Abstract

Wisdom is often considered to be the pinnacle of human development. Though it is universally cherished, it is unclear whether the concept of wisdom can be applied similarly across cultures. We review the emerging research on this topic, exploring extant scholarly definitions, portrayals of wisdom in the world's philosophies, folk beliefs concerning wisdom and its development, and empirical insights evaluating expression of wisdom-related characteristics. There appears to be a large amount of convergence in scholarly and cross-cultural folk concepts, suggesting that wisdom involves certain aspects of pragmatic reasoning, with less clarity concerning emotion regulatory and
Wisdom - Mental development. Cogito, ergo sum. I think, therefore I am. His understanding of God is influenced by what he sees of him in his parents, along with their beliefs and culture. Most children learn that their parents love and care for them, even when they aren’t visible. Sadly, some children grow up in an environment that portrays a very distorted image of God: their parents don’t display the qualities of consistency, love and nurture that reflect God’s nature. The Buddhist Book collection from Wisdom Publications, the leading publisher of contemporary and classic Buddhist books from all major Buddhist traditions. Gain an immediate and personal understanding of the causes and conditions that give rise to suffering—and how the spiritual life leads to liberation. Read More ». New online course. In the Four Applications of Mindfulness with B. Alan Wallace, explore the very nature of reality and human experience through the Buddha’s quintessential teachings.

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