

The list of moralities by Abay

The list of moralities by Abay Kunanbayev is good regulations for a man in modern world.

Abay Kunanbayev created “words of edification”, in the declension of his years, after experiencing taste and temptations of power, public acceptance, burden of mundane affairs, and loss of dear and near. Many deductions and instructive conclusions of Abay are actual today.

The collection of Abay’s moralities may serve as real regulations for contemporary youth.

The one who lives fawning, may sell his father, mother, relatives and friends, as well as faith and conscience for the sake of merciful patting on the shoulder.

If you achieved the truth, do not abandon it even on penalty of death.

Influential position is like a lofty cliff. A slow snake may crawl on it, and swift-winged eagle may soar up. Ill-wishers start to praise those, who have not reached the top yet, and those who are credulous are happy with these words.

Who poisoned Socrates, burned Jeanne d’Arc at the stake, executed Gayssa, and buried our Prophet in camel’s remains? The Crowd. The crowd is insane. Try to show it the right way.

Who of us has never been in trouble? Only weaklings lose hope. It is true that there is nothing permanent in the world, and the evil is not perpetual. Does not a blooming, full-flowing spring, come after severe winter?

Living by deception, cheating and begging is a destiny of useless rascals.

What is the difference between people and animals, if we can see only with eyes? In childhood we were better. If children are ashamed, they are ready to sink into the ground, but adults forget about shame. Is it their superiority over children?

You should judge the man’s virtues by the way he started the deed, not by the way he finished.

Accuracy in thoughts and accomplishments is a basis of prosperity.

Impotent anger, love without faithfulness and a teacher with no pupil are vain and useless.

A man should dress modestly, keep clothes clean, and be tidy. Only dandies may spend on clothes more than they can afford and burden themselves with excessive concern for appearance.

What is to talk about with a man who does not know the value of word? A wise man said, it is better to pasture a pig which appreciates you.

However excellent the thought is, it wanes after leaving mouth of a human.

While you are on the way to happiness, everybody wishes you good, but as soon as you achieve the goal, your only well-wisher is yourself.

How does it happen, that we do not speak ill about the diseased, but cannot find anyone worthy among the living?

It is great if you know when to stop. Anything that is beyond measure is evil.

Man's character is a vessel, preserving mind and knowledge, so nurture your character!

Shame is a human virtue, which makes us admit our own faults and punish ourselves for them.

A bad friend is like a shadow: when the Sun is high above, you will not get rid of him, but you will not find him when the clouds are gathering.

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