

You Know What
They Say

Who are "They" and why do they say what they say?

They are us when we use this expression, "they" may not be experts but simply repeat what many believe to be "common knowledge."

Well, you know what

They say,

If the shoe fits, wear it

In 1705, Daniel Defoe
published a poem critical
of the British parliament in
which he wrote,

"Gentlemen, and if the
Cap fits any Body let 'em
wear it."

Cleanliness is next
to Godliness

John Wesley 1791;

“Slovenliness is no
part of religion.
Cleanliness is indeed
next to Godliness.”

Wash yourselves,
purify yourselves;
Remove the evil of your
deeds from before

My eyes.
Cease to do evil

Isaiah 1:16

Purify me with hyssop,
and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:7

Spare the rod and
spoil the child

Samuel Butler (17th century poet)

Hudibras

“What medicine else can cure the fits
Of lovers when they lose their wits?

Love is a boy by poets styled
Then spare the rod and spoil the child.”

He who holds back his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him
disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 13:24

Do not withhold discipline from the child,
Although you strike him with the rod,
he will not die.

Proverbs 23:13

The rod and reproof
give wisdom,
But a child left to himself
brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

God moves in
mysterious ways

William Cowper(18th-century poet)

Light Shining out of Darkness

(first line begins)

“God moves in a mysterious way”

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,”
declares Yehovah.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts

Isaiah 55:8—9

Surely Lord Yehovah does nothing
Unless He reveals
His secret counsel
To His slaves the prophets

Amos 3:7

Can you fathom the deep
things of God or discover
the limits of the Almighty?

Job 11:7

Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me, too lofty
for me to attain.

Psalms 139:6

How great are Your works,
O LORD, how deep are
Your thoughts!

Psalm 92:5

O, the depth of the riches of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His
judgments, and incomprehensible
His ways!

Romans 11:33

Hate the sin,
love the sinner

Mahatma Gandhi

The boastful shall not stand
before Your eyes;
You hate all workers of iniquity.

Psalm 5:5

Yehovah tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who
loves violence His soul hates.

Psalm 11:5

There are six things which
Yehovah hates,
Even seven which are an
abomination to Him:

Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed
innocent blood,

A heart that devises
wicked thoughts,
Feet that hasten to run to evil,

A false witness who
breathes out lies,
And one who spreads
strife among brothers.

Proverbs 6: 16 — 19

God loves us all the same

Now if you will indeed obey
My voice and keep My
covenant, you will be My
treasured possession out of
all the nations—for the whole
earth is Mine

Exodus 19:5

Don't accept what
"they" say as fact or
common knowledge
until you know where
it comes from and if it
conforms to the word
of Yehovah.