

Proverbs from around the World

The first day you meet, you are friends. The next day you meet, you are brothers. —
Afghan proverb

Those whose palm-kernels were cracked for them by a benevolent spirit should not forget
to be humble. – Chinese proverb

A coral reef strengthens into land. – Hawaiian proverb

Those who are choosy often pick the worst. – Ilocano proverb (Philippines)

Experience is the comb that nature gives us when we are bald. – Belgian proverb

A stranger nearby is better than a far-away relative. – Korean proverb

Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm. – Malayan proverb

Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough, but not baked in the same oven. – Yiddish
proverb

In a battle between elephants, the ants get squashed. – Thai proverb

In a court of fowls, the cockroach never wins his case. – Rwandan proverb

Little by little, the camel goes into the couscous. Moroccan proverb

To attract good fortune, spend a new coin on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a
new friend, and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a
dragon. – Chinese proverb

When a dove begins to associate with crows its feathers remain white but its heart grows
black. – German proverb

The worse the passage the more welcome the port. – English proverb