
QUOTATIONS FROM ANCIENT GREECE

1. For centuries the metaphysical teaching of the early Christian fathers has lain virtually untouched. Choosing a mythology, as most exclusively, as its vehicle of instruction, the traditional Church displayed little inclination to pass on to laymen its more philosophical inheritance. But in our day, when all the sects of the world are being swept into a great movement toward the realization of the Indwelling God, many dusty volumes are being pulled down from library shelves and brought to light once more.
2. We find ourselves strangely at home in these ancient teachings. The omnipresence of God, the reincarnation of the individual soul, even the term Divine Science, appear repeatedly in the writings of these men so close to Jesus in time as to be almost contemporary with St. Paul himself.
3. St. Clement (150-211 A.D.) said:
“Since all things are God’s then all things are man’s, for man is the Beloved of God. All things are common to both friends—God and man.”
4. “Sheep need a shepherd. Children need a tutor. Mankind needs Christ. Christ is the Reason that pervades the universe and guides all men. He can be known by people of all ages and climes who diligently seek Him. Cultivate quietness. Avoid impetuosity in speech and gait. Be quiet in your deeds as well. Let your mind become steady. Then will your thoughts, seated on a high and silent throne, look intently toward God, your Creator. Quiet the heart, that the Intelligence which created you, and all things, may speak through you.”
5. Origen (185-254 A.D.) said:
“God is Mind—Mind is changeless, pure, omnipresent. But God is also Goodness. Our sufferings are merely the natural consequences of our mistakes.”
6. “Every soul has passed through many incarnations, and will pass through many more before it reaches its final destination. We all come into this world strengthened or weakened by the victories and defeats of our previous lives. The sojourn of man on this planet is for the purpose of education, that he may rise in the scale of consciousness. Salvation is the gradual return of the soul to its original Home.”
7. "The Son is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father. The Father begets. The Son comprehends."
8. “The coming of the Kingdom of Heaven is not the end of the world but the liberation of the individual soul. The Kingdom is the return of the soul to its original Home, and it usually comes gradually and not all at once. Every soul will eventually attain union with

God, for in spite of so-called 'free' will, the individual manifestation must return to its true nature. The final purpose of God cannot be foiled."

9. Dionysius the Areopagite (430-470 A.D.), a Bishop in the early Church, who was called Father of Christian Mysticism, wrote:
10. "God and God in action is all there is. There is no spot in space where God is not. God and God in action are two sides of the Eternal Truth, and these two halves can never be separated from each other."
11. "All things have as their foundation the Divine Goodness. That Goodness maintains them, protects them, and nourishes them with its Abundance. To all created things it is given to manifest God's Goodness. Every man can be a spreader of the Good News, a channel of the Sacred Silence, a shining light revealing Him who is within the Shrine."
12. "We speak of God as Omnipresence; great though the word is, it cannot express the vastness of His all-transcendent yet all-pervading infinitude. God's Unity exists both in that which is obviously one and in that which is apparently many. He is Indivisible Plurality, always unfolding and perfecting; yet always complete, always brim-full. He contains, at one and the same time, all unity and all plurality."
13. "When I pray to God, I simply unite my mind with Him. I need never try to pull God down to me. I need only to remember Him."
14. "Divine Science reveals itself to all creatures according to their needs and the level of their understanding, so that they are helped to remain true to their original nature. The subject matter of Divine Science is vast and yet minute, combining both breadth and intricacy."
15. "Everything God makes is good. There is a timeless ground in all personalities and this ground is good. All creatures, in so far as they have actual being, participate in goodness. Matter, as such, is certainly not evil, and therefore not an illusion; for matter, too, has its share of order, beauty, and truth."
16. "There is nothing in the world without the Almighty Power of God to support it. He will never suffer us to wander completely away. He will draw us back like a magnet."