

WISDOM - is knowing things that help a person to live sensibly and make good decisions. Some say that wisdom is something we learn as we grow older. In some cultures people are expected to complete certain rituals in order to get wisdom.

If someone has wisdom we say he is wise.

Most cultures from the past have had special people who were supposed to be wise. People asked them for advice when they had problems because they knew things that ordinary people did not know or could not know. They were often called "sages".

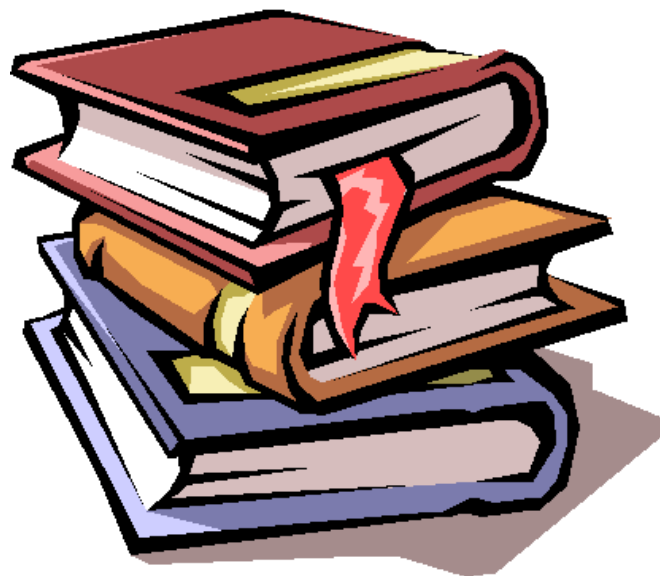
There are many stories in Western culture in which the owl is supposed to be a wise bird.



People thought to have been wise:

- MOSES
- CONFUCIUS
- ERASMUS
- SOLOMON
- JESUS
- BUDDHA
- SOCRATES
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
- OTTO VON BISMARCK
- MERLIN

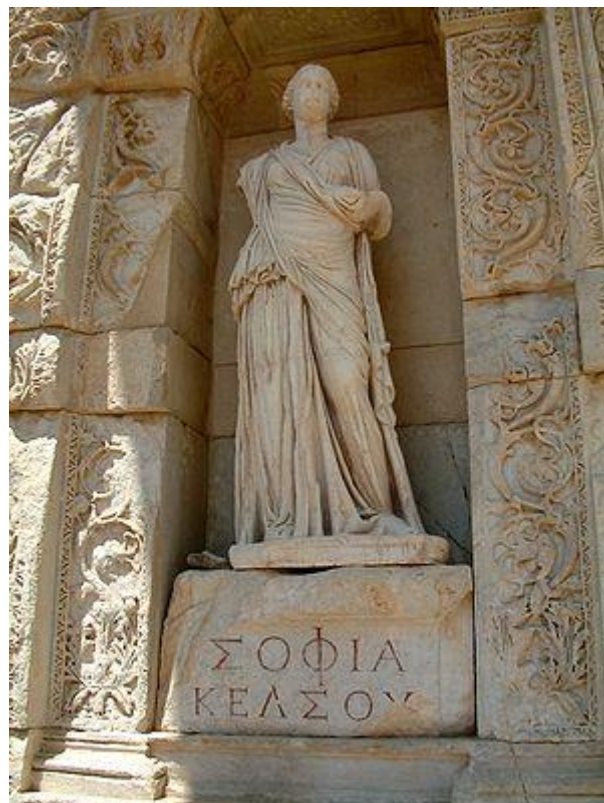
WISDOM IS KNOWING SOMETHING IMPORTANT, FOR EXAMPLE HISTORY OR A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. FOR ME WISDOM CAN BE ILLUSTRATED BY AN OWL, A BOOK OR A COPY BOOK.



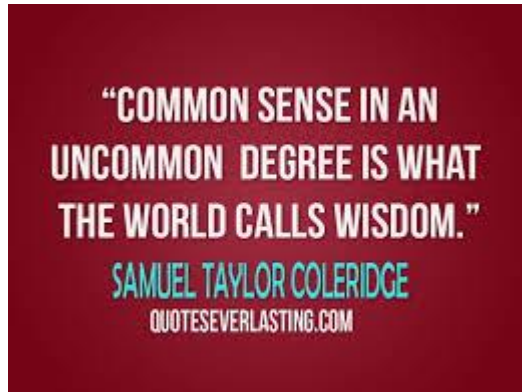
Wisdom in its narrowest meaning is an ability to make good decisions which, in time, give positive results. In other words, wisdom is an ability to use properly one's knowledge and experience and put them into practice.

In broader sense, wisdom is being able to temper one's emotions and desires for the goodness of e.g. a nation, a society, etc.

In ancient Greece wisdom, that is SOPHIA was impersonated by a woman.



WORDS OF WISDOM



THE NEXT BEST THING TO
BEING WISE ONESELF IS TO
LIVE IN A CIRCLE OF THOSE
WHO ARE

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