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前言

在人們的日常生活中,格言起了一種指導作用。我們遇到了一些困難問題,雖然我們可以尋訪良師益友,得到他們賜以金玉良言,便豁然貫通,迎刃而解;但是我們是不能隨時隨地訪到我們的良師益友的,這期間,前人智慧的積累——格言,就會指導我們處事方針了。

如果我們看待一本格言集像一本字典一般, 遇到了困難問題的時候便按照門類去考查一下那 些「對症下藥」的有效的方劑,雖然我們也未必 不無所獲,但對於一件需要當機立斷的事情已覺 太遲,於事無補了。因此,一本「可讀」的格言 集就有編集的必要。作爲本書的特點之一,就是 這是一本可供讀者暇時瀏覽的小冊子。每句格言 都是獨立的,同時也是與前句和後句相關的。這 樣的安排增進了閱讀時的興趣。

每句格言都足以啓發人們的深思。一本格言 集應當是取之不竭的智慧的源泉。但是本書在編 譯方面尚有未盡善的地方,還不能做到預期的目 的,請讀者多所指正,至幸!

編者 一九六二年三月

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Life is sweet. ---English Proverb Wonders are many, and nothing is more wonderful than man. -Sophecles On earth there is nothing great but man; in man there is nothing great but mind. -A. Hamilton I am the captain of my soul. -W.E. Henley Every man is the master of his own fortune. ---R. Steels Man is a tool-using animal. -Thomas Carlyle Man is not the creature of circumstances, circumstances are the creatures of men.

-Distacli

人生的哲理

| 生命是甜美的 | |
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| | 一英國諺語 |
| 奇蹟有很多,但是沒有一件東西是比人 | 更爲奇妙 |
| 的。 | |
| - | 蘇復格里斯 |
| 在世界上沒有一件東西有如人那麽偉大 | ; 在人之 |
| 內沒有一件東西有如心那麽偉大。 | · / |
| | ——咸美頓 |
| 我是我底心靈的主宰。 | |
| | 亨 利 |
| 每個人都是自己命運的主宰。 | |
| | ——史逖斯 |
| 人是一種能運用工具的動物。 | |
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| 人不是環境所造成的,環境乃是由人所沒 | 創造的。 |
| | 逖斯里梨 |
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| Man is the artificer of his own happiness. |
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| Thoreau |
| We live and learn. |
| Clarke |
| Live and let live. |
| Ferguson |
| Other men live to eat, while I eat to live. |
| Socrates |
| Eat to live, but not live to eat. |
| English Proverb |
| Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions |
| from insufficient premises. |
| Samuel Butler |
| When the fight begins within himself, a man's |
| worth something. |
| Robert Browning |
| He most lives who thinks most, feels the |
| noblest and acts the best. |
| P.J. Bailey |
| Gather ye rosebuds while ye may. |
| Herrick |
| Life is long if you know how to use it. |
| -L. Seneca |
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| 人是他自己幸福的建立者。 | |
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| | 旅雷 |
| 我們生活和學習。 | |
| | ——格拉克 |
| 自己生活,也讓別人生活。 | |
| | 宣格遜 |
| 別人爲食而生存,我爲生存而食。 | • |
| • | 蘇格拉底 |
| 爲生活而飮食,勿爲飮食而生活。 | |
| • | ——英國諺語 |
| 從不充足的前提引申出充足的結論,這 | 直種藝術就 |
| 是生活。 | |
| • | ——布特勒 |
| 當爭鬥在一個人內心中發生,他的生有 | 成有價值 |
| 了。 | |
| • | ——白朝寧 |
| 思想深刻,感情高尚,行爲優良者乃能 | |
| 活之人 。 | |
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| 有花堪折則須折。 | |
| | 一一希力克 |
| 如能善於利用,生命乃悠長。 | |
| | ——仙力加 |
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| Quietude is the crown of life. |
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| —English Proverb |
| He lives twice who lives well. |
| —-English Proverb |
| We only live once, but if we work it right once |
| is enough. |
| —English Proverb |
| One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an |
| age without a name. |
| Scott |
| Life is measured by thought and action, not by |
| time. |
| Avebury |
| I am not now that which I have been. |
| Byron |
| Let bygones by bygones. |
| Homer |
| Easy come, easy go. |
| ——Hazlitt |
| Life is a comedy to him who thinks and a tragedy |
| to him who feels. |
| English Proverb |
| Progress is the activity of to-day and the assur- |
| ance of to-morrow. — Emerson |

| 安靜乃生命之皇冠。 |
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| ——英國診語 |
| 生活得好的人等於生活了兩次。 |
| ——英 國諺語 |
| 我們的生命祇有一次,但我們如能正 確 地 運 用 |
| 它,一次已足。 |
| ——英國 診 語 |
| 一個光輝的人生中的一個忙迫的鐘頭,值得無義 |
| 意的人生的一世。 |
| 司各脫 |
| 衡量生命之價值,係以思想言行,而非以壽命之 |
| 長短。 |
| ——阿美伯萊 |
| 今日之我已非往日之我。 |
| 拜 倫 |
| 過去的事讓它過去了吧。 |
| ——荷 馬 |
| 易得者亦易失。 |
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| 對於運用理智的人來說,人生乃一喜劇;對於訴 |
| 諸感覺的人來說,人生乃一悲劇。 |
| 一类 回診語 |
| 進步乃今日之努力,又爲明日作好的保證。 |
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Interest will not lie.

---English Proverb

Love rules his kingdom without a sword.

---Herbert

The soul is not where it lives, but where it loves.

___English Proverb

If all the good people were clever,

And all the clever people were good,

The world would be nicer than ever

We thought that it possibly could.

--- Dame E. Wordsworth

We have no right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

---George Bernard Shaw

No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.

---Herbert Spencer

It is a poor heart that never rejoices.

----Marryat

——英國諺語

愛,統治了他的王國,不用一枝利劍。

----赫伯股

心靈不在它生活的地方,但在它所愛的地方。

——英國諺語

如果所有的好人都聪明,

而所有的聰明人又都很好, 那末這個世界比我們從來所想像的 都會更美妙了。

——華滋華斯

我們如果不能創造快樂,我們便沒有權利去享用 快樂,正如我們如果不能創造財富,便沒有權 利去享用財富一樣。

-----蕭伯納

除非所有人都獲致自由,否則沒有一個人能夠是 完全自由的;除非所有人都有道德,否則沒有 一個人能被稱爲是完全有道德的;除非所有人 都過得快活,否則沒有一個人能被認爲是完全 快樂的。

----- 史省寒

沒有永遠不感到快樂的心。

----馬利雅特

| All is for the best in the best of the possible worlds. |
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| Francois voltaire |
| There is no duty we so much underrate as the |
| duty of being happy. |
| R. L. Stevenson |
| What's in a name? that which we call a rose |
| By any other name would smell as sweet. |
| Shakespeare |
| All is not gold that glitters. |
| English Proverb |
| We soon believe what we desire. |
| Chaucer |
| Many a true word is spoken in jest. |
| ——Swift |
| A good archer is not known by his arrows, but |
| his aim. |
| ——Lyly |
| A tree is known by its fruit. |
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| No garden without its weeds. |
| English Proverb |
| No joy without annoy. |
| Fuller |
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| 在理想的最美好世界中一切都是爲最美好的目的 |
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| 而設。 |
| 伏爾泰 |
| 我們有責任去過得快活,但是沒有任何其他一種 |
| 責任曾如此地被我們低估其價值。 |
| ——史蒂文 遜 |
| 名稱有什麽關係呢?我們稱爲玫瑰花的,喚做任 |
| 何其他名字也一樣芬芳。 |
| —— |
| 並非凡閃爍者就是黃金。 |
| ———英國諺語 |
| 我們慾望中的東西,我們很快就信以爲眞。 |
| —— 衙 "秦 |
| 許多眞理的說話都是在笑話中講出來。 |
| ——史城夫 |
| 赢得好射手的美名並非由於他的弓箭,而是由於 |
| 他的自標。 |
| ——莉· 萊 |
| 樹木由其果實而得名。 |
| 一一偉格里夫 |
| 沒有一個花園是沒有野草的。 |
| ——英 國 診語 |
| 沒有一回的快樂是無煩擾的。 |
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| All are not merry that dance lightly. |
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| English Proverb |
| A bad bush is better than the open field. |
| Ray |
| A fool knows more in his own house than a wise |
| man in another's. |
| Herbert |
| The best is often the enemy of the good. |
| Shakespeare |
| Without hope, the heart would break. |
| ——Camden |
| Hope springs eternal. |
| Pope |
| Hope deferred makes the heart sick. |
| English Proverb |
| Hope is but the dream of those that wake. |
| ·Prior |
| He who lives by hope will die by hunger. |
| ——Dra x e |
| The darkest hour is that before the dawn. |
| Fuller |
| There is nothing which has not been bitter before |
| being ripe. |
| Syrus |
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