

Thiruvalluvar Quotes

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Use

How can one, who eats the flesh of others to swell his flesh, show compassion?

~Thiruvalluvar

The only gift is giving to the poor; All else is exchange.

~Thiruvalluvar

There is no greater wealth than Virtue, And no greater loss than to forget it.

~Thiruvalluvar

Even more than the time when she gave birth, a mother feels her greatest joy when she hears others refer to her son as a wise learned one.

~Thiruvalluvar

The biggest fool is he who has learned much, taught much, and is still discontented.

~Thiruvalluvar

Be wise among the wise, but pretend to be dull among fools.

~Thiruvalluvar

The lotus' stem is as long as the depth of water, So men's height is just as great as their inner strength.

~Thiruvalluvar

Real kindness seeks no return.

~Thiruvalluvar

Friendship with the wise gets better with time, as a good book gets better with age.

~Thiruvalluvar

Among a man's many good possessions, A good command of speech has no equal. Prosperity and ruin issue from the power of the tongue. Therefore, guard yourself against thoughtless speech.

~Thiruvalluvar

Nothing is impossible for those who act after wise counsel and careful thought.

~Thiruvalluvar

The wound that's made by fire will heal, But the wound that's made by tongue will never heal.

~Thiruvalluvar

Not every light is a true light; To the wise the light of truth is light itself.

~Thiruvalluvar

To use bitter words, when kind words are at hand, Is like picking unripe fruit when the ripe fruit is there.

~Thiruvalluvar

They who in trouble untroubled are Will trouble trouble itself.

~Thiruvalluvar

It is compassion, the most gracious of virtues, Which moves the world.

~Thiruvalluvar

Those who give way to great anger are like the dead: Those who are free from anger are free from death.

~Thiruvalluvar

Even the ignorant may appear very worthy, If they keep silent before the learned.

~Thiruvalluvar

Make foes of bowmen if you must, Never of penmen.

~Thiruvalluvar

There may be many who will gladly face death in the battlefield, but few who will face a hostile society.

~Thiruvalluvar

When the rare chance comes, seize it To do the rare deed.

~Thiruvalluvar

Those who pretend to know what they don't, will be thought ignorant of even what they know.

~Thiruvalluvar

When no food is given to the ear, Then let a little be given to the stomach.

~Thiruvalluvar

Conquer with forbearance The excesses of insolence.

~Thiruvalluvar

The worth of a wife is a man's good fortune; His jewels are his good children.

~Thiruvalluvar

Anger kills both laughter and joy; What greater foe is there than anger?

~Thiruvalluvar

When you are about to badger the weak, Then imagine yourself before a more powerful man.

~Thiruvalluvar

To turn away a guest is poorest poverty; To bear with fools is mightiest might.

~Thiruvalluvar

As the quality of water changes with the nature of the soil; So will a man's reason vary with the quality of his friends.

~Thiruvalluvar

Better the arrow that missed the lion than the one that killed a rabbit.

~Thiruvalluvar

Those who have wisdom have all: Fools with all have nothing.

~Thiruvalluvar

The ignorant torment themselves more than they do others.

~Thiruvalluvar

The learned are said to have seeing eyes; The unlearned have only two sores on their faces.

~Thiruvalluvar

If men must beg to live, May the Creator also go wandering and perish.

~Thiruvalluvar

Those are fools however learned Who have not learned to walk with the world.

~Thiruvalluvar

Whatever things a man gives up, By those he cannot suffer pain.

~Thiruvalluvar

To get wealth and security by guile Is like one who pours water into a pot of unbaked clay.

~Thiruvalluvar

Fame is a jealous mistress And will brook no rival.

~Thiruvalluvar

Great wealth, like a crowd at a concert, Gathers and melts.

~Thiruvalluvar

Reasoning with a drunkard is like Going under water with a torch to seek for a drowning man.

~Thiruvalluvar

The crow does not hide its prey, but calls for others to share it; So wealth will be with those of a like disposition.

~Thiruvalluvar

A fortress is of no use to cowards.

~Thiruvalluvar

Just as the hand that strikes the ground cannot fail, So is the ruin certain of him who cherishes anger.

~Thiruvalluvar

This world is not for the poor, nor the next for the unkind.

~Thiruvalluvar

The gruel that children's little hands have stirred is sweeter than nectar.

~Thiruvalluvar

The ignorant are like useless, brackish soil; They exist and that is all.

~Thiruvalluvar

It is the prowess of scholars that meetings bring delight and departures leave memories.

~Thiruvalluvar

How can kindness rule that man Who eateth other flesh to increase his

own?

~Thiruvalluvar

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