

We are each of us a snowflake
A falling star in flight
A traveler through the universe in search of our own light
Unique in form and beauty, of infinite design
Transitory dancers on the window panes of time.
- *Barbara Meslin*

Human existence is girt round with mystery; the narrow region of our experience is a small island in the midst of a boundless sea.
- *John Stuart Mill*

For man has closed himself up, 'til he sees all things thro' the chinks of his cavern.
- *William Blake*

I spent the afternoon musing on Life. If you come to think of it, what a queer thing Life is! So unlike anything else, don't you know, if you see what I mean.
- *P. G. Wodehouse*

...The human race ... is perhaps the poorest of all the inventions of all the gods but it has never suspected it once. There is nothing prettier than its naive and complacent appreciation of itself. It comes out frankly and proclaims without bashfulness or any sign of a blush that it is the noblest work of God. It has had a billion opportunities to know better, but all signs fail with this ass. I could say harsh things about it but I cannot bring myself to do it—it is like hitting a child.
- *Mark Twain*

To be a human being means to possess a feeling of inferiority which constantly presses towards its own conquest. The greater the feeling of inferiority that has been experienced, the more powerful is the urge for conquest and the more violent the emotional agitation.
- *Alfred Adler*

We are separated from the mystery, the depth, and the greatness of our existence. We hear the voice of that depth; but our ears are closed.
- *Paul Tillich*

The overwhelming view which can be found in the early chapters of Genesis is that human beings are defined in terms of relationship, and in particular their relationship to God.
- *David Wilkinson*

It was only in my seventh decade that I realized that the question, "What does it mean to be human?" is the vital, the central, one to which all other questions and problems, spiritual, ethical, economic, and political are secondary.
- *Frederick Franck*

In other living creatures, the ignorance of themselves is nature, but in man it is a vice.
- *Boethius*

In order to live a fully human life ... we must touch the unity and resonance of our physicality, our bond with the natural order.
- *Adrienne Rich*

We all experience "soul moments" in life—when we see a magnificent sunrise, hear the call of a loon, see the wrinkles in our mother's hands, or smell the sweetness of a bay. During these moments, our body, as well as our brain, resonates as we experience the glory of being a human being.
- *Marion Woodman*

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they might have been.
- *William Hazlitt*

It is human nature that rules the world, not governments and regimes.
- *Svetlana Alliluyeva*