

## Vanity of Vanities, All is Vanity

“Vanity”, I conclude, when I behold life  
Self and society is full of endless strife  
Is there anything in life that is truly new?  
Evil days are many, and the good are few

“Vanity” pregnant life with indulgences  
Yet in the end, vanity yields emptiness  
Wealth and pleasure perchance may spice up life  
Unprepared for death, we fell into Vanity’s lie.

“Vanity” is a bazaar, a sumptuous fair  
“Come and buy”, “Gratify your sensuous flesh”  
Coveting its things is a dangerous snare  
One moment you are rich, the next you are bare

“Vanity” is only but a fleeting pleasure  
The folly is to live for Self, money and leisure  
Life is a vapour that appears and vanishes  
Man has a destiny beyond bones and ashes.

“Vanity” offers a life of feast and ease  
Defacing the reality that life shall cease  
If God must wake us from this waste and vain  
He oft disrupts life with death and pain

“Vanity” is an appearance, burying our emptiness  
Is my earthly existence futile and meaningless?  
Is there more to life than eating and drinking?  
What lies beyond the present pain and suffering?

“Vanity” is the Ego’s lusting quest  
The Self always prefers its own private nest  
“Enjoy your Self, for life is tough,  
God can wait till I earn enough”

“Vanity” is a lie that promises plenty  
“Life is brief. Eat drink, and be merry”  
Yet beneath this layer of hedonistic play  
Lies a restless soul that has lost its way

“Vanity of Vanities, All is Vanity”  
Alas! This conclusion is only tentative  
Life can be enjoyed beneath the sun  
Fear God now, and turn to His Son

For all who still walk in Vanity's way  
There is still hope if you don't delay  
Life is too short for trivial craves  
God must be sought before the grave

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**For all in ERCS, who mourn for our dear bro. James, who knew life and lived it well**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:**

**Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**