## 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.