



### Fifth Matter:

Since this world is transitory,  
and life is short,  
and one's essential duties are many,  
and eternal life is gained here;

and since this guest-house of the world is not without an  
owner, indeed, has a most wise and generous director,  
and neither good nor bad will remain without recompense;  
and since according to the verse,

*On no soul does God place a burden greater than it can  
bear (2:286)*

there is no obligation that is insupportable,  
and a safe way is preferable to a harmful one,  
and since friends and ranks last only till the door of the  
grave;

then surely the most fortunate person is he who does not  
forget the hereafter for this world,

nor sacrifice the hereafter for this world,  
nor destroy the life of the hereafter for worldly life,  
nor waste his life on trivial things,

but considers himself to be a guest and acts in accordance  
with the commands of the guest-house's Owner,  
then opens the door of the grave in confidence and enters  
upon eternal happiness.\*

{{(\*)}: The reason for these  
'sinces' is this:

*I take no notice of the wrongs  
and tyranny perpetrated  
against my person and give  
them no importance.*

*I say, "They are not worth  
worrying about," and I do not  
interfere in the world.}*

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