

To err is human, to forgive,  
divine

I. Introduction:

II. Explaining the quote

III. To err is human shows;

A. Inherent human fallibility

B. Moral imperfection

"Nobody is perfect" Billy Wilder

C. Biasness in perception

("A man sees what he wants to see and disregards the rest"  
Paul Simon)

From "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman: "We can be blind to the obvious, and we are also blind to our blindness"

IV. Why forgiving someone is divine:

~~IV~~. Acknowledging to err is human

reinforces the virtue of forgiveness

A. Transcends human to a  
divine entity



B. Recognition of imperfection fosters understanding, making forgiveness attainable

("We are all broken, that's how the light get in."  
Ernest Hemingway)

C. Recognizing one's own fallibility make forgiveness a natural response to human error.

(In Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," Ebenezer undergoes a transformation after his own flaws, leading him to show compassion and forgiveness to others.)

D. Recognizing human imperfection opens door of forgiveness leading to healing.

("Forgiveness is the pathway to healing and wholeness" From "The Book of Forgiving" by Desmond Tutu)



E. Acknowledging human's limited perceptibility breaks the cycle of resentment with forgiveness

("Forgiveness is to relinquish your grievance and so to let go of grief")

From the book "The power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle

F. Acknowledging one's own fallibility empowers one to take responsibility of the ~~actions~~ mistakes - the first step towards seeking forgiveness

(In Paulo Coelho's "The Alchemist", Santiago learns the importance of forgiveness on his journey towards spiritual enlightenment)

G. Affirming human's limited perceptibility fosters rebuilding trust by forgiving

("Forgiveness is the final form of love") - by Reinhold Niebuhr

XI. conclusion