

# The Enlightened Heart

## Stephen Mitchell

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**The Penguin Book of Spiritual Verse** Kaveh Akbar 2022-06-30 'An amazing compilation: this book is more than a typical poetry anthology ... Offers a balm, a

consolation, a tune, in our desolate world.' - Ilya Kaminsky 'An amazing collection of spiritual verse from many cultures and periods ... There cannot be any other anthology

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that ranges so widely,  
and anyone concerned  
with either poetry or  
spirituality will want  
to own a copy.' - John  
Barton An inspiring new  
selection of poems  
exploring faith and the  
divine, featuring poets  
from across the world,  
from antiquity to the  
present Poets have  
always looked to the  
skies for inspiration,  
and have written as a  
way of getting closer to  
the power and beauty  
they sense in nature, in  
each other and in the  
cosmos. This anthology  
is a holistic and global  
survey of a lyric  
conversation about the  
divine, one which has  
been ongoing for  
millennia. Beginning  
with the earliest  
attributable author in  
all of human literature,  
the twenty-third century  
BC Sumerian High  
Priestess Enheduanna,  
and taking in a  
constellation of voices  
- from King David to Lao  
Tzu, from the Epic of  
Gilgamesh to the Malian  
Epic of Sundiata - this  
selection presents a  
number of canonical

voices like Blake,  
Dickinson and Tagore,  
alongside lesser-  
anthologized diverse  
voices going up to the  
present day, that  
showcase the  
breathtaking  
multiplicity of ways  
humanity has responded  
to the divine across  
place and time. These  
poets' voices commune  
between millenia,  
offering readers a  
chance to experience for  
themselves the vast and  
powerful  
interconnectedness of  
these incantations  
orbiting the most  
elemental of all  
subjects - our spirit.  
Emptiness Dancing  
Adyashanti 2006-05-01  
There is something about  
you brighter than the  
sun and more mysterious  
than the night sky. Who  
are you when you are not  
thinking yourself into  
existence? What is  
ultimately behind the  
set of eyes reading  
these words? In  
Emptiness Dancing,  
Adyashanti invites you  
to wake up to the  
essence of what you are,  
through the natural and

spontaneous opening of the mind, heart, and body that holds the secret to happiness and liberation. From the first stages of realization to its evolutionary implications, Adyashanti shares a treasure trove of insights into the challenges of the inner life, offering lucid, down-to-earth advice on topics ranging from the ego, illusion, and spiritual addiction to compassion, letting go, the eternal now, and more. Whether you read each chapter in succession or begin on any page you feel inspired to turn to, you will find in Adyashanti's wisdom an understanding and ever-ready guide to the full wonder of your infinite self-nature. Excerpt The aim of my teaching is enlightenment-awakening from the dream state of separateness to the reality of the One. In short, my teaching is focused on realizing what you are. You may find other elements in my teaching that simply

arise as a response to people's particular needs of the moment, but fundamentally I'm only interested in you waking up. Enlightenment means waking up to what you truly are and then being that. Realize and be, realize and be. Realization alone is not enough. The completion of Self-realization is to be, act, do, and express what you realize. This is a very deep matter, a whole new way of life-living in and as reality instead of living out the programmed ideas, beliefs, and impulses of your dreaming mind. The trust is that you already are what you are seeking. You are looking for God with his eyes. This truth is so simple and shocking, so radical and taboo that it is easy to miss among your flurry of seeking. You may have heard what I am saying in the past and you may even believe it, but my question is, have you realized it with your whole being? Are you living it? My speaking is meant to

shake you awake, not to tell you how to dream better. You know how to dream better. Depending on what your mental and emotional state at the time is, I may be very gentle and soft with you, or not so gentle and soft. You may feel better after talking with me, but that is incidental to awakening. Wake up! You are all living Buddhas. You are the divine emptiness, the infinite nothing. This I know because I am what you are, and you are what I am. Let go of all ideas and images in your mind, they come and go and aren't even generated by you. So why pay so much attention to your imagination when reality is for the realizing right now?  
*Before the Door of God*  
Jay Hopler 2015-10-27  
This title traces the development of devotional English-language poetry from its origins in ancient hymnody to its current 21st-century incarnations. The poems in this volume demonstrate not only

that devotional poetry - poetry that speaks to the divine - remains in vigorous practice, but also that the tradition reaches back to the very origins of poetry in English.

Into The Garden: A Wedding Anthology Robert Hass 1994-04-08 For brides and grooms who want to give their weddings new depth and meaning, two acclaimed poet-translators have gathered a stunning collection of poems and prose that will add a unique and personal dimension to the ceremony.

**In Praise of Mortality**  
2019-01-30 In Praise of Mortality is an artfully curated selection of poems that investigate the emotional and psychological impact of the industrial revolution, and meditate on themes of impermanence and the steady passage of time. Rainer Maria Rilke's work stands as a thoughtful, rare combination of insight, beauty, and accessibility to the

modern world.

### **The Way of Forgiveness**

Stephen Mitchell

2019-09-17 "A unique and special kind of

masterpiece." –John

Banville Stephen

Mitchell's gift is to

breathe new life into

ancient classics. In

Joseph and the Way of

Forgiveness, he offers

us his riveting

novelistic version of

the Biblical tale in

which Jacob's favorite

son is sold into slavery

and eventually becomes

viceroy of Egypt.

Tolstoy called it the

most beautiful story in

the world. What's new

here is the lyrical,

witty, vivid prose,

informed by a wisdom

that brings fresh

insight to this

foundational legend of

betrayal and all-

embracing forgiveness.

Mitchell's retelling,

which reads like a

postmodern novel,

interweaves the

narrative with brief

meditations that, with

their Zen surprises,

expand the narrative and

illuminate its main

themes. By stepping

inside the minds of

Joseph and the other

characters, Mitchell

reanimates one of the

central stories of

Western culture. The

engrossing tale that he

has created will capture

the hearts and minds of

modern readers and show

them that this ancient

story can still

challenge, delight, and

astonish.

### **Ahead of All Parting**

Rainer Maria Rilke

2015-01-21 The

reputation of Rainer

Maria Rilke has grown

steadily since his death

in 1926; today he is

widely considered to be

the greatest poet of the

twentieth century. This

Modern Library edition

presents Stephen

Mitchell's acclaimed

translations of Rilke,

which have won praise

for their re-creation of

the poet's rich formal

music and depth of

thought. "If Rilke had

written in English,"

Denis Donoghue wrote in

The New York Times Book

Review, "he would have

written in this

English." Ahead of All

Parting is an abundant

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selection of Rilke's lifework. It contains representative poems from his early collections *The Book of Hours* and *The Book of Pictures*; many selections from the revolutionary *New Poems*, which drew inspiration from Rodin and Cezanne; the hitherto little-known "Requiem for a Friend"; and a generous selection of the late uncollected poems, which constitute some of his finest work. Included too are passages from Rilke's influential novel, *The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge*, and nine of his brilliant uncollected prose pieces. Finally, the book presents the poet's two greatest masterpieces in their entirety: the *Duino Elegies* and *The Sonnets to Orpheus*. "Rilke's voice, with its extraordinary combination of formality, power, speed and lightness, can be heard in Mr. Mitchell's versions more clearly than in any others," said W. S. Merwin. "His

work is masterful." *The Longing in Between* Ivan Granger 2014-11 A delightful collection of soul-inspiring poems from the world's great religious and spiritual traditions, accompanied by Ivan M. Granger's meditative thoughts and commentary. Rumi, Whitman, Issa, Teresa of Avila, Dickinson, Blake, Lalla, and many others. These are poems of seeking and awakening... and the longing in between. -----  
Praise for *The Longing in Between* "The Longing in Between is a work of sheer beauty. Many of the selected poems are not widely known, and Ivan M. Granger has done a great service, not only by bringing them to public attention, but by opening their deeper meaning with his own rare poetic and mystic sensibility." ROGER HOUSDEN author of the best-selling *Ten Poems to Change Your Life* series "Ivan M. Granger's new anthology, *The Longing in Between*, gives us a unique collection of profoundly

moving poetry. It presents some of the choicest fruit from the flowering of mystics across time, across traditions and from around the world. After each of the poems in this anthology Ivan M. Granger shares his reflections and contemplations, inviting the reader to new and deeper views of the Divine Presence. This is a grace-filled collection which the reader will gladly return to over and over again." LAWRENCE

EDWARDS, Ph.D. author of *Awakening Kundalini: The Path to Radical Freedom and Kali's Bazaar*

**Devotions** Mary Oliver  
2020-11-10 A New York Times Bestseller, chosen as Oprah's "Books That Help Me Through" for Oprah's Book Club "No matter where one starts reading, *Devotions* offers much to love, from Oliver's exuberant dog poems to selections from the Pulitzer Prize-winning *American Primitive*, and *Dream Work*, one of her exceptional collections.

Perhaps more important, the luminous writing provides respite from our crazy world and demonstrates how mindfulness can define and transform a life, moment by moment, poem by poem." –The Washington Post "It's as if the poet herself has sidled beside the reader and pointed us to the poems she considers most worthy of deep consideration." –Chicago Tribune Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver presents a personal selection of her best work in this definitive collection spanning more than five decades of her esteemed literary career. Throughout her celebrated career, Mary Oliver has touched countless readers with her brilliantly crafted verse, expounding on her love for the physical world and the powerful bonds between all living things. Identified as "far and away, this country's best selling poet" by Dwight Garner, she now returns with a stunning and definitive collection of her

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writing from the last fifty years. Carefully curated, these 200 plus poems feature Oliver's work from her very first book of poetry, *No Voyage and Other Poems*, published in 1963 at the age of 28, through her most recent collection, *Felicity*, published in 2015. This timeless volume, arranged by Oliver herself, showcases the beloved poet at her edifying best. Within these pages, she provides us with an extraordinary and invaluable collection of her passionate, perceptive, and much-treasured observations of the natural world.

**The Gospel According to Jesus** Stephen Mitchell  
1993-02-19 A dazzling presentation of the life and teachings of Jesus by the eminent scholar and translator Stephen Mitchell.

**The Gift** Hafiz  
1999-08-01 Chosen by author Elizabeth Gilbert as one of her ten favorite books, Daniel Ladinsky's extraordinary renderings of 250

unforgettable lyrical poems by Hafiz, one of the greatest Sufi poets of all time. More than any other Persian poet—even Rumi—Hafiz expanded the mystical, healing dimensions of poetry. Because his poems were often ecstatic love songs from God to his beloved world, many have called Hafiz the “Invisible Tongue.” Indeed, Daniel Ladinsky has said that his work with Hafiz is an attempt to do the impossible: to render Light into words—to make the Luminous Resonance of God tangible to our finite senses. I am a hole in a flute that the Christ's breath moves through—listen to this music! With this stunning collection of Hafiz's most intimate poems, Ladinsky has succeeded brilliantly in presenting the essence of one of Islam's greatest poetic and religious voices. Each line of *The Gift* imparts the wonderful qualities of this master Sufi poet and spiritual teacher: encouragement, an

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audacious love that touches lives, profound knowledge, generosity, and a sweet, playful genius unparalleled in world literature.

A Thousand Names for Joy

Byron Katie 2007-02-06  
In her first two books, Byron Katie showed how suffering can be ended by questioning the stressful thoughts that create it, through a process of self-inquiry she calls The Work. Now, in A Thousand Names for Joy, she encourages us to discover the freedom that lives on the other side of inquiry. Stephen Mitchell—the renowned translator of the Tao Te Ching—selected provocative excerpts from that ancient text as a stimulus for Katie to talk about the most essential issues that face us all: life and death, good and evil, love, work, and fulfillment. The result is a book that allows the timeless insights of the Tao Te Ching to resonate anew for us today, while offering a vivid and illuminating glimpse into the life of

someone who for twenty years—ever since she “woke up to reality” one morning in 1986—has been living what Lao-tzu wrote more than 2,500 years ago. Katie’s profound, lighthearted wisdom is not theoretical; it is absolutely authentic. That is what makes this book so compelling. It’s a portrait of a woman who is imperturbably joyous, whether she is dancing with her infant granddaughter or finds that her house has been emptied out by burglars, whether she stands before a man about to kill her or embarks on the adventure of walking to the kitchen, whether she learns that she is going blind, flunks a “How Good a Lover Are You?” test, or is diagnosed with cancer. With her stories of total ease in all circumstances, Katie does more than describe the awakened mind; she lets you see it, feel it, in action. And she shows you how that mind is yours as well.

**The Ugly Duckling** 1932

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**The Wishing Bone and Other Poems**

Stephen Mitchell 2003 A collection of poems discusses having tea with a white rhinoceros, talking rats in Central Park, and tigers who like to pose for pictures.

**The Enlightened Mind**

Stephen Mitchell 1993-04-16 A magnificent compilation of sacred writings from all traditions and the perfect companion to Stephen Mitchell's poetry collection, The Enlightened Heart, and the bestselling Tao Te Ching.

Natural Meditation Dean Sluyter 2015 A veteran teacher provides a low-key approach to learning to meditate and opening one's life up to happiness, clarity and peace by using your breathing, the sounds around you, the sky, or the sense of "I" as a guide. Original.

The Selected Poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke

Rainer Maria Rilke 1984 "This miracle of a book, perhaps the most beautiful group of

poetic translations this century has ever produced," (Chicago Tribune) should stand as the definitive English language version. Love Ronald De Sousa 2015 Explores the philosophical notion of love, and argues that love is more complex than conventional thought would have us believe.

**Speaking of Faith**

Krista Tippett 2008-01-29 A thought-provoking, original appraisal of the meaning of religion by the host of public radio's On Being Krista Tippett, widely becoming known as the Bill Moyers of radio, is one of the country's most intelligent and insightful commentators on religion, ethics, and the human spirit. With this book, she draws on her own life story and her intimate conversations with both ordinary and famous figures, including Elie Wiesel, Karen Armstrong, and Thich Nhat Hanh, to explore complex subjects like science, love, virtue, and violence.

within the context of spirituality and everyday life. Her way of speaking about the mysteries of life--and of listening with care to those who endeavor to understand those mysteries--is nothing short of revolutionary. *The Enlightened Heart* Stephen Mitchell 1989 An anthology of poems from the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, Chinese and Japanese Buddhist masters, and Christian poets

*Daodejing* Laozi

2008-09-11 'Of ways you may speak, but not the Perennial Way; By names you may name, but not the Perennial Name.' The best-loved of all the classical books of China and the most universally popular, the *Daodejing* or *Classic of the Way and Life-Force* is a work that defies definition. It encapsulates the main tenets of Daoism, and upholds a way of being as well as a philosophy and a religion. The dominant image is of the Way, the mysterious path through the whole cosmos modelled on the great

Silver River or Milky Way that traverses the heavens. A life-giving stream, the Way gives rise to all things and holds them in her motherly embrace. It enables the individual, and society as a whole, to harmonize the disparate demands of daily life and achieve a more profound level of understanding. This new translation draws on the latest archaeological finds and brings out the word play and poetry of the original. Simple commentary accompanies the text, and the introduction provides further historical and interpretative context. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading

authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

### **The First Christmas**

Stephen Mitchell  
2021-11-09 "I love The First Christmas. What a charming way Stephen Mitchell has found to tell my favorite story of all, the Nativity, character by character (I love the donkey and the ox), with wise and thrilling interludes about God, reality, truth." -Anne Lamott In The First Christmas, Stephen Mitchell brings the Nativity story to vivid life as never before. A narrative that is only sketched out in two Gospels becomes fully realized here with nuanced characters and a setting that reflects the culture of the time. Mitchell has suffused the birth of Jesus with a sense of beauty that will delight and astonish readers. In this version, we see the world through the eyes of a Whitmanesque ox and a visionary donkey,

starry-eyed shepherds and Zen-like wise men, each of them providing a unique perspective on a scene that is, in Western culture, the central symbol for good tidings of great joy. Rather than superimposing later Christian concepts onto the Annunciation and Nativity scenes, he imagines Mary and Joseph experiencing the angelic message as a young Jewish woman and man living in the year 4 bce might have experienced it, with terror, dismay, and ultimate acceptance. In this context, their yes becomes an act of great moral courage. Readers of every background will be enchanted by this startlingly beautiful reimagining of the Christmas tale.

### **Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching**

Ursula K. Le Guin  
2019-05-14 A rich, poetic, and socially relevant version of the great spiritual and philosophical classic of Taoism, the Tao Te Ching—from one of America's leading

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literary figures In this landmark modern-day rendition of the ancient Taoist classic, Ursula K. Le Guin presents Lao Tzu's time-honored and astonishingly powerful philosophy like never before. Drawing on a lifetime of contemplation and including extensive personal commentary throughout, she offers an unparalleled window into the text's awe-inspiring, immediately relatable teachings and their inestimable value for our troubled world. Jargon-free but still faithful to the poetic beauty of the original work, Le Guin's unique translation is sure to be welcomed by longtime readers of the Tao Te Ching as well as those discovering the text for the first time.

Hitler at Home Despina Stratigakos 2015-09-29 A look at Adolf Hitler's residences and their role in constructing and promoting the dictator's private persona both within Germany and abroad. Adolf Hitler's makeover from rabble-

rouser to statesman coincided with a series of dramatic home renovations he undertook during the mid-1930s. This provocative book exposes the dictator's preoccupation with his private persona, which was shaped by the aesthetic and ideological management of his domestic architecture. Hitler's bachelor life stirred rumors, and the Nazi regime relied on the dictator's three dwellings—the Old Chancellery in Berlin, his apartment in Munich, and the Berghof, his mountain home on the Obersalzberg—to foster the myth of the Führer as a morally upstanding and refined man. Author Despina Stratigakos also reveals the previously untold story of Hitler's interior designer, Gerdy Troost, through newly discovered archival sources. At the height of the Third Reich, media outlets around the world showcased Hitler's homes to audiences eager for behind-the-scenes stories. After the war,

fascination with Hitler's domestic life continued as soldiers and journalists searched his dwellings for insights into his psychology. The book's rich illustrations, many previously unpublished, offer readers a rare glimpse into the decisions involved in the making of Hitler's homes and into the sheer power of the propaganda that influenced how the world saw him.

"Inarguably the powder-keg title of the year."—Mitchell Owen, Architectural Digest "A fascinating read, which reminds us that in Nazi Germany the architectural and the political can never be disentangled. Like his own confected image, Hitler's buildings cannot be divorced from their odious political hinterland."—Roger Moorhouse, Times

Loving What Is, Revised Edition Byron Katie  
2021-12-07 Discover the truth hiding behind troubling thoughts with Byron Katie's self-help classic. In 2003, Byron

Katie first introduced the world to The Work with the publication of Loving What Is. Nearly twenty years later, Loving What Is continues to inspire people all over the world to do The Work; to listen to the answers they find inside themselves; and to open their minds to profound, spacious, and life-transforming insights. The Work is simply four questions that, when applied to a specific problem, enable you to see what is troubling you in an entirely different light. Loving What Is shows you step by step, through clear and vivid examples, exactly how to use this revolutionary process for yourself. In this revised edition, readers will enjoy seven new dialogues, or real examples of Katie doing The Work with people to discover the root cause of their suffering. You will observe people work their way through a broad range of human problems, learning freedom through the very thoughts that had caused

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their suffering—thoughts such as “my husband betrayed me” or “my mother doesn’t love me enough.” If you continue to do The Work, you may discover that the questioning flows into every aspect of your life, effortlessly undoing the stressful thoughts that keep you from experiencing peace. Loving What Is offers everything you need to learn and live this remarkable process, and to find happiness as what Katie calls “a lover of reality.”

**Dropping Ashes on the Buddha** Stephen Mitchell 2007-12-01 “Somebody comes into the Zen center with a lighted cigarette, walks up to the Buddha statue, blows smoke in its face, and drops ashes on its lap. You are standing there. What can you do?” This is a problem that Zen Master Seung Sahn is fond of posing to his American students who attend his Zen centers. Dropping Ashes on the Buddha is a delightful, irreverent, and often hilariously funny living

record of the dialogue between Korean Zen Master Seung Sahn and his American students. Consisting of dialogues, stories, formal Zen interviews, Dharma speeches, and letters using the Zen Master’s actual words in spontaneous, living interaction with his students, this book is a fresh presentation of the Zen teaching method of “instant dialogue” between Master and student which, through the use of astonishment and paradox, leads to an understanding of ultimate reality.

*Genesis* Stephen Mitchell 1997-09-09 0060172495 In this highly acclaimed translation, Stephen Mitchell conveys in English the simplicity, dignity and powerful earthiness of the original Hebrew. More than just interpreting it, he also separates stories that were combined by scribes centuries after they were written, explaining their sources and omitting all verses that are recognized as

scribal additions. Like removing coat after coat of lacquer from a once-vibrant masterpiece, this allows readers to appreciate the clarity of the original tales. Genesis is an extraordinarily beautiful book that is accessible in a way that no other translation has ever been. It will shed new light on readers' understanding of this seminal work of sacred scripture.

*Question Your Thinking, Change the World* Byron Katie 2007-10-01 In this powerful book of quotations, Byron Katie talks about the most essential issues that face us all—love, sex, and relationships; health, sickness, and death; parents and children; work and money; and self-realization. The profound, lighthearted wisdom embodied within is not theoretical; it is absolutely authentic. Not only will this book help you on many specific issues, but it will point you toward your own wisdom and will

encourage you to question your own mind, using the four simple yet incredibly powerful questions of Katie's process of self-inquiry, called The Work. Katie is a living example of the clear, all-embracing love that is our true identity. Because she has thoroughly questioned her own mind, her words shine with the joy of understanding. "People used to ask me if I was enlightened," she says, "and I would say, 'I don't know anything about that. I'm just someone who knows the difference between what hurts and what doesn't.' I'm someone who wants only what is. To meet as a friend each concept that arose turned out to be my freedom."

**Gilgamesh** Stephen Mitchell 2014-02-27 Vivid, enjoyable and comprehensible, the poet and pre-eminent translator Stephen Mitchell makes the oldest epic poem in the world accessible for the first time. Gilgamesh is a born leader, but in an

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attempt to control his growing arrogance, the Gods create Enkidu, a wild man, his equal in strength and courage. Enkidu is trapped by a temple prostitute, civilised through sexual experience and brought to Gilgamesh. They become best friends and battle evil together. After Enkidu's death the distraught Gilgamesh sets out on a journey to find Utnapishtim, the survivor of the Great Flood, made immortal by the Gods to ask him the secret of life and death. Gilgamesh is the first and remains one of the most important works of world literature. Written in ancient Mesopotamia in the second millennium B.C., it predates the Iliad by roughly 1,000 years. Gilgamesh is extraordinarily modern in its emotional power but also provides an insight into the values of an ancient culture and civilisation.

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2011-01-25 From Stephen Mitchell comes an

anthology of poetry chosen from the world's great religious and literary traditions--the perfect companion to Mitchel's bestselling translation of Tao Te Ching • The Upanishads • The Book of Psalms • Lao-tzu • The Bhagavad Gita • Chuang-tzu • The Odes of Solomon • Seng-ts'an • Han-shan • Li Po • Tu Fu • Layman P'ang • Kukai • Tung-shan • Symeon the New Theologian • Izumi Shikibu • Su Tung-p'o • Hildegard of Bingen • Francis of Assisi • Wu-men • Dōgen • Rumi • Mechthild of Magdeburg • Dante • Kabir Mirabai • William Shakespeare • George Herbert • Bunan • Gensei • Angelus Silesius • Thomas Traherne • Basho • William Blake • Ryōkan • Issa • Ghalib • Bibi Hayati • Walt Whitman • Emily Dickinson • Gerard Manley Hopkins • UvavnuK • Anonymous Navaho • W. B. Yeats • Antonio Machado • Rainer Maria Rilke • Wallace Stevens • D.H. Lawrence • Robinson Jeffers

### **The Essence of Wisdom**

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Stephen Mitchell  
1999-10-19 A renowned  
writer and translator  
presents an anthology of  
essential quotations  
from the masters of  
spiritual wisdom. The  
most powerful messages  
are the simplest ones.  
With that in mind,  
Stephen Mitchell has  
selected one hundred  
illuminating sayings  
from the great Eastern  
and Western literary and  
spiritual traditions.  
Ranging in length from  
one sentence to a dozen  
lines, the brief  
passages in "The Essence  
of Wisdom convey the  
life-transforming  
insights of the Buddha,  
Lao-tzu, Heraclitus, the  
Zen and Sufi masters,  
Spinoza, Blake, Emerson,  
Rilke, and other sages.  
The book is arranged to  
follow the course of the  
inner life from its  
beginning to the fullest  
embodiment of wisdom.  
Each quotation stands  
alone on the page. Each  
is a meditation in  
itself, meant not only  
to be read, but to be  
absorbed and reflected  
upon. This remarkable  
book gathers the words

of the world's deepest  
thinkers and spiritual  
teachers, and speaks to  
us in the clear voice of  
enlightenment. "From the  
Hardcover edition.

**Living by Vow** Shohaku  
Okumura 2012-06-26 A Sot  
Zen priest and Dharma  
successor of Kosho  
Uchiyama Roshi explores  
eight of Zen's most  
essential and universal  
liturgical texts and  
explains how the chants  
in these works support  
meditation and promote a  
life of freedom and  
compassion.

Meetings with the  
Archangel Stephen  
Mitchell 1999 This text  
centres on the  
narrator's spiritual  
growth. It tells of his  
quest for enlightenment  
and his search for the  
eternal questions - what  
God is, what love is,  
how we should live and  
how we can respond to  
evil. The book gives a  
profound and humourous  
insight into a wide  
variety of spiritual  
practices ranging from a  
broccoli smoking Jewish  
community through to a  
formidable tradition of  
Zen teachers. Tracing

its lineage to the reverent irreverence of the Zen masters and the dialogues of Plato, it meets the reader at the crossroads of humour and profound wisdom.

*Japanese Death Poems*  
1998-04-15 "A wonderful introduction to the Japanese tradition of jisei, this volume is crammed with exquisite, spontaneous verse and pithy, often hilarious, descriptions of the eccentric and committed monastics who wrote the poems." —Tricycle: The Buddhist Review Although the consciousness of death is, in most cultures, very much a part of life, this is perhaps nowhere more true than in Japan, where the approach of death has given rise to a centuries-old tradition of writing jisei, or the "death poem." Such a poem is often written in the very last moments of the poet's life. Hundreds of Japanese death poems, many with a commentary describing the circumstances of the poet's death, have been

translated into English here, the vast majority of them for the first time. Yoel Hoffmann explores the attitudes and customs surrounding death in historical and present-day Japan and gives examples of how these have been reflected in the nation's literature in general. The development of writing jisei is then examined—from the longing poems of the early nobility and the more "masculine" verses of the samurai to the satirical death poems of later centuries. Zen Buddhist ideas about death are also described as a preface to the collection of Chinese death poems by Zen monks that are also included. Finally, the last section contains three hundred twenty haiku, some of which have never been assembled before, in English translation and romanized in Japanese.

**The Second Book of the Tao**

Stephen Mitchell  
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the next volume of the classic manual on the art of living. The most widely translated book in world literature after the Bible, Lao-tzu's Tao Te Ching, or Book of the Way, is the classic manual on the art of living. Following the phenomenal success of his own version of the Tao Te Ching, renowned scholar and translator Stephen Mitchell has composed the innovative The Second Book of the Tao. Drawn from the work of Lao-tzu's disciple Chuang-tzu and Confucius's grandson Tzussu, The Second Book of the Tao offers Western readers a path into reality that has nothing to do with Taoism or Buddhism or old or new alone, but everything to do with truth. Mitchell has selected the freshest, clearest teachings from these two great students of the Tao and adapted them into versions that reveal the poetry, depth, and humor of the original texts with a thrilling new power.

Alongside each adaptation, Mitchell includes his own commentary, at once explicating and complementing the text. This book is a twenty-first-century form of ancient wisdom, bringing a new, homemade sequel to the Tao Te Ching into the modern world. Mitchell's renditions are radiantly lucid; they dig out the vision that's hiding beneath the words; they grab the text by the scruff of the neck—by its heart, really—and let its essential meanings fall out. The book introduces us to a cast of vivid characters, most of them humble artisans or servants, who show us what it means to be in harmony with the way things are. Its wisdom provides a psychological and moral acuity as deep as the Tao Te Ching itself. The Second Book of the Tao is a gift to contemporary readers, granting us access to our own fundamental wisdom. Mitchell's meditations and risky reimagining of the

original texts are brilliant and liberating, not least because they keep catching us off-guard, opening up the heavens where before we saw a roof. He makes the ancient teachings at once modern, relevant, and timeless. Listen to a special podcast with Stephen Mitchell:  
**Into Me See** Karen S. Wylie 2015-08-04 As an inspired channel for wisdom, hope and transformation, Rev. Karen offers these daily inspirations to you, the reader, as something to think about and ponder, or meditate upon, as you begin each new day. As you drink in the words and affirmations in this book, they are sure to bring you greater peace and joy. In a most penetrating way, her words drop into a space in the reader where they ring True with a capital "T." Her writing is lyrical, spiritual, ethereal, and surprisingly down to earth where the human experience meets the soul. Karen Wylie writes

from her open heart and from her solid belief that we live in a loving, supportive universe. She believes that if there is a desire in your heart to know anything, the answer will be revealed. Into Me See will support the reader in cultivating trust in his or her evolutionary process, the challenges one meets along the way, and the assisting grace that accompanies each of us on this journey. May you experience much joy and happiness on your own soul journey!

*The Magic of Conflict*

Thomas F. Crum

1998-02-01 This set of simple techniques, including meditation, breathing exercises, openness, and play--Aiki--leads gently to a reordered state of mind. From overcoming apathy to understanding how conflict doesn't have to mean contest, Aiki turns mind-body integration principles into powerful tools.

*Blue Hour* Carolyn Forche  
2010-08-24 "Blue Hour is an elusive book, because

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it is ever in pursuit of what the German poet Novalis called 'the [lost] presence beyond appearance.' The longest poem, 'On Earth,' is a transcription of mind passing from life into death, in the form of an abecedary, modeled on ancient gnostic hymns. Other poems in the book, especially 'Nocturne' and 'Blue Hour,' are lyric recoveries of the act of remembering, though the objects of memory seem to us vivid and irretrievable, the rage to summon and cling at once fierce and distracted. "The voice we hear in Blue Hour is a voice both very young and very old. It belongs to someone who has seen everything and who strives imperfectly, desperately, to be equal to what she has seen. The hunger to know is matched here by a desire to be new, totally without cynicism, open to the shocks of experience as if perpetually for the first time, though unillusioned, wise beyond any possible

taint of a false or assumed innocence." -- Robert Boyers

**Loving What Is** Byron Katie 2002-05-07 Out of nowhere, like a cool breeze in a marketplace crowded with advice, comes Byron Katie and "The Work." In the midst of a normal life, Katie became increasingly depressed, and over a ten-year period sank further into rage, despair, and thoughts of suicide. Then one morning, she woke up in a state of absolute joy, filled with the realization of how her own suffering had ended. The freedom of that realization has never left her, and now in *Loving What Is* you can discover the same freedom through *The Work*. *The Work* is simply four questions that, when applied to a specific problem, enable you to see what is troubling you in an entirely different light. As Katie says, "It's not the problem that causes our suffering; it's our thinking about the

problem." Contrary to popular belief, trying to let go of a painful thought never works; instead, once we have done The Work, the thought lets go of us. At that point, we can truly love what is, just as it is. Loving What Is will show you step-by-step, through clear and vivid examples, exactly how to use this revolutionary process for yourself. You'll see people do The Work with Katie on a broad range of human problems, from a wife ready to leave her husband because he wants more sex, to a Manhattan worker paralyzed by fear of terrorism, to a woman suffering over a death in her family. Many people have discovered The Work's power to solve problems; in addition, they say that through The Work they experience a sense of lasting peace and find

the clarity and energy to act, even in situations that had previously seemed impossible. If you continue to do The Work, you may discover, as many people have, that the questioning flows into every aspect of your life, effortlessly undoing the stressful thoughts that keep you from experiencing peace. Loving What Is offers everything you need to learn and live this remarkable process, and to find happiness as what Katie calls "a lover of reality."

The Essential Koran

Thomas Cleary 1994-03-11

THOMAS CLEARY is the pre-eminent translator of Buddhist and Taoist texts, including 'The Essential Tao', 'The Essential Confucius', 'The Secret of the Golden Flower', and the best-selling 'The Art of War'. "For Muslims the whole of the Qur'an is