

- “One does not make the wind blow but is blown by it.” This Asian view implies that people are guided by fate rather than by their own devices.
- “Order is half of life.” This German view stresses the value of organization, conformity, and structure.
- “The mouth maintains silence in order to hear the heart talk.” This Belgian saying implies the value of intuition and feelings in interaction.
- “He who speaks has no knowledge and he who has knowledge does not speak.” This saying from Japan demonstrates the value of silence.
- “How blessed is a man who finds wisdom.” This Jewish expression states the importance of learning and education.
- “A zebra does not despise its stripes.” From the Maasai of Africa, this saying expresses the value of accepting things as they are, of accepting oneself as one is, and of avoiding the envy of others.
- “Loud thunder brings little rain.” This Chinese proverb teaches the importance of being reserved instead of being boisterous.
- “A man’s tongue is his sword.” Arabs are taught to enjoy words and use them in a powerful and forceful manner.
- “A single arrow is easily broken, but not in a bunch.” This proverb is found in many Asian cultures as a means of stressing the group over the individual.
- “He who stirs another’s porridge often burns his own.” The Swedish are a very private people and attempt to teach this value through this proverb.
- “The duck that quacks is the first to get shot.” This Japanese proverb stresses the importance of silence.

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