

# Ramakrishna Quotes

*Men, Heart, World, Spiritual, Grace, Inspirational, Water, Long, God, Children,  
Love, Mind, Ignorance, Real, Doe, Mean, Fall, Realizing, Ocean, Thinking*

The supreme purpose and goal for human life... is to cultivate love.

~Ramakrishna

As long as I live, so long do I learn.

~Ramakrishna

The sun can give heat and light to the whole world, but he cannot do so when the clouds shut out his rays. Similarly as long as egotism veils the heart, God cannot shine upon it.

~Ramakrishna

All religions are true. God can be reached by different religions. Many rivers flow by many ways but they fall into the sea. They all are one.

~Ramakrishna

It is true that God is even in the tiger, but we must not go and face the animal. So it is true that God dwells even in the most wicked, but it is not meet that we should associate with the wicked.

~Ramakrishna

The winds of grace are always blowing, but you have to raise the sail.

~Ramakrishna

God is in all men, but all men are not in God; that is why we suffer.

~Ramakrishna

All troubles come to an end when the ego dies

~Ramakrishna

A boat may stay in water, but water should not stay in boat. A spiritual aspirant may live in the world, but the world should not live within him.

~Ramakrishna

Wisdom leads to unity, but ignorance to separation. So long as God

seems to be outside and far away, there is ignorance. But when God is realised within, that is true knowledge.

~Ramakrishna

One cannot be spiritual as long as one has shame, hatred, or fear.

~Ramakrishna

An ocean of bliss may rain down from the heavens, but if you hold up only a thimble, that is all you receive

~Ramakrishna

Why does God allow evil in the world? To thicken the plot.

~Ramakrishna

To work without attachment is to work without the expectation of reward.

~Ramakrishna

The winds of grace blow all the time. All we need to do is set our sails.

~Ramakrishna

Pray to God that your attachment to such transitory things as wealth, name, and creature comforts may become less and less every day.

~Ramakrishna

Bondage is of the mind; freedom too is of the mind. If you say 'I am a free soul. I am a son of God who can bind me' free you shall be.

~Ramakrishna

If you must be mad, be it not for the things of the world. Be mad with the love of God.

~Ramakrishna

Do not be small minded. Do not pray for gourds and pumpkins from

God, when you should be asking for pure love and pure knowledge to dawn within every heart.

~Ramakrishna

If you meditate on your ideal, you will acquire its nature. If you think of God day and night, you will acquire the nature of God.

~Ramakrishna

Sugar and sand may be mixed together, but the ant rejects the sand and goes off with the sugar grain; so pious men lift the good from the bad.

~Ramakrishna

The Man who works for others, without any selfish motive, really does good to himself.

~Ramakrishna

Great men have the nature of a child.

~Ramakrishna

Disease is the tax which the soul pays for the body, as the tenant pays house-rent for the use of the house.

~Ramakrishna

The winds of God's grace are always blowing, it is for us to raise our sails.

~Ramakrishna

Pray to Him anyway you like, He can even hear the footfall of an ant.

~Ramakrishna

Unless one always speaks the truth, one cannot find God Who is the soul of truth.

~Ramakrishna

Do yourself what you wish others to do.

~Ramakrishna

The breeze of grace is always blowing on you. You have to open the sails and your boat will move forward.

~Ramakrishna

Longing is like the rosy dawn. After the dawn out comes the sun. Longing is followed by the vision of God.

~Ramakrishna

The world is impermanent. One should constantly remember death.

~Ramakrishna

The tree laden with fruits always bends low. If you wish to be great, be lowly and meek.

~Ramakrishna

God is everywhere but He is most manifest in man. So serve man as God. That is as good as worshipping God.

~Ramakrishna

You should love everyone because God dwells in all beings.

~Ramakrishna

Have love for everyone, no one is other than you.

~Ramakrishna

Through selfless work, love of God grows in heart.

~Ramakrishna

Common men talk bagfuls of religion but do not practise even a grain of it. The wise man speaks a little, even though his whole life is religion expressed in action.

~Ramakrishna

Many good sayings are to be found in holy books, but merely reading them will not make one religious.

~Ramakrishna

The breeze of grace is always blowing; set your sail to catch that breeze.

~Ramakrishna

One must be very particular about telling the truth. Through truth one can realize God.

~Ramakrishna

Make your meditation a continuous state of mind. A great worship is going on all the time, so nothing should be neglected or excluded from your constant meditative awareness.

~Ramakrishna

Once a person has faith, he has achieved everything.

~Ramakrishna

When the divine vision is attained, all appear equal; and there remains no distinction of good and bad, or of high and low.

~Ramakrishna

If you spent one-tenth of the time you devoted to distractions like chasing women or making money to spiritual practice, you would be enlightened in a few years.

~Ramakrishna

When one has love for God, one doesn't feel any physical attraction to wife, children, relatives and friends. One retains only compassion for them.

~Ramakrishna

Through selfless work, love of God grows in the heart. Then through his grace one realize him in course of time. God can be seen. One can talk to him as I am talking to you.

~Ramakrishna

Travel in all the four quarters of the earth, you will find nothing (no true religion) anywhere. Whatever there is, is only here (i .e . in one 's own heart.)

~Ramakrishna

One day, it was suddenly revealed to me that everything is pure spirit.

~Ramakrishna

Man suffers through lack of faith in God.

~Ramakrishna

If there are errors in other religions, that is none of our business. God, to whom the world belongs, takes care of that.

~Ramakrishna

Try to cultivate love of God. You are born as a human being only to attain divine love.

~Ramakrishna

It is not lust alone that one should be afraid of in the life of the world. There is also anger. Anger arises when obstacles are placed in the way of desire.

~Ramakrishna

If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore conclude that the sea is without them.

~Ramakrishna

The way of love is as true as the way of knowledge. All paths ultimately lead to the same Truth. But as long as God keeps the feeling of ego in us, it is easier to follow the path of love.

~Ramakrishna

The fabled musk deer searches the world over for the source of the scent which comes from itself.

~Ramakrishna

He is born in vain, who having attained the human birth, so difficult to get, does not attempt to realize God in this very life.

~Ramakrishna

A man is truly free, even here in this embodied state, if he knows that God is the true agent and he by himself is powerless to do anything.

~Ramakrishna

The world is indeed a mixture of truth and make-believe. Discard the make-believe and take the truth.

~Ramakrishna

What is the use of merely listening to lectures? The real thing is practice.

~Ramakrishna

When the flower blooms, the bees come uninvited.

~Ramakrishna

It is the mind that makes one wise or ignorant, bound or emancipated.

~Ramakrishna

If you keep your heart immersed always in the depth of that holy love, your heart is sure to remain ever full to overflowing with the Divine fervour of sacred love.



~Ramakrishna

More are the names of God and infinite are the forms through which He may be approached. In whatever name and form you worship Him, through them you will realise Him.

~Ramakrishna

God in the form of the saint, God in the form of the sinner, God in the form of the righteous, God in the form of the unrighteous.

~Ramakrishna

You should not feel that your path is the only right path and that other paths are wrong. You mustn't bear malice toward others.

~Ramakrishna

As a piece of rope, when burnt, retains its form, but cannot serve to bind, so is the ego which is burnt by the fire of supreme Knowledge.

~Ramakrishna

Who is whose Guru? God alone is the guide and Guru of the universe.

~Ramakrishna

Honour both spirit and form, the sentiment within as well as the symbol without.

~Ramakrishna

Unalloyed love of God is the essential thing. All else is unreal.

~Ramakrishna

Different creeds are but different paths to reach the same God.

~Ramakrishna

It is on account of the ego that one is not able to see God. In front of the door of God's mansion lies the stump of ego. One cannot enter the

mansion without jumping over the stump.

~Ramakrishna

By the mind one is bound; by the mind one is freed. ... He who asserts with strong conviction: "I am not bound, I am free," becomes free.

~Ramakrishna

So many religions, so many paths to reach the one and the same goal.

~Ramakrishna

Whoever wants God intensely, finds Him. Go and verify it in your own life.

~Ramakrishna

The fool who repeats again and again: "I am bound, I am bound," remains in bondage. He who repeats day and night: "I am a sinner, I am a sinner," becomes a sinner indeed.

~Ramakrishna

Bondage and Liberation are of the mind alone.

~Ramakrishna

To work without attachment is to work without the expectation of reward or fear of any punishment in this world or the next. Work so done is a means to the end, and God is the end.

~Ramakrishna

We laugh at the efforts of the musk deer to find the source of the scent which comes from itself and despair at our efforts to find the peace which is our essence.

~Ramakrishna

If you want to go east, don't go west.

~Ramakrishna

When the fruit appears the blossom drops off. Love of God is the fruit, and rituals are the blossom.

~Ramakrishna

The goal of life is not the earning of money, but the service of God.p.114

~Ramakrishna

One cannot attain divine knowledge till one gets rid of pride. Water does not stay on the top of a mound; but into low land it flows in torrents from all sides.

~Ramakrishna

The world is impermanent. [All things change. Knowing this helps you see the end of any difficulty and thereby have hope.]

~Ramakrishna

Infinite are the paths and infinite the opinions.

~Ramakrishna

God cannot be realized if there is the slightest trace of pride.

~Ramakrishna

The compassion that you see in the kindhearted is God's compassion. He has given it to them to protect the helpless.

~Ramakrishna

If a white cloth is stained even with a small spot, the stain appears very ugly indeed. So the smallest fault of a holy man becomes painfully prominent.

~Ramakrishna

Live in the world like a waterfowl. The water clings to the bird, but the bird shakes it off. Live in the world like a mudfish. The fish lives in the

mud, but its skin is always bright and shiny.

~Ramakrishna

The ego is like the root of a banyan tree, you think you have removed it all then one fine morning you see a sprout flourishing again.

~Ramakrishna

As the snake is separate from its slough, even so is the Spirit separate from the body.

~Ramakrishna

When you meditate, go into the solitude of a forest, or a quiet corner, and enter into the chamber of your heart. And always keep your power of discrimination awake.

~Ramakrishna

It is easy to talk on religion, but difficult to practice it.

~Ramakrishna

You must know that there are different tastes. There are also different powers of digestion... different temperaments... differences in the capacity to comprehend.

~Ramakrishna

The waves belong to the water. Does the water belong to the waves?

~Ramakrishna

Live like a mud-fish: its skin is bright and shiny even though it lives in mud.

~Ramakrishna

The grace of God is a wind which is always blowing.

~Ramakrishna

He who is called Krishna is also Siva and the Primal Sakti...He again, who is called Jesus and Allah. Truth is one.

~Ramakrishna

Men bound hand and foot in the endless chain of cause & effect cannot free each other.

~Ramakrishna

Knowledge leads to unity, but ignorance to diversity.

~Ramakrishna

Forgiveness is the true nature of the ascetic.

~Ramakrishna

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