

1: Gibran National Committee - Biography

This is a must read for anyone interested to know the personal details of the life of Kahlil (Khalil) Gibran, from birth to death. It was written by a nephew who was named after the poet and the nephew's wife (Jean and Kahlil Gibran).

Gibran Khalil Gibran was born in Bsharri, a village in the north of Lebanon. He originated from a humble family. His father, Khalil, worked as a tax collector. After Gibran, Kamileh gave birth to two daughters: Gibran met Mary Haskell, an American citizen and a great influence in his life who will encourage and help him throughout his path. The same year, Gibran published several poems in prose gathered later under the title *A Tear and a Smile*. He settled down in Paris to pursue an artistic training. From thereafter, Gibran settled in New York where he started a rich and intimate correspondence with May Ziadeh, a Lebanese intellectual living in Cairo. The book was an immediate success. Concurrently, Gibran started a solid friendship with Barbara Young who later became his confident. *Jesus, the Son of Man* was published after 18 months of uninterrupted work. Gibran died in a hospital in New York at the age of His body was transferred to Lebanon. Today, it still lies in his native town of Bsharri, in the monastery of Mar Sarkis Saint Serge turned into a museum. Although he owned a walnut grove in his village, his meager income was soon wasted over gambling and alcohol. He was known to be "one of the strongest men" in Bsharri and everyone feared him, including his wife and kids. Later on in his life, Gibran expressed his feelings towards his father, while moderating the harsh reality of this autocratic relationship: It was his daring to be himself, his outspokenness and refusal to yield that got him into trouble eventually. If hundreds were about him, he could command them with a word. He could overpower any number by any expression of himself. On the other hand, Gibran always evoked his mother with the deepest feelings of affection and admiration. Kamileh Rahmeh, the daughter of a Maronite clergyman, was described as a thin graceful woman with a slight pallor in her cheeks and a shade of melancholy in her eyes. She had a beautiful singing voice and was a devoutly religious person. When she reached a marriageable age, Kamileh was given to her cousin Hanna Abed Al Salaam Rahmeh, but like many Lebanese of his time, Hanna immigrated to Brazil seeking fortune, and died there leaving a widow and a son, Boutros Peter. Sometime after his death, the young Kamileh remarried to Khalil Gibran, giving birth to a son and two daughters: Gibran, Marianna and Sultana. In contrast to her husband, Kamileh was an indulgent and loving parent. She had ambitions for her children, and despite her informal education, she possessed an intelligence and wisdom that had an enormous influence on her son Gibran. It is a word full of hope and love, a sweet and kind word coming from the depths of the heart. The mother is everything; she is our consolation in sorrow, our hope in misery, and our strength in weakness. She is the source of love, mercy, sympathy, and forgiveness. Gibran, who was denied formal schooling the first twelve years of his life, remembered him in these words: You remember Selim Dahir? He was a poet, a doctor, a painter, a teacher, yet he never would write or paint as an artist. But he lives in other lives. Everybody was different for knowing him. All Bsharri was different. Everybody loved him so much. I loved him very much, and he made me feel very free to talk to him.

2: Kahlil Gibran | Sculptor About the Artist

Drawing on masses of new and rediscovered material, the authors describe Gibran's boyhood in Lebanon, his family's impoverished years in turn-of-the century Boston, and his eventual friendship with that city's intellectual and artistic elite.

Edit In the Arab world, Gibran is regarded as a literary and political rebel. His romantic style was at the heart of a renaissance in modern Arabic literature, especially prose poetry, breaking away from the classical school. In Lebanon, he is still celebrated as a literary hero. The book sold well despite a cool critical reception, gaining popularity in the s and again especially in the s counterculture. Fact to a Maronite Catholic family from the historical town of Bsharri in northern Mount Lebanon, then a semi-autonomous part of the Ottoman Empire. However, priests visited him regularly and taught him about the Bible, as well as the Arabic and Syriac languages. Kamila Gibran decided to follow her brother to the United States. Due to a mistake at school, he was registered as "Kahlil Gibran". Gibran started school on September 30, School officials placed him in a special class for immigrants to learn English. Gibran also enrolled in an art school at a nearby settlement house. Through his teachers there, he was introduced to the avant-garde Boston artist, photographer, and publisher Fred Holland Day, [4] who encouraged and supported Gibran in his creative endeavors. He started a student literary magazine with a classmate and was elected "college poet". He stayed there for several years before returning to Boston in , coming through Ellis Island a second time on May The next year, Peter died of the same disease and his mother died of cancer. Though publicly discreet, their correspondence reveals that the two were lovers. While there he met his art study partner and lifelong friend Youssef Howayek. His first book for the publishing company Alfred A. Knopf, in , was *The Madman*, a slim volume of aphorisms and parables written in biblical cadence somewhere between poetry and prose. Visual art His more than images include portraits of his friends W. Yeats, Carl Jung, and August Rodin. Religious views Edit Gibran was born into a Maronite Christian family and raised in Maronite schools. He was influenced not only by his own religion but also by Islam, and especially by the mysticism of the Sufis. He used to say: Citation needed Moreover, in a draft of a play, still kept among his papers, Gibran expressed great hope for national independence and progress. Before his death, Gibran expressed the wish that he be buried in Lebanon. I am alive like you, and I am standing beside you. Close your eyes and look around, you will see me in front of you There she discovered her letters to him spanning 23 years. She initially agreed to burn them because of their intimacy, but recognizing their historical value she saved them. She gave them, along with his letters to her which she had also saved, to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library before she died in Excerpts of the over letters were published in *Beloved Prophet* in Writing Edit Gibran was a great admirer of poet and writer Francis Marrash, [29] [30] whose works he had studied at al-Hikma school in Beirut. But his mysticism is a convergence of several different influences: Christianity, Islam, Sufism, Hinduism and theosophy. I love you when you prostrate yourself in your mosque, and kneel in your church and pray in your synagogue. You and I are sons of one faithâ€”the Spirit. Haskell had been thinking of placing her collection at the Telfair as early as In a letter to Gibran, she wrote "I am thinking of other museums There when I was a visiting child, form burst upon my astonished little soul. The future American royalties to his books were willed to his hometown of Bsharri, to be "used for good causes". Lebanese Ministry of Post and Telecommunications published a stamp in his honor in Its popularity grew markedly during the s with the American counterculture and then with the flowering of the New Age movement. It has remained popular with these and with the wider population to this day. Since its initial publication in , *The Prophet* has never been out of print. It has been translated into more than forty languages, [34] it was one of the bestselling books of the twentieth century in the United States.

3: www.enganchecubano.com: Customer reviews: Kahlil Gibran His Life and World

Life and career Early life. Gibran was born into a Maronite Catholic family from the historical town of Bsharri in northern Mount Lebanon, then a semi-autonomous part of the Ottoman Empire.

After releasing two singles from the upcoming show, the producers announced the full cast: Nadim Naaman is a co-writer of Broken Wings music but will also perform; he is going to narrate as Gibran. The whole list of the remaining cast comes from the supreme layer of the UK opera and theater stage. Kahlil Gibran, who is the third most read poet in the world, inspired generations with the beauty and the refinement of his words but also with his integrity, high values, and personal example. His family moved to the US when he was 12 looking for a better life but he always honored his heritage and he was writing in both English and Arabic. His philosophy and philanthropy are still relevant today and his dedication for bringing bright changes in the world made him a positive symbol of Middle Eastern immigrants who become successful in the West and never forget their roots. Co-author of Broken Wings musical, Nadim Naaman says: His views transcend nationality, politics, and background, read by all faiths and all ages. Instead, he took the best of all faiths, championing humanity, tolerance, and love above all else. The revolutionary Qatari female composer has experience with composing for the cinema but this is her debut in writing music for a musical. Arab America reached her and asked her for her insight into this new adventure in her career journey. Being given the opportunity to work with a West End Star was a dream for me and although we worked remotely, he still was able to provide me with clear guidelines for what was expected of my compositions. He taught me everything I know about the process of writing a musical. Music is our DNA. She is well known and respected in Qatar and world-famous performers and composers are proud of being part of her creative team. She highlighted more than once how her country of Qatar is culturally progressive and how it is continuously encouraging arts. At the age of 18, he returned to his home in Beirut and fell in love with a girl who was betrothed to someone else who is a bad character but wealthy. When asked how she Dana identifies herself with the subject of the story, Dana responds that even if we tend to bend under social pressures against our truth, this book reminds us that in order to better serve our community and our family, we got to be whole within ourselves. She believes there has been a massive improvement: Nevertheless, coexistence and the realities of relocation are central for his work and the legacy he left. For those Arab America readers who are willing to attend the premiere of the musical in London, there will be a promotional ticket price.

4: Biography of Khalil Gibran | Simply Knowledge

Includes bibliographical references (p.) and index.

Early years Childhood Gibran aspired to be an artist since he was seven. The third of five children, he was inspired by his namesake cousin and godfather, the poet Gibran Kahlil Gibran. Related to the author on both sides of his family, he was nurtured by his Lebanese immigrant family in Boston. From his cabinet-maker father, he learned about instrument making and helped fashion stringed instruments, including a miniature violin that he treasured all his life. Gibran lived in what is now Chinatown, Boston, and attended local public schools. As a boy, he frequented the Denison House [2] where he occasionally would see social worker Amelia Earhart drive up in her famous yellow roadster. At eleven, he received Honorable Mention in a national soap-carving contest, and during his senior year at English High School, [3] was awarded the Lawrence Prize for Art. He was offered a full scholarship if he concentrated on sculpture. However, he chose a partial scholarship given by the painting department where he studied with Karl Zerbe. The experience shaped his career. Winner of The Boit Summer Competition in , the young artist soon was recognized as a master of diverse materials. He was known as jittery Gibran for prodigious production fueled by an abundance of nervous energy and for his deep concern that he not be a burden to his family. Shortly after moving, he met sculptor and conservator Morton C. Gibran is in his early twenties. He is a mystic and seeks a symbolism which can convey transcendent ideas The portrait for example by Kahlil Gibran". The photograph shows a serious and pensive Gibran in profile seated on a ladder near the painter Esther Geller. Adlow reinforced this image: Gibran employs his wax technique most effectively. He works with consistency, grace, and poetry". In The Artists Speaks, Adlow again introduced him: He has a rare capacity of envisioning intangibles, for conjuring the immaterial in tenuousness and exiguousness of concrete image He also became involved with Forum 49, founded by Hemley and Kees a pivotal event in American 20th century culture. Spending summers in Provincetown, Gibran and his wife opened a boutique called Paraphernalia. It became known for its fanciful signs, innovative displays and handsome mannequins, all crafted by Gibran. But soon, railing at life as shopkeeper, he explored other avenues professionally and personally. The couple agreed to separate, Gibran returning to Boston and Elly taking over the shop. Innovation During the early fifties, Gibran, with the young Boston painter William Georganes, [36] spent two summers in Nantucket, working on new paintings and exploring new techniques. Always experimenting with the latest in materials, he and artist Alfred Duca, also living at the 15 Fayette Street studio, made major media breakthroughs. After my divorce, psychiatry made me understand I had to sculpt". Clemens Benda, [40] with pointing his way to sculpture and, in some ways, transforming his entire persona, even his approach to art, Gibran developed a strong bond with that Jungian psychiatrist. The young Gibran had always searched for recordings of early 20th century Arabic singers and instrumentalists, and soon joined a group of devotees of Middle Eastern and Indian music that included Bloom, composer Alan Hovhannes, [42] painter Hermon Di Giovanni, [43] sculptors Frank and Jean Teddy Tock, Dr. Self-taught luthier, he began constructing ouds, sazes, Renaissance-type lutes, and even bows. Throughout his life, he continued to indulge his passion for building violins as well as other exotic instruments. Observations On The Reasons For The Cremona Tone appeared in the January bulletin [48] of the Southern California Violin Makers, with the convincing and tested argument that burnishing the wood face of instruments prior to varnishing created a compressed, non-spongy, and more resonant soundboard, and consequent tonal brilliance and richness. Middle years Sculpting For the next 6 decades, Gibran mostly concentrated on sculpture. Experimenting with metal, he constructed his initial figures from wire found while beachcombing in Nantucket; soon he was combining this technique with thermal metal spraying. His staff "a tie rod for piers" was eroded by the sea into a most beautifully organic and tactile iron length. The figure was already there. All that was required was order. Voice in the Wilderness, [54] a welded iron rod 7-foot figure received the George D. Widener Gold medal at the Pennsylvania Academy Annual in Once more, Gibran, turned to a completely different art form. With his second wife, Jean English Gibran, he spent three years co-authoring the definitive biography of his relative, Gibran Kahlil Gibran, the author of The Prophet.

Commissions and monuments Immediately after the appearance of the biography of his famous relative, Gibran abandoned welding, but branched out to several fields that had fascinated him. Later years Inventing The eighties and nineties brought more exposure to Gibran as a multi-faceted creator. For the first time in his life, he deliberately avoided publicity, explaining to one neighbor who successfully interviewed him: "When we bought this house I created sort of a haven, I equipped it with all the tools that I need, and it takes up all my time". I walked through the gates, and it was MINE, all mine". His Seated Ceres [93] joined other contemporary art on its Sculpture Path. Gibran gave Seated Ceres to the cemetery. It was featured in a New York Times [94] slide show in January , and its presence, seated on the shore of Lake Hibiscus, became a beloved icon. Helping and supporting this plan were long time friends, art historians, dealers, and writers Stuart and Beverly Denenberg. Shortly after, Jean and Kahlil Gibran made another special donation when their vast collection of European and American medals was accepted by the Los Angeles County Museum. Botolph Club during September and October Stuart Denenberg read This Kahlil Gibran [] a praise poem honoring his friend of more than forty years. Death and legacy On April 13, , at the age of 85, Gibran died suddenly of congestive heart failure at Massachusetts General Hospital. Obituaries [] also paid tribute. Exactly three months after his death, Seated Ceres [] was stolen from her Forest Hills site. Love Made Visible [] by Jean Gibran, with a foreword by critic Charles Giuliano [] and an afterword by Katherine French Director of the Danforth Museum, [] tells the story of Scenes from a Mostly Happy Marriage while paying tribute to the exciting Boston art scene that flourished in that city during last half of the 20th century. Collections and shows

5: Kahlil Gibran: His Life and World by Jean Gibran

Drawing on masses of new and rediscovered material, this text describes Gibran's boyhood in Lebanon, his family's impoverished years in turn-of-the century Boston, and his eventual friendship with that city's intellectual and artistic elite.

The Arab American Dialogue, Vol. Suheil Bushrui presented an intriguing glimpse into the life of this poet who continues to be loved around the world. The following is Dr. Notwithstanding the all-important influence of his Arab background and heritage, Kahlil Gibran, the Lebanese-born poet and philosopher, undoubtedly owed much of his success to the country which received him as a young immigrant at the turn of the century. Impressed by the great technological achievements of America, and mindful of the material well-being of the majority of its citizens, Gibran viewed his adopted home from the vantage-point of his own cultural heritage and recognized that the picture was incomplete. Consequently he sought to infuse some Eastern mysticism into Western materialism, believing that humanity was best served by a man capable of bestriding the two cultures and acknowledging the virtues of each. His English writings represent the best of both worlds, a richly harmonious blend of East and West. Gibran, however, was not only a man from the East who brought a much-needed element of spirituality to the West, he equally became a man of the West, benefiting from an environment in which freedom, democracy and equality of opportunity opened doors before him as would have been possible nowhere else in the world. His achievement thus symbolizes the achievement of America herself, a nation of immigrants which through its ingenuity and largesse has created a truly international society thriving on unity in diversity. America is in some ways entitled to claim Kahlil Gibran for one of her own sons as much as his native Lebanon. For he spent only the first twelve years of his life in Bisharri, the village where he was born in , before emigrating with his family to the United States. Apart from two brief return visits to Lebanon and a two-year studentship in Paris, he lived out the last two-thirds of his life, including virtually all of his adulthood entirely on American soil. He died in New York at the age of It was in America that the spelling of Khalil was rearranged to suit American pronunciation. There he learned and eventually mastered English, the language of The Prophet, Jesus, the Son of Man, and several other books. In America he was also exposed to the avant-garde movements in photography, art, music and literature; his work bears the influence of the Transcendentalists, Emerson and Thoreau, and the poetry of Walt Whitman. And above all a number of American individuals helped him to establish himself, among them Jessie Beale of Denison House, the photographer Fred Holland Day, and the poetess Josephine Peabody. Much later there was also Alfred Knopf, in a young and inexperienced publisher, whose remarkable faith in a writer unknown to English-speaking readers was to be richly rewarded. In the latter part of their friendship, Gibran used Mary as a consultant on his English writings, her role generally being confined to correcting his punctuation and grammar, and occasionally suggesting an alternative word for greater felicity of sound. Beginning in June , he sought her comments on most of his English output as it was being written and rewritten: Mary may well have been the inspiration for Almitra in The Prophet, while the city of Orphalese is often said to represent America or perhaps just New York. He found an audience and consciousness far better suited to his aspirations than stately Boston, where his family had settled when they came to America in In he wrote to May Ziadah, a Lebanese writer living in Egypt: The Americans are a mighty people, indefatigable, persistent, unflagging, sleepless and dreamless. If they hate someone, they kill him with indifference; if they love someone, they smother him with kindness. He who wishes to live in New York should keep a sharp sword by him, but in a sheath full of honey; a sword to punish those who like to kill time, and honey to gratify those who are hungry. By this time he was already a writer of considerable distinction in Arabic, and in he crowned this by becoming founder-president of a literary society called Arrabitah The Pen Bond. Its members developed a unified approach to Arabic literature and art, and introduced a much-needed spirit of avant-garde experiment into a largely fossilized institution. Fired by Romantic ideals of individual inspiration, pantheism and universal love, they revitalized a great literary language by bringing it closer to the colloquial. Kahlil Gibran was at the forefront of this revolution. In , at the height of his success in America, he was invited to become an officer of the New Orient Society in New York, which was dedicated to the promotion of East-West understanding.

Among the contributors to its quarterly journal was the American author Claude Bragdon, who once asked Gibran for his impression of America. His reply was as follows: Conceive of the world as a rose-bush in a sky-garden, with races and civilizations for its blooms. Some flourish, from others the petals are falling, here one is withered, and just beside it, where once was a great red-hearted blossom, only an empty stalk remains to tell the tale. Now on this rose-bush America represents the bud just pressing at its sheath, just ready to blossom: It was in such a land far from the country of his origins that Gibran, like so many others before and after him, eventually found fame and fortune. But more importantly, inspired by his experiences in America, he strove to resolve cultural and human conflict, in the process developing a unique genre of writing, and transcending the barriers of East and West as few have done before or since. He became not only Gibran of Lebanon, but Gibran of America, indeed Gibran, the voice of global consciousness: The Importance of Gibran Today

The special place of Kahlil Gibran in the hearts of the American people has recently received dual confirmation in the academic and public spheres. On the one hand a proposal for a Chair in his name has been submitted at the University of Maryland, and on the other hand a memorial garden has been created in his honor in Washington, D. The first was an institutional decision by a major U. Gibran must surely be the only immigrant poet ever to have been accorded such academic and national recognition. His best known work, *The Prophet*, has been translated into some forty different languages, enabling it to be read and appreciated in places as far apart as Tokyo, Delhi, Manila, Nairobi, Rome, Paris, London and New York. His stature and importance increase as time passes, for although he died in and his finest work was published seventy years ago, his message remains as potent and as meaningful today as when he was writing. With its emphasis on the healing process, the universal, the natural, the eternal, the timeless, his work represents a powerful affirmation of faith in the human spirit. Inspired poetry, like religion, carries within it the seed of truth. It communicates by inducing recognition and affirmation: Almost involuntarily, from deep inside us, comes the response: Fine poetry is the meeting of the human soul with truth. Much of what Gibran wrote achieves this goal while nevertheless remaining essentially very simple. His work abounds with beautiful aphorisms, such as: Very few authors in history can match his achievement of writing successfully in two languages, Arabic and English. Few have synthesized the best of Christianity and Islam as he does. And perhaps most important of all, amongst the literature of the twentieth century, with its fashionable emphasis on cynicism, anxiety and despair, his work stands out like a beacon of hope and compassion. Events around the globe in recent years have underlined all too clearly the continuing relevance of Kahlil Gibran today. His passionate belief in the oneness of mankind, and hence the need to remove man-made barriers, has found a host of reflection in glasnost, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Cold War, the move towards federalism in Europe, and the growing effectiveness of the United Nations Organizationâ€”to name some of the more encouraging recent developments. He appears, for example, to have anticipated with uncanny accuracy the dreadful cloud that would pass over his own country, Lebanon, in our own times. In the sixty years since he died, the Arab world has been transformed beyond recognition by the oil riches that have come its way. While this phenomenon has not been without its benefits, bringing progress in place of stagnation, among some of the wealthier Arabs it has engendered a materialistic approach that runs counter to their spiritual heritage. Religious intolerance, too, thrives in the Middle East as it does nowhere else in the world. These are subjects on which Gibran has much of value to say. One of his most powerful Arabic works, translated into English as *Spirits Rebellious*, represents a scathing attack on the abuse of religious power. But it is as the voice of reconciliation and consolation that Gibran needs most of all to be heard. His friend and colleague Mikhail Naimy wrote of him: Never does he attempt to bamboozle his readers or sweep them off their feet with rhetoric. Your soul is oftentimes a battlefield, upon which your reason and your judgment wage war against your passion and your appetite. Would that I could be the peacemaker in your soul, that I might turn the discord and the rivalry of your elements into oneness and melody. But how shall I, unless you yourselves be also the peacemakers, nay, the lovers of all your elements? Kahlil Gibran was truly a citizen of the world; a man from the East who brought a much-needed element of spirituality to the West; and eventually a man of the West as well, benefiting from an environment in which freedom, democracy and equality of opportunity opened doors for him. His work remains a shining example, on an individual level, of the inspired results that

can be forthcoming when cultures merge in a spirit of unity and goodwill. That is surely the watchword for the global society now developing apace as we approach the third millennium. As a result, he is bilingual with an authentic bicultural perspective. He is poet, critic, translator and broadcaster, known especially for his outstanding work on English Poetry and Arab Literature in English. Bushrui has received several prizes and honors, and is the author of many books in both English and Arabic on Kahlil Gibran. Suheil Bushrui and Salma al-Kuzbari, trans. Longmans, , x. Annie Salem Otto, ed. Kahlil Gibran, A Self Portrait, trans. Heinemann, , Quartet Books, , Essays and Introductions, eds. Suheil Bushrui and John M. Rihani House, , Kahlil Gibran, Sand and Foam London: Mikhail Naimy, Kahlil Gibran: His Life and His Work Beirut: Khayats, , Suheil Bushrui and Paul Gotch Beirut: Librairie du Liban, , 9.

6: The Chinese Translation of Kahlil Gibran: His Life and World

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The causes were cirrhosis of the liver and tuberculosis due to prolonged serious alcoholism. Gibran started drinking seriously during or after publication of *The Prophet*. Several years before his death, he locked himself in his apartment, away from visitors, drinking all day. Gibran expressed the wish that he be buried in Lebanon. I am alive like you, and I am standing beside you. Close your eyes and look around, you will see me in front of you. There she discovered her letters to him spanning twenty-three years. She initially agreed to burn them because of their intimacy, but recognizing their historical value she saved them. She gave them, along with his letters to her which she had also saved, to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library before she died in Excerpts of the over letters were published in "Beloved Prophet" in Haskell had been thinking of placing her collection at the Telfair as early as In a letter to Gibran, she wrote "I am thinking of other museums There when I was a visiting child, form burst upon my astonished little soul. The future American royalties to his books were willed to his hometown of Bsharri , to be "used for good causes". Writings[edit] Style and recurring themes[edit] Gibran was a great admirer of poet and writer Francis Marrash , [25] [26] whose works he had studied at al-Hikma school in Beirut. Love one another but make not a bond of love: But his mysticism is a convergence of several different influences: Christianity, Islam, Judaism and theosophy. I love you when you prostrate yourself in your mosque, and kneel in your church and pray in your synagogue. You and I are sons of one faith€”the Spirit. Its popularity grew markedly during the s with the American counterculture and then with the flowering of the New Age movements. It has remained popular with these and with the wider population to this day. Since it was first published in , *The Prophet* has never been out of print. Having been translated into more than 40 languages, [31] it was one of the best-selling books of the twentieth century in the United States. He reportedly read passages to his mother and over the years gave away copies of "The Prophet" to friends and colleagues. Photographs of his handwritten notes under certain passages throughout his copy are archived on various Museum websites. One of his most notable lines of poetry is from "Sand and Foam" , which reads: Yeats , Carl Jung and Auguste Rodin. His drawings were collected by Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art in Doha. Religious views[edit] Gibran was born into a Maronite Christian family and raised in Maronite schools. He was influenced not only by his own religion but also by Islam, and especially by the mysticism of the Sufis. Gibran also worked with St. He used to say: Illustration from *The madman*, his parables and poems *The Madman* transcriptions:

7: The Best 50 Kahlil Gibran Quotes

The Chinese Translation of Kahlil Gibran: His Life and World (China Social Science Publishing House,) The Chinese translation of Kahlil Gibran's English biography Kahlil Gibran;His Life and World was published by China Social Science Publishing House in July,

Two thousand copies were issued, a respectable-enough edition for a book of inspirational verse by a comparatively little-known author, and of those, somewhat more than half the edition sold that first year. By the standards of poetry publishing, this could be judged a modest success. However, the following year that first printing sold out, a second was called for, and the demand increased almost exponentially thereafter. By , the book was in its eighth printing, and Knopf issued an edition de luxe that same year. Part of the appeal of the book came from its illustrations: Gibran was a trained and accomplished artist, with a style that harkened back to the French symbolists. The haunting frontispiece portrait of the prophet Almustafa lot 12 , in part an idealized self-portrait of Gibran, unquestionably had some bearing on the continued lure of the work. Knopf himself was perplexed with its enduring popularity for, as the years went by, it became a very profitable mainstay of his publishing house. Indeed, to date approximately nine million copies have been issued in English alone, and *The Prophet* has been translated into more than forty languages. By any reasonable calculus, the book is now one of the most popular works of poetry ever published, on a par with the *Sonnets* of Shakespeare and ahead of most other canonical works of English verse. All of which begs the question, who was Gibran? Born in , Gibran emigrated from the area that is modern Lebanon in what was then the Mount Lebanon Mutasarrifate with his parents and siblings, settling in the South End of Boston. The Boston publisher and photographer F. Holland Day funded his education, encouraging him to read Whitman and study the drawings of Blake. In the intervening years, he had returned to Lebanon and studied at al-Hikma, a Maronite-run preparatory school and college in Beirut, during which time he started a student literary magazine and made a reputation for himself at the school as a poet. He returned to the United States in . At the same time, his literary interests blossomed. Most of his earliest writings were in Arabic; he was an influential member Arab-American League of the Pen al-Rabita al-Qalamiyya , a group of expatriate writers then active in New York, often referred to as "al-Mahjar," issuing numerous newspaper articles, poems and several books. In , Gibran published his first book in English, *The Madman*, a collection of seven parables, and several English-language works, some with his illustrations, followed this before *The Prophet* was published by Alfred Knopf, and he achieved a broader literary fame. Sadly, after the publication of his opus work his life was not altogether happy. Though acclaimed, his health declined, and he apparently took to drinking, often quantities of arak, the powerful anise-flavored liquor popular in the Middle East. His formidable charisma remained undimmed, but he appears to have been haunted by the sense that another great work remained, unfulfilled, within him. He produced a number of pleasant but relatively minor works, and in , Gibran died, still rather young. Whether the proximate cause was years of drinking *The New York Times*, in its obituary, said that he had been suffering from cancer of the liver, which might have been a polite euphemism for cirrhosis, or a bald statement of fact , possible tuberculosis, or some more profound complaint, the great work for which he had hoped died with him. What endured was *The Prophet*, his first success, which outlived Gibran, outlived its publisher, outlasted the sixties in which it achieved a near-oracular fame, and which remains consistently popular today nearly a century after its first publication.

8: Kahlil Gibran (sculptor) - Infogalactic: the planetary knowledge core

Kahlil Gibran, baptized Gibran Khalil Gibran, the oldest child of Khalil Gibran and his wife Kamila Rahme, was born January 6, 1895, in Besharri, Lebanon, then part of Syria and the Ottoman Turkish Empire.

His childhood in a village beneath Mt. Lebanon included few comforts, and he had no formal early education. However, he received a strong spiritual influence from legends and biblical stories handed down through generations. Seeking a better future, the family, except for his father, moved to the United States in 1902. There they joined relatives and shared an apartment in South Boston, Massachusetts. He then went to Beirut, Lebanon, in 1903 to attend Madrasat-al-Hikmah, a college where he studied Arabic literature and started a literary magazine. An inspired career Upon returning to Boston, Gibran resumed his art work and renewed his friendship with Day. Here Gibran met Mary Elizabeth Haskell, who became his patron supporter as well as his tutor in English for two decades. From 1908 to 1910 Haskell provided funds for Gibran to study painting and drawing in Paris, France. Before going to France, he studied English literature with her and had an essay, "al-Musiqah", published by the Arabic immigrant press in New York City. Gains fame After "Spirits Rebellious," an Arabic poem, was published in 1908, Gibran was called a reformer one who seeks social improvements and quickly became influential in the Arabic world. He soon became the best known of the "Mahjar poets," or immigrant Arabic writers. His most respected Arabic poem is the "The Procession" Gibran soon made his mark on the New York artistic and literary world as well. His first work in English appeared in 1909 when *The Madman* was published. In October 1912 *The Prophet* was published, and it sold over one thousand copies in three months. By 1920 *The Prophet* had been translated into twenty languages. In the 1920s it reached new heights of popularity with American college students. After his death, earlier essays were compiled and published, and his Arabic work was translated into many languages. Gibran was forty-eight when he died in New York City on April 10, 1931, of cancer of the liver. The Arabic world praised him after his death as a genius and patriot. Today Arabic scholars praise Gibran for introducing Western romanticism and a freer style to strict Arabic poetry. The young emigrant from Lebanon who came through Ellis Island in 1902 never became an American citizen; he loved his birthplace too much. But he was able to combine two heritages and achieved lasting fame in widely different cultures. Faith is an oasis in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking. How can you sing if your mouth be filled with food? How shall your hand be raised in blessing if it is filled with gold? Kahlil Gibran, *His Life and World*. This Man from Lebanon. Comment about this article, ask questions, or add new information about this topic:

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Though he considered himself to be mainly a painter, lived most of his life in the United States, and wrote his best-known works in English, Kahlil Gibran was the key figure in a Romantic movement that transformed Arabic literature in the first half of the twentieth century.

Mentioned above is one of his own quotes that held true to his life. This man created for himself a name and place in the history of art and literature in spite of living in adverse circumstances and many hardships. His was a journey from rags to riches. Apart from being a renowned 20th century Lebanese-American artist, essayist, novelist, philosopher and theologian, he was also the third most popular poet of all times after Shakespeare and Lao-Tzu. It is a collection of philosophical essays in poetic English prose and a best-seller that has been translated to more than twenty different foreign languages. However, he was also regarded as a literary and political rebel in the Arab world as his style of writing, especially prose poetry, distinguished itself from the old classical school. No wonder, that even to this day he is considered a literary hero in Lebanon. Here is a peak into the life of this literary genius whose fame and work extended way ahead of the Arab world, and became one of the most legendary figures in the history of art and literature. He was the oldest child born to Khalil and Kamila. She was thirty years old when she delivered Gibran. She also had a son named Butrus nicknamed Peter who was six years older than Gibran, from her first marriage to her cousin, Hanna Abdel Salam Rahmeh. After Gibran, Kamila had two more daughters, Mariana and Sultana. Khalil was deeply attached to his mother and both the sisters throughout his life. His mother came from a very prominent religious background, and this infused her with a strong fortitude that later helped her raise her family independently on the US soils. Khalil never received any encouragement from his father but he shared a very intimate and understanding relation with his mother. She was a pillar of strength for him and always motivated his artistic inclination. Though she was uneducated, yet, she had an artistic talent for music. She was a smart lady who was familiar with many languages and could speak Arabic, French and English. Living in the lush area of Bsharri, Khalil grew up to be a pensive and lonely kid who enjoyed the greenery, the waterfalls, the rocky cliffs, the green cedars and the scenic beauty around him. One can see the reflection and influence of this resplendent flora in his writings and paintings. He had fallen off a cliff when he was ten years old which left him with a wounded left shoulder that remained weak for the rest of his life. Moreover, the isolated village that they stayed in, hardly included any material comforts. These were some of the reasons why Khalil received no formal education during his childhood days. Nevertheless, he received a strong spiritual heritage from the legends and biblical stories handed down through generations. The limited learning that he received was from his village priest whom he visited regularly. The priest acquainted him with the Bible, the fundamentals of religion and languages like Syriac and Arabic. In addition to the basic education received from the priest, Khalil was also greatly influenced with regards to education by Selim Dahir. Not much is known about this man, only that he was a doctor and the most learned man of the village. He is said to have taken Khalil who was less than 10 years old, under his wing, encouraged his artistic aspirations and familiarised him with the world of books. But the worst was yet to come! Due to severe complaints from the subjects, the administrator was eliminated and his staff was probed. Khalil was uncertain about immigration and therefore everyone except for him embarked on their voyage to the new shores of New York. She joined some relatives there and shared a tenement in Oliver Place. Being in an altogether diverse cultural environment, Kamila was glad that she was at least living in a familiar community that followed Arab customs and spoke Arabic. She now had other responsibilities added to her kitty. From being just a homemaker she was now the bread-winner too of the entire family. Syrian immigrants, in those days, were negatively pictured because of their unconventional Arab ways and supposed redundancy. Hence, peddling was the chief source of income for most of them. She followed suit and worked as a seamstress peddler, selling lace and linen material door-to-door. Meanwhile, among her four children, Khalil got the opportunity to attend school. His mother wanted him to imbibe formal education which his parents had failed to receive. Thankfully, the charitable organisations in the underprivileged regions allowed the children of immigrants to attend public schools and

keep them from wandering on the streets. Nevertheless, forbidden by the Middle Eastern customs and financial hurdles, his sisters were not granted entry in the school. Both the sisters, Mariana and Sultana also started working there. The emotional and physical distress that the family faced brought them closer to each other. Kamila was more inclined towards Khalil who had become considerably remote from a social life. She tried her best to help him overcome his reticence, and gradually he began fraternising with the social life in Boston and exploring its world of art and literature. However, as he had no prior education, the school officials placed him in a special class for immigrant kids to learn English right from the basics. In school, a spell error that occurred during his registration changed his name forever to Kahlil Gibran from Gibran Khalil Gibran. Repeated efforts to restore his former name went in vain. During the two years that he studied in the public school, he scored higher than his American classmates. This was when his teachers began recognising the genius in him. A turning point in his life came when Kahlil caught the eye of Florence Peirce, an art teacher at the settlement house. She found his sketches and drawings very impressive – a hobby he had nourished from his childhood days in Lebanon. Beale, in turn, wrote to Fred Holland Day, who was an artist, publisher and a pioneer in photography, which was then a budding art-form in America. She was confident that she could count on him to guide a young talent with artistic promise. She also mentioned that with the kind of aptitude Kahlil showed in his art class, Peirce felt, that if provided with proper artistic education, he could earn a better living rather than peddling on the streets. Fred influenced and inspired Kahlil in his creative endeavours. In spite of weak Arabic and English, he turned out to be a quick learner. Apart from educating him on art, Fred was instrumental in boosting his self-respect and confidence. I am a pagan. Apart from this, Fred constantly encouraged Kahlil to improve his drawings. His passion and support helped Kahlil develop his own unique style and technique. Gradually, Kahlil stepped into the Bostonian circles and his artistic talent led to his initial tryst with fame at a very early age. Fred held one of his photography exhibitions in , which had some photographs of the fifteen year old Kahlil as the model. The exhibition received a very good response that further allowed Kahlil to gain a foothold in the Boston society. He was introduced to 24 year old Josephine Preston Peabody, an American poetess and dramatist, whose beauty and cheerfulness attracted Kahlil. By , Kahlil had completed his elementary schooling. His family felt that he should go back to Lebanon to complete his education and absorb his tradition and heritage, rather than the western aesthetic culture. He could speak Arabic fluently but could not read or write the language. He too felt the need to develop his knowledge on his native language and familiarise with Arabic erudition. Return to the Native Land: The college offered a nationalistic syllabus biased to Church writings, history and liturgy. Being the stubborn and determined boy that he was, Kahlil wanted the curriculum offered to him be tailored to his personal liking. He demanded an individual syllabus that catered to his educational needs and he spoke to Father Yusuf Haddad, a well-respected senior member of staff regarding the same. Kahlil complained to him that although he had already completed his studies in English, yet, he had been transferred to the elementary class. He added, that he had come to Lebanon to study the literature and the language of his country, to be able to express his thoughts about these subjects in his writings. Father Haddad tried explaining him that learning was like climbing a ladder and one must climb each rung, one at a time. Kahlil was fascinated by the style and writing of the Arab-language Bible and got himself engrossed in it. Under the supervision of Father Yusuf Haddad, he read the Arab classics and the translations from the French and Syrian novelists and poets. His classmates and teachers were impressed with the new boy in class. They liked his confidence, rebellious, eccentric and individualistic nature, and even the unconventional long hair. So, he brazenly disobeyed his religious responsibilities, skipped classes whenever he wanted and drew sketches – mostly caricatures of teachers – in his books. He had to live in pitiable conditions once again, something that he had loathed and was embarrassed of for the rest of his life. On the brighter side, a romantic liaison was budding between Kahlil and Josephine, the poetess whom he had met in the US. On February 3, , Kahlil wrote back to her expressing his delight on receiving her letter. This correspondence via letters continued for almost nine years. With this relation, Kahlil experienced all the facets of love; bliss, pain, grief and disappointment. In , the 17 year old Kahlil began drawing pictures of the great Arabian thinkers that he was studying. Kahlil did the editing as well as the illustrations for the magazine, and later on was elected as the college poet. After graduating from

college with flying colours in , Kahlil travelled all over Syria and Lebanon visiting historical places, ruins and relics of the old civilization. However, miseries never left Kahlil. She died on April 4, , at the young age of just fourteen. Kahlil was gradually getting more and more attached to Josephine and was madly in love with her though the latter was considerably elder to him. This love, however, was only one-sided as Josephine later claimed to be only a friend or fellow artist to Kahlil. Nonetheless, she introduced him to prominent people as she believed he was a genius. When the book was published, Kahlil dedicated the same to her. To add to this emotional burden, Kahlil was compelled to take care of the family business and manage the goods store that Peter had left behind in order to seek a fortune in Cuba. The added responsibility deprived the year old Kahlil of the time required to pursue his artistic interests.

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