

# Adi Shankara Quotes

*Self, Dream, Real, Meditation, Reality, Attachment, Giving Up, Mind,  
Imagination, Eye, Space, Brother, Teaching, Wise, Nature, Loud, Ignorance,  
Moving, Grammar, Omniscient*

Do not be proud of wealth, people, relations and friends, or youth. All these are snatched by time in the blink of an eye. Giving up this illusory world, know and attain the Supreme.

~Adi Shankara

Reality can be experienced only with the eye of understanding, not just by a scholar

~Adi Shankara

Knowing that I am different from the body, I need not neglect the body. It is a vehicle that I use to transact with the world. It is the temple which houses the Pure Self within.

~Adi Shankara

The world, like a dream full of attachments and aversions seems real until the awakening.

~Adi Shankara

Loud speech, profusion of words, and possessing skillfulness in expounding scriptures are merely for the enjoyment of the learned. They do not lead to liberation.

~Adi Shankara

When your last breath arrives, Grammar can do nothing.

~Adi Shankara

Curb your senses and your mind and see the Lord within your heart.

~Adi Shankara

There is sorrow in finitude. The Self is beyond time, space and objects. It is infinite and hence of the nature of absolute happiness.

~Adi Shankara

The treasure I have found cannot be described in words, the mind

cannot conceive of it.

~Adi Shankara

Each thing tends to move towards its own nature. I always desire happiness which is my true nature. My nature is never a burden to me. Happiness is never a burden to me, whilst sorrow is.

~Adi Shankara

What is enquiry into the Truth? It is the firm conviction that the Self is real, and all, other than That, is unreal.

~Adi Shankara

From a clear knowledge of the Bhagavad-gita all the goals of human existence become fulfilled. Bhagavad-gita is the manifest quintessence of all the teachings of the Vedic scriptures.

~Adi Shankara

Like the appearance of silver in mother of pearl, the world seems real until the Self, the underlying reality, is realized.

~Adi Shankara

Thus one should know oneself to be of the nature of Existence-Consciousness-Bliss[Sat-Chit-Ananda].

~Adi Shankara

But the jiva [living being] is endowed with ego and his knowledge is limited, whereas Ishwar is without ego and is omniscient.

~Adi Shankara

The witness of the three states of consciousness [waking, dream and deep sleep] and of the nature of Existence-Consciousness-Bliss is the Self

~Adi Shankara

Space seems broken and diverse because of the many forms in it. Remove the forms and pure space remains. So, too with the Omnipresent Self.

~Adi Shankara

Who but the Atman is capable of removing the bonds of ignorance, passion and self-interested action?

~Adi Shankara

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