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INSPIRATIONAL & CHILDREN'S ART  
&  
THE KAHLIL GIBRAN GARDEN FOR PEACE  
WITH  
THE KAHLIL GIBRAN WISDOM WALK  
A lovely garden path  
with etched stones of 21 sayings from  
THE KAHLIL GIBRAN  
BOOK OF WISDOM & LOVE  
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PEACE

WISDOM

SPIRIT

POETRY, ART, BEAUTY & CREATIVITY

JOY

FRIENDSHIP & LOVE

CHILDREN



# PEACE

An eye for an eye,  
and the whole world would be blind.



# WISDOM

Life without liberty  
is like a body without spirit.

Wisdom ceases  
to be wisdom  
when it becomes  
too proud to weep,  
too grave to laugh, and  
too selfish to seek other than itself.

Knowledge of the self  
is the mother of all knowledge.  
So it is incumbent on me to know my self,  
to know it completely, to know its minutiae,  
its characteristics, its subtleties, and its very atoms.

Poverty  
is a veil that obscures  
the face of greatness.

The person you consider  
ignorant and insignificant  
is the one who came from God,  
that he might learn bliss from grief  
and knowledge from gloom.

Sadness is but a wall  
between two gardens.

Your pain  
is the breaking of the shell  
that encloses your understanding.

Pain and foolishness  
lead to great bliss  
and complete knowledge,  
for Eternal Wisdom  
created nothing under the sun in vain.

The tears that you spill, the sorrowful,  
are sweeter than the laughter of snobs  
and the guffaws of scoffers.

Perplexity  
is the beginning  
of knowledge.

To understand  
the heart and mind  
of a person,  
look not at what he  
has already achieved,  
but at what he aspires to.

The teacher  
who is indeed wise  
does not bid you to enter  
the house of his wisdom  
but rather leads you to  
the threshold of your mind.

Work is love made visible.  
And if you cannot work with love  
but only with distaste,  
it is better that you  
should leave your work  
and sit at the gate of the temple  
and take alms of those  
who work with joy.

Trust in dreams,  
for in them is hidden  
the gate to eternity.

Your living is determined  
not so much by what life brings to you  
as by the attitude you bring to life;  
not so much by what happens to you  
as by the way your mind looks at what happens.

I have learned  
silence from the talkative,  
toleration from the intolerant,  
and kindness from the unkind;  
yet, strange,  
I am ungrateful to those teachers.

Progress lies not in enhancing what is,  
but in advancing toward what will be.

Say not,  
'I have found the truth,' but rather,  
'I have found a truth.'

Nor shall derision  
prove powerful  
against those  
who listen to humanity  
or those who follow  
in the footsteps of divinity,  
for they shall live forever.  
Forever.

Of life's  
two chief prizes,  
beauty and truth,  
I found the first  
in a loving heart  
and the second i  
n a laborer's hand.

Yesterday  
we obeyed kings  
and bent our necks  
before emperors.  
But today we kneel  
only to truth,  
follow only beauty,  
and obey only love.

Time  
has been transformed,  
and we have changed;  
it has advanced  
and set us in motion;  
it has unveiled its face,  
inspiring us with  
bewilderment and  
exhilaration.

We were  
a silent,  
hidden thought  
in the folds of oblivion,  
and we have become  
a voice  
that causes  
the heavens  
to tremble.

Truth is  
a deep kindness  
that teaches us to be  
content in our everyday life  
and share with the people  
the same happiness.

Yesterday  
is but today's memory,  
and tomorrow  
is today's dream.

Out of suffering  
have emerged  
the strongest souls;  
the most  
massive characters  
are seared with scars.

To be able  
to look back  
upon ones life  
in satisfaction,  
is to live twice.

Safeguarding  
the rights of others  
is the most noble  
and beautiful end  
of a human being.

You give  
but little  
when you give of  
your possessions.  
It is when you  
give of yourself  
that you  
truly give.



## SPIRIT

The just  
is close to  
the people's heart,  
but the merciful  
is close to  
the heart of God.

Faith  
is an oasis  
in the heart  
which can never  
be reached  
by the caravan  
of thinking.

Your  
daily life  
Is your temple  
and your religion.  
When you enter  
into it  
take with you  
your all.

I love you  
when you bow  
in your mosque,  
kneel in your temple,  
pray in your church.

For you and I are  
sons of one religion,  
and it is the spirit.

Generosity  
is giving more  
than you can,  
and pride  
is taking less  
than you need.

Keep me away  
from the wisdom  
which does not cry,  
the philosophy  
which does not laugh  
and the greatness which  
does not bow  
before children.

I existed  
from all eternity  
and, behold,  
I am here;  
and I shall exist  
till the end of time,  
for my being  
has no end.

All that  
spirits desire,  
spirits attain.



## POETRY, ART, BEAUTY & CREATIVITY

A poet  
is a bird of  
unearthly excellence,  
who escapes from

his celestial realm  
arrives in this world warbling.  
If we do not cherish him,  
he spreads his wings  
and flies back  
into his homeland.

Poetry is a deal of  
joy and pain and wonder,  
with a dash of the dictionary.

The obvious is that  
which is never seen  
until someone  
expresses it simply.

Art is a step from  
what is obvious  
and well-known  
toward what is arcane  
and concealed.

Beauty is eternity  
gazing at itself in a mirror.

I prefer to be  
a dreamer  
among the humblest,  
with visions  
to be realized,  
than lord  
among those  
without  
dreams and desires.



JOY

And forget not  
that the earth delights  
to feel your bare feet

and the winds long  
to play with your hair.

You pray  
in your distress  
and in your need;  
would that you  
might also pray  
in the fullness  
of your joy  
and in your days  
of abundance.

There are those  
who give with joy,  
and that joy  
is their reward.



## FRIENDSHIP & LOVE

Let there be  
no purpose in friendship  
save the deepening  
of the spirit.

In the sweetness  
of friendship  
let there be laughter,  
and sharing of pleasures.  
For in the dew of little things  
the heart finds its morning  
and is refreshed.

If your heart

is a volcano,  
how shall you expect  
flowers to bloom?

Hallow the body as  
a temple to comeliness  
and sanctify the heart  
as a sacrifice to love;  
love recompenses  
the adorers.

Life  
without love  
is like a tree  
without blossoms  
or fruit.

Love is  
trembling  
happiness.

Love one another,  
but make not a bond of love:  
Let it rather be a moving sea  
between the shores  
of your souls.

Love possesses not  
nor will it be possessed,  
for love is sufficient  
unto love.

If you  
love somebody,  
let them go,  
for if they return,  
they were always yours.  
And if they don't,  
they never were.

Love...  
It surrounds every being  
and extends slowly to embrace  
all that shall be.



# CHILDREN

Your children are  
not your children.  
They are the  
sons and daughters  
of Life's longing for itself.  
They came through you  
but not from you  
and though they  
are with you  
yet they belong  
not to you.

You are the bows  
from which  
your children  
as living arrows  
are sent forth.