

Zen Insights and Christian Answers

Quotes from *The Sutra of Hui-neng*

"If you fixate on objects, birth and death occur, as when water has waves...When you detach from objects, there is no birth and death, as when water flows smoothly..." --"Prajna" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
--James 1:15

"...the barriers of their false views are heavy and the roots of their passions are deep. They are like huge clouds covering the sun; if the wind doesn't blow, the sunshine won't appear." --"Prajna" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." --Romans 12:2

"Therefore scripture speaks of being able to distinguish the characteristics of all things while remaining unmoved in ultimate truth." --"Stabilization and Insight" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father." --1 John 2:24

"Good friends, deluded people may achieve physical immobility and yet the moment they open their mouths they are talking about others' right and wrong, strengths and weaknesses, good and bad. They turn away from the path." --"Sitting Meditation" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." --Galatians 5:13

"The original essential nature is inherently pure and spontaneously concentrated; it is just because of thinking about objects when seeing things that one becomes disturbed." --"Sitting Meditation" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." --Ephesians 2:10

"Just as one lamp can obliterate ten thousand years' darkness, one insight can annihilate ten thousand years' of ignorance. Don't think about what has already passed, and don't keep thinking about what is yet to come. Perfectly clear moment to moment, see original nature yourself." -- "Repentance" in The Sutra of Hui-neng

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." --1 Corinthians 9:24-25