

# *Pearls of Wisdom*

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We've all heard the phrase "pearls of wisdom." We generally think of them as universal truths that cause us to pause in our frenetic lives. They somehow make the world stop for however brief a moment and consider life through a different lens of perception. They make us smile, confuse us, and sometimes make us cry they pierce so deeply through the layers of our life experiences.

Pearls of wisdom are essentially steppingstones toward expansion of consciousness. They provide insight into the "mysteries" of daily life, of the universe, of beingness.

Ironically, a pearl of wisdom for one person may mean nothing to another person. Each pearl that enters our life arrives at a time when we are ready to hear it, to take it in and delve its secrets. Another irony about pearls of wisdom is that they are designed to be simple. Each provides a nugget of truth meant only for us.

One might ask: "Where do pearls of wisdom come from? Who comes up with them?" Pearls of wisdom aren't the sole domain of philosophers and sages. A pearl of wisdom can come from anyone, at any time, and in the most unexpected of ways. One can glean a pearl of wisdom from a street person, a magazine ad, a bumper sticker, a cloud formation—anything. It's how what we're experiencing touches and opens our heart, how it causes us to step back and view our reality from a different angle. It can help us realize something deeper about ourselves, someone else, a situation or challenge. It can lead us to new insights, discoveries, and realizations.

To determine if what you feel might be a pearl of wisdom, go within yourself. Take a moment to go within yourself, quietly check in with your inner being. Or ask a spiritual master or guide you work with on the inner to help you understand, to see more clearly. (We all work with inner guides, whether we know it or not. An inner guide can be most helpful in these situations.) Trying to traverse the subtleties and bewildering complexities of life and reality can be quite daunting. Why do it alone?

Pearls of wisdom are offered to us all the time. It's a matter of recognizing them when they occur. We might call some of them miracles. Harold Klemp, the current spiritual leader of ECKANKAR, says, "You're walking in a sea of experiences every moment of your life. And some people walking around in this sea of life find miracles every day."

It's up to us to see and experience the miracles or pearls of wisdom as they occur every day. What we make of them is also up to us. As we gather pearls of wisdom, we eventually become a walking, lustrous pearl of wisdom ourselves. We truly become, just as the developing pearl, the divine being we truly are.