

# The Seven Gates of Virtue

## **Reason**

The way of Reason stands at the gate  
leading to all paths.  
It seeks truth. It seeks clarity.  
Like a knife, it cuts all contradictions.  
It binds the mind to the truth of reality.  
It brings harmony to the soul.

## **Honesty**

A mind bound to reality is Honest.  
It is not prey to delusions of self or others.  
Truth is the eternally loyal ally,  
and the most ruthless enemy.

## **Integrity**

An honest mind makes an honest man.  
An honest man is consistent in his word  
and action.  
He has Integrity.  
Allied with truth, he is immune from the  
poison sting of vice.

## **Independence**

A man of integrity knows truth.  
He places nothing and no one above the  
verdict of his mind.  
He does not let others think for him.  
He has Independence.  
Reliant on himself, he is the strongest of  
men.

## **Productiveness**

A man of independence seeks his own  
happiness.  
Not to be found in idleness or vice,  
but in creative work.  
Through this he earns everything that he  
has.  
He is Productive.

## **Justice**

A productive man requires  
no more and no less  
than his rightful due  
expecting the same from all men.  
He does not suffer fools or frauds but  
pities vice as self-destruction  
He smiles upon the virtuous.  
He is just.

## **Benevolence**

A just, productive, honest man  
is at peace with himself.  
He is patient with himself.  
He shows goodwill towards mankind.  
He does not anger or hate  
without reason.  
He does not allow others  
to disturb the peace of his soul.

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A man of Reason  
who is Honest  
who has Integrity  
who is Independent  
who is Productive  
who is Just  
who shows Benevolence  
is he who finds no gate barring the Way.

His every action  
his every thought  
his every step  
his every word  
along the road of virtue  
will lead to his path  
and his happiness.