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A Reflection on Loyalty and Gratitude

I have been reflecting on the concepts of gratitude and loyalty, as I strongly believe that some people are not grateful for what you do for them unfortunately. The phrase "If you honor the noble, you own him/her; and if you honor the ignoble, he/she rebels" is attributed to the renowned Arab poet Al-Mutanabbi (إِذَا أَنْتَ أَكْرَمْتَ) (الْكَرِيمَ مَلَكَتْهُ. وَإِنْ أَنْتَ أَكْرَمْتَ اللَّئِيمَ تَمَرَّدَا). Born in 915 CE in Kufa, Iraq, Al-Mutanabbi is celebrated as one of the greatest poets in Arabic literature. His works are known for their profound wisdom, eloquence, and exploration of themes like honor, pride, and human nature.

This particular line reflects a deep understanding of human behavior and social dynamics. It suggests that noble individuals respond to kindness and generosity with loyalty and gratitude, while ignoble individuals may exploit such gestures, leading to rebellion or betrayal. The verse encapsulates a timeless observation about character and the complexities of interpersonal relationships.

Al-Mutanabbi often wrote poetry that resonated with the values and challenges of his time. This line is part of a larger poem that delves into the nature of human interactions and the consequences of one's actions. It serves as a reminder to exercise wisdom in dealing with people, emphasizing the importance of understanding their character.

Even in modern times, this wisdom holds true. It encourages us to recognize and appreciate the virtues of noble individuals while being cautious with those who may not value kindness. The verse also highlights the importance of self-awareness and the impact of our actions on others.

Al-Mutanabbi's poetry continues to inspire and provoke thought, bridging the gap between the past and present. His words remind us of the enduring nature of human experiences and the universal truths that connect us across time and cultures.

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