

## CHANAKRYA PANDITS MAXIMS

- Even a wise man comes to grief by giving instruction to a foolish disciple, by maintaining a wicked wife, and by excessive familiarity with the miserable.
- A wicked wife, a fake friend, a saucy servant and living in a house with a serpent in it are nothing but death.
- Do not live in a country where you are not respected, cannot earn your livelihood, or cannot acquire knowledge.
- Women have hunger two-fold, shame four-fold, inconsideration six-fold and lust eight-fold more than man.
- Untruthfulness, rashness, guile, stupidity, avarice, uncleanness, and cruelty are woman's seven natural faults.
- To have ability for eating when dishes are ready at hand, to have strength for communion when a handsome woman is got, and to have a mind for making charity when one is prosperous, are the fruits of no ordinary religious austerity.
- He, whose son is obedient to him, whose wife's conduct is in accord with his wishes, and who is content with his riches, has his heaven on earth.
- Do not give out what you have thought upon doing, but by wise counsel keep it secret, determined to carry it into execution.
- Foolishness is indeed painful, so verily is youth, but more painful by far is living in another man's house.
- Separation from a wife, dishonor from one's own people, wrecks of a recently fought battle, the service of a wicked king, poverty, and a mismanaged assembly - all these six kinds of evils, if afflicting a person, burn him without fire.
- Trees on the bank of a river, a young woman in another man's house, and kings without counsellors, go, without doubt, to swift destruction.
- A brahmin's strength is his learning, a king's strength his army, a vaishya's his wealth, and sudra's strength is service.
- The prostitute forsakes a person who has no money, the subject a king that cannot defend him, the bird a tree that bears no fruit, and the guests a host after they have finished their meals.

- Sita by her excessive beauty, Ravana by his excessive pride, and Bali Maharaja by his excessive charity were ruined, therefore avoid excess.
- Fondle a son till he is five years of age, chastize him till he is ten, but when he has attained his sixteenth year, act with him as a friend.
- He who runs away from a fearful calamity, a foreign invasion, a famine, and the companionship of bad men, is safe.
- The goddess of wealth has personally come where fools are not respected, grain is well stored up, and husband and wife do not quarrel.
- The life, action, wealth, learning and death of a person are determined by Krsna when he is in the womb.
- When one is consumed by the sorrows of life, three things give him relief, offspring, a wife and good company.
- She is a true wife who is shrewd, expert, chaste, loves her husband and speaks the truth.
- As gold is tried by four tests - by rubbing, cutting, heating and beating - so a man should be proved by these four things - his charity, his temper, his habits and works.
- There is no desire so destructive as lust, no enemy like infatuation, no fire like wrath, and no sense of happiness like knowledge.
- Time perfects men as well as destroys them, it alone is awake when all others are asleep; it is difficult to be overcome.
- The king is responsible for the sins of his subjects; the family priest for those of the king, a husband for those of his wife and a teacher for those of his pupils.
- A borrowing father, a mother who re-marries, a beautiful wife, and a disobedient son are enemies and may be left with no sin.
- Conciliate a covetous man by means of wealth, a proud man by submission, a fool by humoring him and a wise man by what is right.
- It is better to be without a king than a bad one, to be without a friend than a bad one, to be without a pupil than a bad one, to be without a wife than a bad one.

- Learn one thing from a lion, one from a crane, four from a cock, five from a crow, six from a dog and three from an ass. The one excellent thing that should be learnt from the lion is, that whatever a man intends doing should be done with a strenuous effort. The wise man should restrain his senses like the crane, and accomplish his purposes with a due knowledge of his place, time and ability. To take a bold stand, to fight, to make a fair division of property among relations, and to earn one's own bread by personal exertions, are the four excellent things to be learned from a cock. Copulation in secret, courage, to save from time to time, watchfulness, and distrust of others, these five things are to be learnt from a crow. To be content with little or nothing, though one may be a great eater, to be able to awake at once, though one may be in a deep sleep, fidelity to one's own master, and courage are the five excellent things to be learned from a dog. Although the ass is tired, yet he bears his burden without any thought of cold or heat and is always content with what he can get to eat, these should be learnt from the ass.
- A wise man should not publish his loss of money, the vexation of his own mind, the evil conduct of his own wife, base conversation and his own disgrace.
- Persons should feel satisfied by the possession of these three things; a wife, food and wealth, but never by the following three study, penance and charity.
- Conciliate a strong man by submission, a wicked man by opposition, and an equal to you in power either by mildness or force.
- The power of a king lies in his valor, that of a brahmin in his divine knowledge, and that of a woman in her youth, beauty and sweetness of speech.
- Do not be quite upright in your dealings, for you would see by going to the forest that straight trees are cut down while the crooked ones are left to stand.
- Knowledge is vain without practice, a man without knowledge, an enemy without a commander, and a woman without a husband.
- A man is disgraced by three things, when his wife dies old, when his wealth goes into the possession of another and when he depends for his food upon others.
- God does not exist in wood, stone or earth, but in devotion; hence devotion is the only way of attaining to God.
- The discontented brahmin, the contented king, the bashful harlot, and the immodest household woman are wicked.

- O sinner, from your desire to be free from the necessity of transmigration, regard worldly happiness as poison, and imbibe as nectar, patience, rectitude, self denial, purity and truth.

- Those base men who speak of the secret faults of others, destroy themselves like the serpents in ant hills.

- Poverty is set off by fortitude, shabby clothing by its whiteness, bad food by being served quite warm and ugliness by amiability.

- What is it that escapes the observation of the poets? What is it that women are incapable of performing? What will not a drunkard prate? What will crow not eat?

- The miser regards the beggar as a foe, the fool a wise counsellor, the adulterous woman her husband, and the thief the moon.

- Those who are destitute of learning, penance, knowledge, a good disposition, virtue and benevolence, are brutes, though they wander on earth in the form of men.

- What good can the scriptures do to tht man who has no sense of his own? What good is a mirror to a blind man?

- Generosity, pleasing address, courage and propriety of conduct are not acquired but are natural.

- Those men are happy in this world who are attentive to their relations, kind to strangers, indifferent to the wicked, loving to the good, stiff in their intercourse with the base, frank with the learned, courageous with the enemy, patient with the guru and cunning with his wife.

- He who regards a woman that is not his wife as a mother, the ealth that does not belong to him as dust, and all other men as himself, is a learned and happy man. He who views these things in a different light is blind.

- The intellectual man should not be anxious about his own maintenance, only he should be anxious to know the truth. The food of man is created for him at his birth.

- Base men are grieved at heart by the though t of the fame of others, and slander them, as they themselves have no hope to gain it.

- Who find he happiness he desires? Everything is in the power of fate. ce man should always feel contented.

- As the calf finds his way to his own mother among a thousand cows, so the good deeds of a man follow him.
- There are three jewels on earth, food, water and pleasant speech; the fool leaving these, considers fragments of stone to be jewels.
- The learned man should always feel contented in the possession of a wife, food and wealth; but should never feel satisfied in reference to study, religious contemplation and benevolence.
- We should always act with caution with fire, water, women, foolish people, snakes, and members of a royal family, for they may, if an occasion presents itself, at once put you to death.
- If you desire to conquer the world by the performance of a single work, then restrain the mind which dances before the face of the five pleasures and the ten senses.
- He is wise who speaks what is suitable to the occasion, what is grateful to the disposition of a man, and expresses displeasure in proportion to the degree of power he possesses.
- One single object (a woman) appears in three different ways - to the man who practices austerities it appears as a corpse, to the sensual it appears as a woman, and to the dogs as a lump of flesh.
- The nightingales remain silent until they are able to sing so as to give the people joy.
- The man who is praised by others is regarded as worthy though he may be really void of all merit. But the man who sings his own praises becomes disgraced though he should be Indra, the possessor of all excellences.