

# Saadi Quotes

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A wise man among the ignorant is as a beautiful girl in the company of blind men.

~Saadi

Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.

~Saadi

I fear God the most, but after Him, I fear those who don't fear Him.

~Saadi

Whatever makes an impression on the heart seems lovely in the eye.

~Saadi

You who feel no pain at the suffering of others It is not fitting for you to be called human.

~Saadi

When the belly is empty, the body becomes spirit; and when it is full, the spirit becomes body.

~Saadi

It's no virtue to gain the whole world. Just gain the heart of one person.

~Saadi

If a gem falls into mud it is still valuable. If dust ascends to heaven, it remains valueless.

~Saadi

The best loved by God are those that are rich, yet have the humility of the poor, and those that are poor and have the magnanimity of the rich.

~Saadi

Whoever acquires knowledge but does not practice it is as one who

ploughs but does not sow.

~Saadi

Every leaf of the tree becomes a page of the book, once the heart is opened and it has learnt to read.

~Saadi

Make no friendship with an elephant keeper  
If you have no room to entertain an elephant

~Saadi

The heart is like a musical instrument of many strings, all the chords of which require putting in harmony.

~Saadi

The hand of liberality is stronger than the arm of power.

~Saadi

A handsome woman is a jewel; a good woman is a treasure.

~Saadi

O Contentment, make me rich! for without thee there is no wealth.

~Saadi

Better is the sinner who hath thoughts about God, than the saint who hath only the show of sanctity.

~Saadi

A grateful dog is better than an ungrateful man.

~Saadi

Whoever gives advice to a heedless man is himself in need of advice.

~Saadi

Religion is only in the service of the people; it is not in the rosary and the prayer-carpet.

~Saadi

God gives sleep to the bad, in order that the good may be undisturbed.

~Saadi

When a man appreciates only eating and sleeping, what excellence has he over the reptiles?

~Saadi

In the sea there are countless treasures, But if you desire safety, it is on the shore.

~Saadi

Nothing is so good for an ignorant man as silence; and if he was sensible of this he would not be ignorant.

~Saadi

The world is not a courtroom There is no judge no jury no plaintiff. This is a caravan filled with eccentric beings telling wondrous stories about God.

~Saadi

Ants, fighting together, will vanquish the lion.

~Saadi

A traveler without knowledge is a bird without wings.

~Saadi

Anger that has no limit causes terror, and unseasonable kindness does away with respect. Be not so severe as to cause disgust, nor so lenient as to make people presume.

~Saadi

When you see contention amongst your enemies, go and sit at ease with your friends; but when you see them of one mind, string your bow, and place stones upon the ramparts.

~Saadi

People are crying up the rich and variegated plumage of the peacock, and he is himself blushing at the sight of his ugly feet.

~Saadi

Whenever you argue with another wiser than yourself in order that others may admire your wisdom, they will discover your ignorance.

~Saadi

Virtue is in the mind, not in the appearance.

~Saadi

A man is insensible to the relish of prosperity until he has tasted adversity.

~Saadi

He who is intoxicated with wine will be sober again in the course of the night, but he who is intoxicated by the cupbearer will not recover his senses until the day of judgement.

~Saadi

Whoever recounts to you the faults of your neighbour will doubtless expose your defects to others.

~Saadi

There is a difference between him who claspeth his mistress in his arms, and him whose eyes are fixed on the door expecting her.

~Saadi

Tell no one the secret that you want to keep, although he may be

worthy of confidence; for no one will be so careful of your secret as yourself.

~Saadi

He who learns, and makes no use of his learning, is a beast of burden with a load of books. Does the ass comprehend whether he carries on his back a library or a bundle of faggots?

~Saadi

Patience accomplishes its object, while hurry speeds to its ruin.

~Saadi

The rose and the thorn, and sorrow and gladness are linked together.

~Saadi

Wherever the tree of beneficence takes root, it sends forth branches beyond the sky!

~Saadi

Virtue pardons the wicked, as the sandal-tree perfumes the axe which strikes it.

~Saadi

Pride thyself on what virtue thou hast, and not on thy parentage.

~Saadi

Kings stand more in need of the company of the intelligent than the intelligent do of the society of kings.

~Saadi

Whatever is produced in haste goes hastily to waste.

~Saadi

He who is a slave to his stomach seldom worships God.

~Saadi

He taught people with his best way. He showed his beauty. He was all good so peace be on him and his family.

~Saadi

Man is, beyond dispute, the most excellent of created beings, and the vilest animal is a dog; but the sages agree that a grateful dog is better than an ungrateful man.

~Saadi

I have often found a small stream at its fountain-head, that, when followed up, carried away the camel with his load.

~Saadi

The remedy against want is to moderate your desires.

~Saadi

A lovely face is the solace of wounded hearts and the key of locked-up gates.

~Saadi

It is wrong to follow the advice of an adversary; nevertheless it is right to hear it, that you may do the contrary; and this is the essence of good policy.

~Saadi

The severity of the master is more useful than the indulgence of the father.

~Saadi

A little and a little, collected together, becomes a great deal; the heap in the barn consists of single grains, and drop and drop make the inundation.

~Saadi

Be not in the desire of thine own ease.

~Saadi

He who is indifferent to the suffering of others is a traitor to that which is truly human.

~Saadi

The sons of Adam are formed from dust; if not humble as the dust, they fall short of being men.

~Saadi

Be thou good thyself, and let people speak evil of thee; it is better than to be wicked, and that they should consider thee as good.

~Saadi

The wise man tells not what he knows. It is not prudent to sport with one's head by revealing the king's secrets.

~Saadi

Have patience. Everything is difficult before it is easy.

~Saadi

Oman overall has great animal and plant biodiversity because it has mountains, desert, coastal areas and rich coral reefs.

~Saadi

Holiness comes by holy deeds. Not starving flesh of daily needs.

~Saadi

I have never seen a man lost who was on a straight path.

~Saadi



That sorrow which is the harbinger of joy is preferable to the joy which is followed by sorrow.

~Saadi

Were the diver to think on the jaws of the shark, he would never lay hands on the precious pearl.

~Saadi

The bird alighteth not on the spread net when it beholds another bird in the snare. Take warning by the misfortunes of others, that others may not take example from you.

~Saadi

A little beauty is preferable to much wealth.

~Saadi

Two orders of mankind are the enemies of church and state; the king without clemency, and the holy man without learning.

~Saadi

The true disciple should aim to live for the gospel, rather than to die for it.

~Saadi

No person learned the art of archery from me, who did not in the end make me his target.

~Saadi

The bad fortune of the good turns their faces up to heaven; the good fortune of the bad bows their heads down to the earth.

~Saadi

Use a sweet tongue, courtesy, and gentleness, and thou mayest manage to guide an elephant by a hair.

~Saadi

Take care what you say before a wall, as you cannot tell who may be behind it.

~Saadi

An enemy to whom you show kindness becomes your friend.

~Saadi

A man of virtue, judgment, and prudence speaks not until there is silence.

~Saadi

Joy and sorrow, beauty and deformity, equally pass away.

~Saadi

Obedience is not truly performed by the body of him whose heart is dissatisfied. The shell without a kernel is not fit for store.

~Saadi

A dog will never forget the crumb thou gavest him, though thou mayst afterwards throw a hundred stones at his head.

~Saadi

Obedience insures greatness, whilst disobedience leads to a repulse. Whosoever possesseth the qualities of righteousness placeth his head on the threshold of obedience.

~Saadi

If a piece of worthless stone can bruise a cup of gold, its worth is not increased, nor that of the gold diminished.

~Saadi

When thou seest thine enemy in trouble, curl not thy whiskers in

contempt; for in every bone there is marrow, and within every jacket there is a man.

~Saadi

Every person thinks his own intellect perfect, and his own child handsome.

~Saadi

When the ruler is obedient to God, God is his protector and friend.

~Saadi

Whosoever formeth an intimacy with the enemies of his friends, does so to injure the latter. O wise man! wash your hands of that friend who associates with your enemies.

~Saadi

The sea does not contain all the pearls, the earth does not enclose all the treasures, and the flint-stone does not inclose all the diamonds, since the head of man encloses wisdom.

~Saadi

Publish not men's secret faults, for by disgracing them you make yourself of no repute.

~Saadi

To be over much facetious is the accomplishment of courtiers and blemish of the wise.

~Saadi

The greedy man is incontent with a whole world set before him.

~Saadi

However much you are read in theory, if thou hast no practice thou art ignorant

~Saadi

Be generous, and pleasant-tempered, and forgiving; even as God scatter favors over thee, do thou scatter over the people.

~Saadi

Do to me, O Allah, what is worthy of Thee; And not what is worthy of me.

~Saadi

I fear God and next to God I mostly fear them that fear him not.

~Saadi

None can be so true to your secret as yourself.

~Saadi

It is safer to be silent than to reveal one's secret to any one, and telling him not to mention it.

~Saadi

He, who learns and makes no use of his learning, is a beast of burden, with a load of books.

~Saadi

Do good even to the wicked; it is as well to shut a dog's mouth with a crumb.

~Saadi

Roam abroad in the world, and take thy fill of its enjoyments before the day shall come when thou must quit it for good.

~Saadi

Forgiveness is commendable, but apply not ointment to the wound of an oppressor.

~Saadi

O wise man, wash your hands of that friend who associates with your enemies.

~Saadi

Whoever has his foe at his mercy, and does not kill him, is his own enemy

~Saadi

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