

IDEAS ABOUT IDEAS

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Ideas delivered in good time
May often save your good name

Ideas mooted with strong conviction
Generate little or no discussion

Ideas well bred in the mind
May change to goods of all kind

Ideas acclaimed by popularity
Are quoted with the master's authority

Ideas are stored with indelible print
If they declare a worthy viewpoint

Ideas turned into concrete form
Remain for generations to conform

Ideas are accepted by the majority
Succeeding in outwitting the minority

Ideas may act like marshals ordering
Ailing organisations to get moving

Ideas spur up human actions
Like catalysts in chemical reactions

Ideas are no licence
To spite common sense

Ideas are sometimes appraisals
Compelling human upheavals

Great ideas lead to lasting progress
If shared with men of proven success

Great ideas seldom suddenly emerge
Except from the mind already on charge

Great ideas pursued with promptness
Often lead to expected success

Good ideas are quickly upheld
With the least debate in the world

Perfect ideas seldom permit
Many options in their pursuit

Sound ideas are often forerunners
Of great men and devout learners

THE DREAMER K. O. KESSEY

I woke up one night
Dreaming wild dreams
Realizing that the old scholars
And their pack were all wrong!

To the drain! To the drain!
I cried out

The gravitation postulate
And the quantum hypothesis!

Newton was totally wrong
And so was Max Planck
Fermi and Einstein no better
Gibbs was also all wet!

The following morning
I was destined to prove them all wrong
I had derived a formidable formula
Which was to shatter everything.

Yes I was destined to prove them wrong
Even Aristotle and Plato,
Who were years above their age,
So they say.

But lacking the iron courage
To stick to my convictions

To prove that every body, living or dead,
Is wrong except me and me only

I quietly retreated to my books
Hoping to learn what they have said and written
Before I offer my long formula to the world

What a humiliation!