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الآمال والأماني Hopes and Aspiration

1. Many [of those] who hope get disappointed, and many a traveller fails to return.

2. Many a person hopes for what he never achieves.

3. Hope brings death closer and takes aspiration further away.

4. Hope is the dominion of devils over hearts of the negligent.

5. Hope is like a mirage, it deceives the one who sees it and disheartens the one who looks forward to it.

6. Hope is always in denial; and long life is an affliction for man.

7. Belie hope and do not trust it, for it is a deception and he who possesses it is deceived.

8. Belie your hopes and take advantage of your lifetimes to perform your best deeds, and hasten with the hastening of the wise and those endowed with understanding.

9. Be wary of the deceit of hopes, for many a person has hoped for a day that never came and built a house that he never occupied and amassed wealth that he never used, and it may be that he amassed it unlawfully by depriving others of their rights, thereby acquiring what is forbidden and carrying the burden of sin.

10. Be wary of vain hopes, as it is possible for one who starts a day not to end it and for one who is deemed fortunate at dusk to be mourned at dawn.

11. Be cautious of dashed hopes and seized blessings.

12. Beware of relying on [your] hopes, for this is the trait of fools.

13. The deception of hope corrupts [one's] action.

14. An ignorant person is fooled by the deception of his hope, so he loses the best of his actions.

15. The deception of hope wastes time and brings death closer.

16. In the deception of hopes, lifetimes lapse.

17. Aspirations may deceive.

18. Hopes may beguile.

19. Rarely do hopes turn out to be true.

20. Reduce your hopes, fear the suddenness of death and hasten towards performing good deeds.

21. Decrease your hopes and your actions will become sincere.

22. Reduce your hopes, for your death is indeed near!

23. Reduce [your] hopes, for verily life is short; and perform good actions, for verily little of it is plenty.

24. Reduce [your] hopes, hasten towards [good] deeds and fear the suddenness of death, as the return of lifetime cannot be hoped for like the return of livelihood. Whatever is missed from livelihood today may be hoped for tomorrow with increase, but whatever is lost from one's lifetime yesterday, its return cannot be hoped for today.

25. Every person is seeking his aspirations while [concurrently] being sought by his death.

26. How many a person is deluded by hopes, [and] ends up wasting his actions!

27. Hope is sufficient as a deception.

28. Increased aspirations stem from corruption of the intellect.

29. For every hope there is a delusion.

30. Hopes never end.

31. Hope causes death to be forgotten.

32. Aspirations are incentives for men.

33. Hope is the veil of death.

34. There is no end to hope.

35. Hope is an intimate companion.

36. Hope is a cheater, deceiver, and harmer.

37. Hope corrupts [one's] actions and wastes [one's] lifetime.

38. Aspirations blind the eyes of insight.

39. Aspirations beguile you, and in the presence of reality, they abandon you.

40. Verily I am fighting against my hopes and waiting for my death.

41. Verily you will not reach what you hope for and will never surpass death, so be conscious of Allah and be moderate in your desires.

42. If you are deceived by hopes, you will surely be annihilated by the fast approaching death and will have lost [the opportunity to perform] good deeds.

43. The bane of hopes is the coming of death.

44. The bane of hope is death.

45. With the realization of hopes, it becomes easier to overcome [one's] fears.

46. The worst habit is hoping [for too much] as it wastes one's lifetime and causes one to lose [the opportunity to perform good] deeds.

47. Keep away from vain hopes, for they take away the delight of the blessings of Allah from you and make them seem small and insignificant, thereby increasing your lack of gratitude.

48. The fruit of hope is corruption of deeds.

49. The product of aspirations is regret (and its fruit is loss).

50. How close death is to hope!

51. How corrupting is hope for deeds!

52. How severing is death for hope!

53. No one lengthens his hopes except that he [also] curtails his actions.

54. What is the matter with you? You hope for that which you do not achieve, amass wealth which you do not use and build houses which you do not occupy!

55. No one lengthens his hopes except that he forgets death and performs evil actions.

56. The best assistance for action is curtailing hopes.

57. Let aspirations and ploys not deceive you, for this suffices as ineptness.

58. No deception is more misleading than hope.

59. Nothing is more untrue than hope.

60. Aspirations are not loyal to those who rely on them.

61. The smallest of hopes leads to corruption of actions.

62. Be wary of [false] aspirations, for verily they are certain [causes of] deaths.

63. Be cautious not to depend on hopes, for they are the wares of the unintelligent.

64. The most beneficial cure is abandoning [false] aspirations.

65. Aspirations are scattered [and dispersed].

66. Aspirations delude.

67. False aspiration is the trait of fools.

68. Submission to hope corrupts [one's] actions.

69. It is when death comes that the failure of hopes becomes apparent.

70. I wonder at the one who has no control over his death, how can he lengthen his hopes?

71. The end of hope is death.

72. The farthest thing is hope.

73. Those who have the most [false] hopes are the ones who remember death the least.

74. Those who have the longest hopes are the ones whose deeds are the worst.

75. Verily Allah, the Glorified, hates the one who has long hopes and performs evil actions.

76. Indeed man reaches near [the realization of] his hopes, when the [sudden] approach of his death cuts them short, then – Glory be to Allah! – Neither is the hope realized nor is the hoper spared.

77. Be cautious not to lengthen [your] hope, for many a deceived person has been enticed by his long hope and corrupted his deeds and cut [short] his lifetime, then neither was his hope realized nor was that which he lost regained.

78. Where will the falsehoods of hopes mislead you to?!

79. Where will the mirage of hopes misguide you to?!

80. The most delusive thing is hope.

81. The one who is worst in bargaining and most unsuccessful in striving is he who exerts himself in seeking the realization of his hopes while fate does not help him in his aims, and [as a result] he leaves this world in a sorrowful state and proceeds to the next world where he faces the consequences.

82. Hope is treacherous.

83. Hope deceives and lifetime passes.

84. Hope misleads and transgression strikes down.

85. One who is deceived by hopes is misled.

86. Aspirations are the wares of the unintelligent.

87. Hopes are the delusions of the foolish.

88. Hopes bring death closer.

89. One whose aspirations increase, his satisfaction decreases.

90. One whose hopes lengthen, his actions become worse.

91. One who is deceived by hope is misled by it.

92. One who is deceived by aspirations is belied by death.

93. One who reaches the end of his hopes should expect the arrival of his death.

94. One who follows his aspirations faces increased hardship.

95. One who proceeds on the path of his hopes, stumbles upon his death.

96. One whose aspirations increase, his hardship increases.

97. One who hopes for that which is not possible, his anticipation becomes long.

98. One whose hope is [to reach] Allah, shall realize the fulfilment of his hope and aspiration.

99. Whoever regards his remaining lifetime to be fleeting, his hopes and aspirations become short.

100. One who proceeds on the course of his hopes, stumbles upon his death.

101. One who hopes for anything other than Allah, the Glorified, has given lie to his hopes.

102. One who seeks support from his aspirations becomes penniless.

103. It is foolishness to depending on [one's] hope.

104. The humiliation of men is in the dashing of hopes.

105. May Allah have mercy on the man who shortens his hopes, anticipates death, makes good use of his time and takes with him the provisions of [good] deeds.

106. Many an aspiration may lie beneath death.

107. Take away from your long hopes and increase your short lifetime, and do not be deceived by your good physical health and yesterday's wellbeing, for life is short and good health is prone to change.

108. The worst poverty is [false] aspiration.

109. Lifetimes are wasted between hope and aspiration.

110. Blessed is he who shortens his hopes and makes good use of his time.

111. Blessed is he who belies his aspirations and sacrifices his world in order to build his Hereafter.

112. One who relies on his aspirations dies without [realizing] his hopes.

113. One who trusts his aspirations will have them severed by death.

114. Whoever shortens his hopes, beautifies his actions.

115. Whoever lengthens his hopes, corrupts his actions.

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