**Good Words 2024**

### paremiography or paroemiography

PRONUNCIATION:

(puh-ree-mee-AH-gruh-fee) 

MEANING:

*noun*:
1. The writing or collecting of proverbs.
2. A collection of proverbs.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin paroemia (proverb), from Greek paroimia (proverb) + -graphy (writing). Earliest documented use: 1818.

### polyhistor

PRONUNCIATION:

(pol-ee-HIS-tuhr) 

MEANING:

*noun*: A person of great or wide learning. Also polyhistorian.

### cacoethes

PRONUNCIATION:

(kak-oh/uh-WEE-theez) 

MEANING:

*noun*: An irresistible urge to do something, especially something inadvisable.

### bibliophagist

PRONUNCIATION:

(bib-lee-AH-fuh-jist) 

MEANING:

*noun*: One who loves to read books; a bookworm.

**eunoia**

PRONUNCIATION:

(yoo-NOY-uh) 

MEANING:

*noun*:
1. A feeling of goodwill.
2. A state of good mental health.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Greek eunoia (well mind), from eu (well, good) + noos (mind, spirit).

NOTES:

Eunoia is the shortest word in English with all five vowels.

### apanthropy

PRONUNCIATION:

(ap-UHN-thruh-pee) 

MEANING:

*noun*: A desire to be away from people; a love of solitude.

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| Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right.  | Isaac Asimov, scientist and writer (2 Jan 1920-1992) |
| Still round the corner there may wait, / a new road or a secret gate.  | J.R.R. Tolkien, novelist and philologist (3 Jan 1892-1973) |
| Fear prophets and those prepared to die for the truth, for as a rule they make many others die with them, often before them, at times instead of them.  | Umberto Eco, philosopher and novelist (5 Jan 1932-2016) |
| When you counsel someone, you should appear to be reminding him of something he had forgotten, not of the light he was unable to see.  | Baltasar Gracian, writer and philosopher (8 Jan 1601-1658) |
| One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation, and compassion.  | Simone de Beauvoir, author and philosopher (9 Jan 1908-1986) |
| The most certain test by which we can judge whether a country is really free is the amount of security enjoyed by minorities.  | Lord Acton (John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton), historian (10 Jan 1834-1902) |
| Some are guilty, but all are responsible.  | Abraham Joshua Heschel, rabbi and professor (11 Jan 1907-1972) |
| The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists, who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood. The trailblazers in human, academic, scientific, and religious freedom have always been nonconformists. In any cause that concerns the progress of mankind, put your faith in the nonconformist!  | Martin Luther King, Jr., civil-rights leader (15 Jan 1929-1968) |
| Half the truth is often a great lie.  | Benjamin Franklin, statesman, author, and inventor (17 Jan 1706-1790) |
| Everyone has a belief system, B.S., the trick is to learn not to take anyone's B.S. too seriously, especially your own.  | Robert Anton Wilson, novelist (18 Jan 1932-2007 |
| He who is only just is cruel. Who on earth could live were all judged justly?  | Lord Byron, poet (22 Jan 1788-1824) |
| Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind.  | William Somerset Maugham, writer (25 Jan 1874-1965) |
| Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.  | Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd US President (30 Jan 1882-1945) |

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| To bear up under loss, to fight the bitterness of defeat and the weakness of grief, to be victor over anger, to smile when tears are close, to resist evil men and base instincts, to hate hate and to love love, to go on when it would seem good to die, to seek ever after the glory and the dream, to look up with unquenchable faith in something evermore about to be, that is what any man can do, and so be great.  | Zane Grey, author (31 Jan 1872-1939) |
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| Poor is the power of the lead that becomes bullets compared to the power of the hot metal that becomes type.  | Georg Brandes, critic and scholar (4 Feb 1842-1927) |
| When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.  | John Ruskin, author, art critic, and social reformer (8 Feb 1819-1900) |
| In some circumstances, the refusal to be defeated is a refusal to be educated.  | Margaret Halsey, novelist (13 Feb 1910-1997) |
| Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.  | George Jean Nathan, author and editor (14 Feb 1882-1958) |
| A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.  | Henry Adams, historian and teacher (16 Feb 1838-1918) |
| A man needs a little madness, or else he never dares cut the rope and be free.  | Nikos Kazantzakis, writer (18 Feb 1883-1957) |
| Throw your dream into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, or a new country.  | Anais Nin, author (21 Feb 1903-1977) |
| The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved -- loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.  | Victor Hugo, novelist and dramatist (26 Feb 1802-1885) |
| The things we admire in men, kindness and generosity, openness, honesty, understanding and feeling are the concomitants of failure in our system. And those traits we detest, sharpness, greed, acquisitiveness, meanness, egotism and self-interest are the traits of success. And while men admire the quality of the first they love the produce of the second.  | John Steinbeck, novelist, Nobel laureate (27 Feb 1902-1968) |
| There is as much difference between us and ourselves as between us and others.  | Michel de Montaigne, essayist (28 Feb 1533-1592) |
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| Creativity -- like human life itself -- begins in darkness. We need to acknowledge this. All too often, we think only in terms of light: "And then the lightbulb went on and I got it!" It is true that insights may come to us as flashes. It is true that some of these flashes may be blinding. It is, however, also true that such bright ideas are preceded by a gestation period that is interior, murky, and completely necessary.  | Julia Cameron, artist, author, teacher, filmmaker, composer, and journalist (b. 4 Mar 1948) |
| If there be such a thing as truth, it must infallibly be struck out by the collision of mind with mind.  | William Godwin, philosopher and novelist (3 Mar 1756-1836) |
| We should not be simply fighting evil in the name of good, but struggling against the certainties of people who claim always to know where good and evil are to be found.  | Tzvetan Todorov, philosopher (1 Mar 1939-2017) |
| For 50 million years our biggest problems were too few calories, too little information. For about 50 years our biggest problem has been too many calories, too much information. We have to adjust, and I believe we will really fast. I also believe it will be wicked ugly while we're adjusting.  | Penn Jillette, magician, actor, musician, inventor, television presenter, and author (b. 5 Mar 1955) |
| Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves.  | Gene Fowler, journalist and author (8 Mar 1890-1960) |
| Don't ask me who's influenced me. A lion is made up of the lambs he's digested, and I've been reading all my life.  | Giorgos Seferis, writer, diplomat, Nobel laureate (13 Mar 1900-1971) |
| The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives.  | Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate (14 Mar 1879-1955) |
| We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.  | Fred Rogers, television host, songwriter, and author (20 Mar 1928-2003) |
| Words form the thread on which we string our experiences.  | Aldous Huxley, novelist (1894-1963) |
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| Perfect love is rare indeed - for to be a lover will require that you continually have the subtlety of the very wise, the flexibility of the child, the sensitivity of the artist, the understanding of the philosopher, the acceptance of the saint, the tolerance of the scholar and the fortitude of the certain.  | Leo Buscaglia, author, speaker and professor (31 Mar 1924-1998) |
| Make no judgments where you have no compassion.  | Anne McCaffrey, writer (1 Apr 1926-2011) |
| A neurosis is a secret that you don't know you're keeping. | Kenneth Tynan, critic and writer (2 Apr 1927-1980) |
| I am only one, / But still I am one. / I cannot do everything, / But still I can do something; / And because I cannot do everything, / I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.  | Edward Everett Hale, author (3 Apr 1822-1909) |
| I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.  | Maya Angelou, poet (4 Apr 1928-2014) |
| Every person ~~man~~ is a volume if you know how to read them ~~him~~.  | William Ellery Channing, clergyman and writer (7 Apr 1780-1842) |
| A conservative is one who admires radicals centuries after they're dead.  | Leo Rosten, author (11 Apr 1908-1997) |
| Just think of the tragedy of teaching children not to doubt.  | Clarence Darrow, lawyer and author (18 Apr 1857-1938) |
| Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does.  | Josh Billings, columnist and humorist (21 Apr 1818-1885) |
| The desire of the man is for the woman, but the desire of the woman is for the desire of the man.  | Madame de Stael, writer (22 Apr 1766-1817) |
| I hold that gentleman to be the best-dressed whose dress no one observes.  | Anthony Trollope, novelist (24 Apr 1815-1882) |
| Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.  | Rabindranath Tagore, poet, philosopher, author, songwriter, painter, educator, composer, Nobel laureate (7 May 1861-1941) |
| The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another, and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it.  | J.M. Barrie, novelist and playwright (9 May 1860-1937) |
| Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.  | Hal Borland, author and journalist (14 May 1900-1978) |
| The past is never where you think you left it.  | Katherine Anne Porter, writer and activist (15 May 1890-1980) |
| A change in perspective is worth 80 IQ points.  | Alan Kay, computer scientist (b. 17 May 1940) |

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| The peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is, that it is robbing the human race; posterity as well as the existing generation; those who dissent from the opinion, still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth: if wrong, they lose, what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error. - | John Stuart Mill, philosopher and economist (20 May 1806-1873) |
| I should dearly love that the world should be ever so little better for my presence. Even on this small stage we have our two sides, and something might be done by throwing all one's weight on the scale of breadth, tolerance, charity, temperance, peace, and kindliness to man and beast. We can't all strike very big blows, and even the little ones count for something.  | Arthur Conan Doyle, physician and writer (22 May 1859-1930) |
| Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.  | Hubert Humphrey, US Vice President (27 May 1911-1978) |
| We love those who know the worst of us and don't turn their faces away.  | Walker Percy, author (28 May 1916-1990) |
| We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.  | John F. Kennedy, 35th US president (29 May 1917-1963) |
| Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth.  | Walt Whitman, poet (31 May 1819-1892) |
| The business of the poet and the novelist is to show the sorriness underlying the grandest things and the grandeur underlying the sorriest things.  | Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet (2 Jun 1840-1928) |
| Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.  | Robert Fulghum, author (b. 4 Jun 1937) |
| It's impossible to be loyal to your family, your friends, your country, and your principles, all at the same time.  | Mignon McLaughlin, journalist and author (6 Jun 1913-1983) |
| Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.  | Blaise Pascal, philosopher and mathematician (19 Jun 1623-1662) |
| It’s like, at the end, there’s this surprise quiz: Am I proud of me? I gave my life to become the person I am right now. Was it worth what I paid?  | Richard Bach, writer (b. 23 Jun 1936) |
| The test of a democracy is not the magnificence of buildings or the speed of automobiles or the efficiency of air transportation, but rather the care given to the welfare of all the people.  | Helen Adams Keller, lecturer and author (27 Jun 1880-1968) |
| What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?  | Jean Jacques Rousseau, philosopher and author (28 Jun 1712-1778) |
| Never underestimate the determination of a kid who is time rich and cash poor.  | Cory Doctorow, author and journalist (b. 17 Jul 1971) |
| I am now quite cured of seeking pleasure in society, be it country or town. A sensible man ought to find sufficient company in himself.  | Emily Bronte, novelist (30 Jul 1818-1848) |
| Appealing to tribe, appealing to fear, pitting one group against another, telling people that order and security will be restored if it weren’t for those who don’t look like us or don’t sound like us or don’t pray like we do, that’s an old playbook. It’s as old as time. And in a healthy democracy it doesn’t work. Our antibodies kick in, and people of goodwill from across the political spectrum call out the bigots and the fearmongers, and work to compromise and get things done and promote the better angels of our nature.  | Barack Obama, 44th US President (b. 4 Aug 1961) |
| One of the primary tests of the mood of a society at any given time is whether its comfortable people tend to identify, psychologically, with the power and achievements of the very successful or with the needs and sufferings of the underprivileged.  | Richard Hofstadter, historian (6 Aug 1916-1970) |
| People share a common nature but are trained in gender /*and cultural/* roles.  | Lillie Devereux Blake, novelist, essayist, and reformer (12 Aug 1833-1913) |
| A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, not with, the wind.  | John Neal, author and critic (25 Aug 1793-1876) |
| No matter that patriotism is too often the refuge of scoundrels. Dissent, rebellion, and all-around hell-raising remain the true duty of patriots.  | Barbara Ehrenreich, journalist and author (26 Aug 1941-2022) |
| The decent moderation of today will be the least of human things tomorrow. At the time of the Spanish Inquisition, the opinion of good sense and of the good medium was certainly that people ought not to burn too large a number of heretics; extreme and unreasonable opinion obviously demanded that they should burn none at all.  | Maurice Maeterlinck, poet, dramatist, and Nobel laureate (29 Aug 1862-1949) |

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| You are never dedicated to something you have complete confidence in. No one is fanatically shouting that the sun is going to rise tomorrow. They know it's going to rise tomorrow. When people are fanatically dedicated to political or religious faiths or any other kinds of dogmas or goals, it's always because these dogmas or goals are in doubt.  | Robert M. Pirsig, author and philosopher (6 Sep 1928-2017) |
| There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth.  | Leo Tolstoy, novelist and philosopher (9 Sep 1828-1910) |
| Moral certainty is always a sign of cultural inferiority. The more uncivilized the man, the surer he is that he knows precisely what is right and what is wrong. All human progress, even in morals, has been the work of men who have doubted the current moral values, not of men who have whooped them up and tried to enforce them. The truly civilized man is always skeptical and tolerant, in this field as in all others. His culture is based on "I am not too sure."  | H.L. Mencken, writer, editor, and critic (12 Sep 1880-1956) |
| We all have our time machines. Some take us back, they're called memories. Some take us forward, they're called dreams.  | Jeremy Irons, actor (b. 19 Sep 1948) |
| Life is short. Be swift to love! Make haste to be kind!  | Henri Frederic Amiel, philosopher and writer (27 Sep 1821-1881) |
| No fathers or mothers think their own children ugly; and this self-deceit is yet stronger with respect to the offspring of the mind.  | Miguel de Cervantes, novelist (29 Sep 1547-1616) |
| Racism tends to attract attention when it's flagrant and filled with invective. But like all bigotry, the most potent component of racism is frame-flipping -- positioning the bigot as the actual victim. So the gay do not simply want to marry; they want to convert our children into sin. The Jews do not merely want to be left in peace; they actually are plotting world take-over. And the blacks are not actually victims of American power, but beneficiaries of the war against hard-working whites. This is a respectable, more sensible bigotry, one that does not seek to name-call, preferring instead to change the subject and straw man.  | Ta-Nehisi Coates, writer and journalist (b. 30 Sep 1975) |

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| A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It is a weak nation, like a weak person, that must behave with bluster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity.  | Jimmy Carter, 39th US President, Nobel laureate (b. 1 Oct 1924) |
| Seven blunders of the world that lead to violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principle.  | Mahatma Gandhi (2 Oct 1869-1948) |
| They’ll tell you you’re too loud, that you need to wait your turn and ask the right people for permission. Do it anyway.  | Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, US Congress member (b. Oct 13, 1989) |
| To be nobody but myself -- in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else -- means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting.  | E.E. Cummings, poet (14 Oct 1894-1962) |
| One will rarely err if extreme actions be ascribed to vanity, ordinary actions to habit, and mean actions to fear.  | Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher (15 Oct 1844-1900) |
| Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth.  | Oscar Wilde, writer (16 Oct 1854-1900) |
| There are two things to aim at in life; first to get what you want, and after that to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.  | Logan Pearsall Smith, essayist (18 Oct 1865-1946) |
| On behalf of The People, On behalf of every American. Regardless of party. Race. Gender. Or the language your grandmother speaks. On behalf of my mother and everyone who has ever set out on their own unlikely journey. On behalf of Americans like the people I grew up with. People who work hard. Chase their dreams. And look out for one another. On behalf of everyone whose story could only be written in the greatest nation on Earth. I accept your nomination for President of the United States of America.  | Kamala Harris, US Vice President (b. 20 Oct 1964) |

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| The President is merely the most important among a large number of public servants. He should be supported or opposed exactly to the degree which is warranted by his good conduct or bad conduct, his efficiency or inefficiency in rendering loyal, able, and disinterested service to the Nation as a whole. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that there should be full liberty to tell the truth about his acts, and this means that it is exactly necessary to blame him when he does wrong as to praise him when he does right. Any other attitude in an American citizen is both base and servile. To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. Nothing but the truth should be spoken about him or any one else. But it is even more important to tell the truth, pleasant or unpleasant, about him than about any one else. - | Theodore Roosevelt, 26th US President (1858-1919) |
| The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.  | John Adams, 2nd US president (30 Oct 1735-1826) |
| The wisest man is he who does not fancy that he is so at all.  | Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux, poet and critic (1 Nov 1636-1711) |
| When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always.  | Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (2 Oct 1869-1948) |
| No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed, and love of power.  | P.J. O'Rourke, writer (b. 14 Nov 1947) |
| Words are the only things that last forever; they are more durable than the eternal hills.  | William Hazlitt, essayist (1778-1830) |
| Our greatest strength is the power of our example, not just the example of our power.  | Joe Biden, 46th US President (b. 20 Nov 1942) |
| It is lamentable that to be a good patriot one must become the enemy of the rest of mankind.  | Voltaire, philosopher (21 Nov 1694-1778) |
| We haven't yet learned how to stay human when assembled in masses.  | Lewis Thomas, physician and author (25 Nov 1913-1993) |

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| There are a few times in life when you leap up and the past that you'd been standing on falls away behind you, and the future you mean to land on is not yet in place, and for a moment you're suspended knowing nothing and no one, not even yourself.  | Ann Patchett, writer (b. 2 Dec 1963) |
| Men are divided in opinion as to the facts. And even granting the facts, they explain them in different ways.  | Edwin Abbott Abbott, schoolmaster and theologian (20 Dec 1838-1926) |
| The tools of conquest do not necessarily come with bombs, and explosions, and fallout. There are weapons that are simply thoughts, attitudes, prejudices, to be found only in the minds of men. For the record, prejudices can kill and suspicion can destroy; and a thoughtless, frightened search for a scapegoat has a fallout all of its own for the children, and the children yet unborn.  | Rod Serling, writer of the science fiction TV series "The Twilight Zone" (25 Dec 1924-1975) |
| One does not ask of one who suffers: What is your country and what is your religion? One merely says: You suffer, that is enough for me.  | Louis Pasteur, chemist and bacteriologist (27 Dec 1822-1895) |
| Be melting snow / Wash yourself of yourself.  | Rumi, poet and mystic (1207-1273) |
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