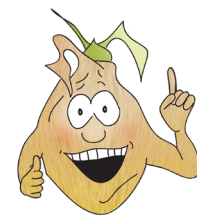




Acquiring Smarts



We acquire smarts when we know that to become it we must not play dumb.

We acquire smarts when we know that to quicken our power, we must quiet our minds.

We acquire smarts when we know that the phrase “I cannot” is not as empowering as “I will not”.

We acquire smarts when we know that knowing what counts is what really counts.

We acquire smarts when we know that it is important to be alerted to opportunities that will not come again.

We acquire smarts when we know that we must balance the hate in the world with understanding and empathy.

We acquire smarts when we know that giving without expecting is a freedom.

We acquire smarts when we know that desiring what we do not have, diminishes what we do have.

We acquire smarts when we know that in the midst of chaos, the most powerful thing is to stay calm.

We acquire smarts when we know that when we beat to our own drummer, we orchestrate a greater life for ourselves.

We acquire smarts when we know that looking and seeing are two very different things.

We acquire smarts when we know that time is powerful, so it is a waste if we are late.

We acquire smarts when we know that our thoughts can be our worst enemy or our best friend.

We acquire smarts when we know that when we consider constructive criticism a gift – we have reached enlightenment.

We acquire smarts when we know that the more we focus on the negative, the more powerful it becomes.

We acquire smarts when we have to watch our thoughts, as life is what we think it will be.

We acquire smarts when we know that we must not sway from what is important by focusing on what is not.

We acquire smarts when we know that anxiety, fear and doubt must not be denied, but dealt with.

We acquire smarts when we know that our potential is our sharing, caring and daring to be involved.

We acquire smarts when we know that if we are to have a great existence, it must be nurtured by consistency and persistence.

We acquire smarts when we know that mindfulness is the shield against destruction.

We acquire smarts when we know that if resentment is not relinquished entirely, it is not relinquished at all.

We acquire smarts when we know that we cannot be protected unless we learn to guard ourselves.

We acquire smarts when we know that it is better to be a light in the darkness, than waste time cursing it.

We acquire smarts when we know that we become paralyzed if we rebel against our handicaps.

We acquire smarts when we know that one cannot be totally committed - sometimes.