India take as true, until you cogent reasons for disbelieving it. Everything that comes from Europe take as false, until you find cogent reasons for believing it.
When good nectar is unattainable, it is no reason why we should eat poison.

The wicked see in God wickedness. The virtuous see in Him virtue.
Save the spiritual store in your body by observing continence.

The balance is so nice that if you disturb the equilibrium of one atom, the whole world will come to an end.
There is a ocean of difference between idleness and renunciation.

Hope is the greatest of all miseries, the highest bliss lies in giving up hope.
Mother represents colorless love that knows no barter, love that never dies.

If you are pure, if you are strong, you, one man, is equal to the whole world.
My motto is to learn whatever good things I may come across anywhere.

Seek for the highest, aim at the highest, and you shall reach the highest.
The secret of religion lies not in theories but in practice.

No one ever succeeded in keeping society in good humor and at the same time did great works.
The self-seeking man who is looking after personal comforts and leading a lazy life, there is no room for him even in hell.

We trust the man in the street, but there is one being in the universe we never trust and that is God.
Where there is struggle, where there is rebellion, there is a sign of life, there consciousness is manifested.

We manufacture our own heaven and can make a heaven even in hell.
The body must go, no mistake about that. It is better to wear out than to rust out.

Fear is one of the worst enemies.
One must raise oneself by one's own exertions.

Everything that has selfishness for its basis, competition as its right hand, and enjoyment as its goal, must die sooner or later.
If one intends to really find truth, one must not cling to comfort.

Why look up to men for approbation, look up to God.
The world is neither true nor untrue; it is a shadow of truth.

Both happiness and misery are chains, the one golden, the other iron; but both are equally strong to bind us.
The satisfaction of desire only increases it, as oil poured on fire makes it burn more fiercely.

It is the heart, the heart that conquers, not the brain.
He, who always speculates as to what awaits him in future, accomplishes nothing whatsoever.

He who knows how to obey knows how to command.
Anything that brings spiritual, mental or physical weakness, touch it not with the toes of your feet.

Isn't it man that makes money? Where did you ever hear of money making man?
Kill dream by dream!

Want of sympathy and lack of energy are at the root of all misery.
Concentration of the mind is the source of all knowledge.

Let us get rid of the little 'I' and let only the great 'I' live in us.
All the strength is in you, have faith in it.

Know that talking ill of others in private is a sin.
Be the witness, never learn to react.

In every attempt there are many obstacles to cope with, but gradually the path becomes smooth.
Both attachment and detachment perfectly developed make a man great and happy.

Be cautious now and do not bow, however sweet to chains.
India is the only place where, with all its faults, the soul finds its freedom, its God.

The Hindus believe that a man is a soul and has a body, while Western people believe he is a body and possesses a soul.
Keep your thoughts on virtue; what we think we become.

Whatever fosters materiality is no work.
This Atman is not to be attained by one who is weak.

Of all the scriptures of the world, it is the Vedas alone which declare that the study of the Vedas is secondary.
Resist not evil. Face it! You are higher than evil.

Anything we do ourselves, that is the only thing we do
This is a battlefield, fight your way out. Make your life a manifestation of will strengthened by renunciation.

I find that whenever I have made a mistake in my life, it has always been because self entered into the calculation.
Whatever others think or do, lower not your standard of purity, morality, and love of God.

Never forget that a man is made great and perfect as much by his faults as by his virtues.
If a bad time comes, what of it? The pendulum must swing back to the other side. But that is no better. The thing to do is to stop it.

This world is our friend when we are its slaves and no more.
The same fire that cooks a meal for us may burn a child, and it is no fault of the fire if it does so; the difference lies in the way in which it is used.

One ounce of practice is worth twenty thousand tons of big talk.
Follies there are, weakness there must be, but remember your real nature always – that is the only way to cure the weakness, that is the only way to cure the follies.

Whatever you think, that you will be.
Religion is not in books, nor in theories, nor in dogmas, nor in talking, not even in reasoning. It is being and becoming.

The moment you quarrel, you are not going Godward, you are going backward, towards the brutes.
In other countries great priests try to trace their descent to some king, but here the greatest kings would trace their descent to some ancient priest.

The true man is he who is strong as strength itself and possesses a woman’s heart.
To have the ideal is one thing, and to apply it practically to the details of daily life is quite another thing.

Let not your work produce results for you, and at the same time may you be never without work.
Verily, these three are rare to obtain and come only through the grace of God - human birth, desire to obtain Moksha, and the company of the great-souled ones.

He who is always afraid of loss always loses.
If you have assimilated five ideas and made them your life and character, you have more education than any man who has got by heart a whole library.

First learn to obey; the command will come by itself.
Don’t yield to sorrow, everything is in God’s hands.

Faith, faith, faith in ourselves, faith, faith in God.
Every idea that strengthens you must be taken up and every thought that weakens you must be rejected.

If one gets one blow, one must return ten with redoubled fury, then only one is a man.
This Atman is not to be reached by too much talk, no, not even by the highest intellect, no, not even by the study of Vedas themselves.

Everything in this life is fraught with fear. It is renunciation alone that makes one fearless.
No good comes out of the man who day and night thinks he is nobody.

Devotion to the mother is the root of all welfare.
It is a land of dreams; it does not matter whether one enjoys or weeps; they are but dreams, and as such, must break sooner or later.

It is religion, the inquiry into the beyond, that makes the difference between man and animal.
If there is any sin in the world, it is weakness; avoid all weakness, for weakness is sin, weakness is death.

We, as Vedantists, know for certain that there is no power in the universe to injure us unless we first injure ourselves.
Dare to be free, dare to go as far as your thought leads, and dare to carry that out in your life.

Every bit of pleasure will bring its quota of pain, if not with compound interest.
Whoever has dared to touch our literature has felt the bondage, and is there bound for ever.

Any amount of theoretical knowledge one may have; but unless one does the thing actually, nothing is learnt.
In our moments of anguish, gates barred for ever seem to open and let in many a flood of light.

Don’t let egoism to enter your minds, and let love never depart from your hearts.
I am that I am.

He whose joy is only in himself, whose desires are only in himself, he has learned his lessons.
I have worked for this world, Mary, all my life, and it does not give me a piece of bread without taking a pound of flesh.

Sometimes it is after much suffering, but it does not matter.
Eating, drinking, dressing, and society nonsense are not things to throw a life upon.

The road to the Good is the roughest and steepest in the universe. Character has to be established through a thousand stumbles.
This religion is so great that even a little of it brings a great amount of good.

Evil is to be resisted and uprooted, but the sword is never to be struck in hatred or in anger or in spirit of revenge.
"Feel the presence of God. Always make His presence a reality."

- Param Puriya Ma

"If we truly love the Lord, we will be as one family with one religion - Love for all."

Param Puriya Ma
May you all be blessed with the spiritual awakening.
—Sri Ramakrishna

Knowledge leads to unity; Ignorance to diversity.
—Sri Ramakrishna
Learn to accept everyone as your own.
No one is alien to you; the whole world is yours.

-Sri Sarada Devi

One never finds God without love and devotion

-Sri Sarada Devi
If you want peace of mind, then give up faultfinding. If you would search for fault at all, find out your own faults and short comings.

-Sri Sarada Devi

GOD ALONE IS TRUE
EVERYTHING ELSE IS FALSE

-Sri Sarada Devi
STRENGTH IS LIFE; WEAKNESS IS DEATH.

-SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

SAVE YOURSELF BY YOURSELF
-Swami Vivekananda
Be a Hero. Always Say, "I Have No Fear".

-Swami Vivekananda

Arise! Awake! And Stop Not Till The Goal Is Reached!
Always look within, Never without.

-Swami Vivekananda
....'May I be born again and again, and suffer thousands of miseries so that I may worship the only God that exists
Self-development is real fun. Vedanta concept, translated in terms of the Arjun-model, helps you to grow continuously throughout the life.
If you have 'Zeroness' in you, you can see 'Heroness' of your Ishtadevata in you.
There is a difference between an objective and actions. Unless you understand your objective, you will be wasting your time in actions. Know your objective first.
Longing is like the rosy dawn. After the dawn out comes the sun.
Longing is followed by the vision of God.
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I am without form, without limit,
beyond space, beyond time:
I am in everything,
I am the basis of the universe---
everywhere am I,
I am Existence Absolute.
Bliss Absolute. Knowledge Absolute
I am it, I am it
When there is a conflict between the heart and the brain, let the heart be followed.

A man of intellect can turn into a devil, but never a man of heart.
Religion is not a theoretical need but a practical necessity.

Renunciation does not mean simply dispassion for the world. It means dispassion for the world and also longing for God.
There is no misery where there is no want.

The secret of life is not enjoyment, but education through experience.
Every new thought must create opposition.

Renunciation is the withdrawal of mind from other things and concentrating it on God.
Every man who thinks ahead of his time is sure to be misunderstood.

In this short life there is no time for the exchange of compliments.
Better the scolding of the wise than the adulation of the fools.

Do not wait to cross the river when the water has all run down.
If you want to do anything evil, do it before the eyes of your superiors.

God has become man, man will become god again.
Happiness presents itself before man, wearing the crown of sorrow on its head.

If you love God's creation more than God, you will be disillusioned.
The greatest sin is fear.

Everything can be sacrificed for truth, but truth can't be sacrificed for anything.
If it is impossible to attain perfection here and now, there is no proof that we can attain perfection in any other life.

That part of the Vedas which agrees with reason is the Vedas, and nothing else.
Let the heart be opened first, and all else will follow of itself.

The cow never tells a lie, and the stone never steals, but, nevertheless, the cow remains a cow and the stone remains a stone. Man steals and man tells a lie, and again it is man that becomes the god.
By the control of the subconscious mind you get control over the conscious.

Never are the wants of a beggar fulfilled.
The very essence of education is concentration of mind, not the collecting of facts.

It is the constant struggle against nature that constitutes human progress, not conformity with it.
Strength is life, weakness is death.

Tell the man his defaults directly but praise his virtues before others.
The man who says he has nothing more to learn is already at his last grasp.

If you can’t attain salvation in this life, what proof is there that you can attain it in the life or lives to come?
Never mind if your contribution is only a mite, your help only a little, blades of grass united into a rope will hold in confinement the maddest of elephants.

If one is a slave to his passions and desires, one cannot feel the pure joy of real freedom.
Salvation is not achieved by inactivity but by spiritual activities.

We want the education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet.
When even man never hears the cries of the fool, do you think God will?

No one can save a person who hires a carriage to go from one street to another, and then complain of diabetes.
As long as I live, so do I learn.

New things have to be learned, have to be introduced and worked out, but is that to be done by sweeping away all that is old, just because it is old?
Even the least work done for others awakens the power within.

Activity is life and inactivity is death.
The body itself is the biggest disease.

Experience is the only source of knowledge.
Do one thing at a time and while doing it put your whole soul into it to the exclusion of all else.

The soul is the circle of which the circumference is nowhere, but the center is the body. God is a circle whose circumference is nowhere, but whose center is everywhere.
Do not give up anything! Things will give you up.

It is through the many that we reach the one.
As we get further and further away from sense-pleasures, "knowledge for the sake of knowledge" becomes the supreme pleasure of mind.

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

When the world is the end and God the means to attain that end, that is material. When God is the end and the world is only the means to attain that end, spirituality has begun.
The sage is often ignorant of physical science, because he reads the wrong book—the book within; and the scientist is too often ignorant of religion, because he reads the wrong book—the book without.

Records of great spiritual men of the past do us no good whatever except that they urge us onward to do the same, to experience religion ourselves.
We may read all the Bibles of the world, but that will not give us religion.

The fear of God is the beginning of religion, but the love of God is the end of religion.
Where there is life, there will be death; so get away from life if you want to get rid of death.

Where seest thou?
That freedom, friend, this world
Nor that, can give, in books and temples vain
Thy Search. Thine only is the hand that holds
The rope that drags thee on, Then cease lament
Let go thy hold, Sanyasin bold! Say ---
"Om Tat Sat, Om !"

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA
Have Thou, no home what home can hold thee friend
The Sky, Thy Roof, the grass thy bed and food
What Chance may bring, well cooked or ill, Judge not.
No food or drink can taint that noble Self
Which knows itself, like rolling river free
Thou ever be Sanyasin bold! say ---

Om tat sat Om

Come up, O lions, and shake off the delusion that you are sheep; you are souls immortal, spirits free, blest and eternal; ye are not matter, ye are not body, matter is your servant not you the servant of matter' (CW [1964] 1:11)