

Thuléan Meditations

This collection of old European words of wisdom is taken from MYFAROG ("Mythic Fantasy Role-playing Game") version 1.4

Future editions of MYFAROG will not include them, so I just publish them all here instead.

Read and learn one by heart every day,
and become a better man!

"Our life is what our thoughts make it."

"Ignorance is curable. Stupidity is not."

"Blindest is he who doesn't want to see."

"A cleaved head no longer plots."

"The roots of knowledge are bitter, but its fruits are sweet."

"One volunteer is worth a dozen pressed men"

"Faint hearts never win fair ladies."

"Age is nothing to boast of; you get it for free."

"He who fears death can not enjoy life."

"The nut does not reveal the tree it contains."

"Do not throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one can hold water."

"Dog does not eat dog."

"He who fights with monsters must take care lest he thereby become a monster."

"Live for today, for tomorrow never comes."

"Always watch and follow nature."

"Where many die there is no fear of death."

"Deceit sleeps with greed."

"Do not drown the man who taught you to swim."

"From a thorn comes a rose, and from a rose comes a thorn."

"Only he who wanders can find new paths."

"Death answers before she is asked."

"The world needs more heroes."

"A fish rots from the head down."

"A bee does not touch a withered flower."

"Grey hair is a sign of age, not wisdom."

"Better unlearned and bright, than erudite and foolish."

"Everyone wants to be a gentleman, but nobody wants to carry the sack."

"Better go without healing, than call for an unskilled healer."

"Skill is not a heavy load to carry."

"Rather suffer for the truth than be rewarded for lies."

"Even the best climber may fall."

"There is nothing sinister in sorcery, only in the hearts of men."

"There is no death for the honourable, only
a change of bodies."

"Prevention is better than cure."

"Straight ahead is always shortest, but not always best."

"Better to turn than go astray."

"The sky is no less blue only because the blind can not see it."

"Even the best horse may stumble."

"Death smiles at us all. All a man can do is to smile back."

"Everyone's friend is everyone's fool."

"Everyone's friend is faithful to no one."

"The burden of someone else is always light."

"Nowhere are there more hiding places than in the heart."

"Even the best swimmer may drown."

"Swimming is easy if someone holds your head above water."

"What is the use of running when we are not on the right track?"

"When men speak ill of you, live so that nobody will believe them."

"Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

"Hope is the dreams of the man awake."

"Everyone wants to put the axe-head in the bear's skull, but nobody wants to hold the handle."

"It is easier to hurt than to heal."

"He who starts a fight had better do the fighting himself."

"Do not cry before you are hurt."

"Success is dependent on effort."

"Cowards may die many times before their deaths."

"Fear the reckoning of those you have wronged."

"He who becomes a sheep will be eaten by the wolf."

"We have not inherited Pulê from our ancestors; we have borrowed it from our children."

"One should go invited to a friend with good fortune, but uninvited if he has problems."

"The art of living well and the art of dying well is one."

"Heroism consists in hanging on one minute longer."

"Brawl with a pig and you will go away with his stink."

"He hath need of his wits who wanders wide."

"A man who has his feet hacked off can not scurry far."

"There is no such thing as bad weather; only bad clothes."

"From harm you grow wise, but not rich."

"The worst deaf is the one who does not want to hear."

"Bad news travel fast."

"Blood is thicker than water."

"Birds of a feather flock together."

"Either conform to the customs or flee the realm."

"Fair wind blows even if the sailor can not see it."

"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

"Eat and drink with your relatives; do business with strangers."

"He who governs his home, governs his life."

"The deepest river is the most silent."

"Similar children play best together."

"Don't walk barefooted into a chestnut forest."

"Where there is a sea, there are pirates."

"Healer, heal yourself!"

"It is better to be alone than to be in bad company!"

"Many have too much, but no one has enough."

"For the best aid seek an old May King and a young May Queen."

"Those who yawn at the same time are not on bad terms."

"Better an empty pouch than wrongly gotten gold."

"The dead along the dead, and the living along the living."

"Fish and guests smell at three days old."

"A house not seen by the Sun is seen by the healer."

"Better poor with honour than rich with shame."

"Good health is above wealth."

"He that will steal an egg will steal an ox."

"If you bend the rights they will break."

"Two wrongs do not make a right."

"The Philosophers say that there are gods, and that their will directs the universe. The more important lesson is to discover the nature of the gods. Upon discovering that nature, a man would please the gods by making his own nature like unto the gods'. If the divine is faithful, he must also be faithful; if free, he must also be free; if beneficent, he must also be beneficent; if magnanimous, he must also be magnanimous. Thus to make the gods' nature one's own, a man must imitate them in every thought, word, and deed". (Epictetus)

"It is the still and silent sea
that drowns a man."

"All madmen are not the same."

"Many have loved treason, none the traitor."

"A fair death honours the whole life."

"If you bend the bow too much it will break."

"The wand is mightier than the sword."

"Death is often the best healer."

"In calm water every ship has a good captain."

"The joke is the weapon of the witty; being serious is the shield of the stupid."

"When in Troskenia, do as the Troskenians."

"There is a deity at the end of every rainbow."

"Big flies break the web."

"He who does not feed his cat will feed rats."

"Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is."

"The early bird catches the worm."

"The wolf and the dog do not play together."

"The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

"All sense is not housed in one single head."

"After the boar the leech and after the hart the bier."

"A cat is a lion to a mouse."

"When we speak most fairly, then we think most falsely".

"Big trees grow from small seeds."

"A wise man's heart is seldom cheerful."

"Haste makes waste."

"The madman often tells the truth."

"Death can not kill what never dies."

"No man was ever wise by chance."

"Death is deaf and will hear no denial."

"Better whole than mended well."

"Shame is worse than death."

"There is more than one way to skin a cat."

"The deities help those who help themselves."

"Of many fighters not one of them is the best."

"Generous and brave men live the best."

"A head stuck on a pike no longer conspires".

"Advice should be viewed from behind."

"Never laugh at live worms."

"What can not be cured must be endured."

"A tied dog does not jump farther than his cord."

"There is naught so vile as a fickle tongue."

"It is not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

"Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

"The bee has a sting, but honey too."

"The poets are only the interpreters of the deities."

"A man without honour is like a sailboat without sails."

"All those who carry wreaths are not virgins."

"An undeserved insult doesn't bite much."

"If you fear death, you are already dead."

"A just war is better than unjust peace."

"One rotten apple spoils the barrel."

"The man that walks his own road, walks alone."

"Wisdom begins in wonder."

"Seek never to draw to yourself in love-whispering another's wife."

"No friend is he who but flatters."

"Graves are of all sizes."

"The lame runs if he has to."

"Where there is smoke there is fire."

"Not every bird can be an eagle (some are just cuckoos)."

"As you sow, so you shall reap."

"Still waters run deep."

"The longest journey begins with a single step."

"All wolves are grey in the dark."

"Do not sail out farther than you can row back."

"You can not complain about the sea if you suffer shipwreck for a second time."

"Men trip not on mountains. They stumble on stones."

"If a frog leaves the bog for the mountains, it means it is in danger."

"Boatless man is tied to land."

"The careful foot can walk anywhere."

"Oil and water do not mix."

"Least said, soonest mended."

"Constant dripping will wear away a stone."