

Master KH et alii

On Ingratitude

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. . . we never were yet ungrateful for services rendered.¹ Ingratitude is not among our vices . . .²

Et alii³

Blow, blow, thou winter wind!
Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude.
— *William Shakespeare*

Do you know what is more hard to bear than the reverses of fortune?
It is the baseness, the hideous ingratitude, of man.
— *Napoleon Bonaparte*

He that forgets his friend is ungrateful to him;
but he that forgets his Saviour is unmerciful to himself.
— *John Bunyan*

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
To have a thankless child!
— *William Shakespeare*

I tax not you, you elements, with unkindness.
— *William Shakespeare*

If there be a crime of deeper dye than all the guilty train of human vies,
it is ingratitude.
— *Henry Brooke*

Ingratitude is always a kind of weakness.
I have never seen that clever men have been ungrateful.
— *Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*

Ingratitude, thou marble-hearted fiend!
— *William Shakespeare*

Nothing more detestable does the earth produce than an ungrateful man.
— *Decimus Magnus Ausonius*

¹ Mahātma Letter 62 (126), p. 350; 3rd Combined ed.

² *Ibid.* 2 (2), p. 9; 3rd Combined ed.

³ Cf. § "Charity is a debt of honour," in: *Compassion the Spirit of Truth* (2009), ch. 8, pp. 303-4.



To mourn a mischief that is past and gone
is the next way to draw new mischief on.

— *William Shakespeare*

We think that we suffer from ingratitude,
while in reality we suffer from self-love.

— *Walter Savage Landor*

You may rest upon this as an unfailing truth, that there neither is,
nor never was, any person remarkably ungrateful, who was not also
insufferably proud. In a word, ingratitude is too base to return a kindness,
too proud to regard it, much like the tops of mountains, barren indeed, but
yet lofty; they produce nothing; they feed nobody; they clothe nobody;
yet are high and stately, and look down upon all the world.

— *Bishop Robert South*

Masters M and KH on HP Blavatsky

Perish the Theosophical Society rather than be ungrateful to H.P.B.⁴

But until that day of final triumph someone has to be sacrificed — though
we accept but voluntary victims. The ungrateful task did lay her low and
desolate in the ruins of misery, misapprehension, and isolation: but she
will have her reward in the hereafter for we never were ungrateful.⁵



⁴ Master M to H.S. Olcott, LMW2

⁵ Mahātma Letter 9 (18), p. 51; 3rd Combined ed.

