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# THE GOLDEN BELL OF AWAKENING

## 1. Forbearance Is the Ultimate Virtue

To forbear is to be wise;  
Forbearance is the ultimate virtue.

When you are hurt,  
Hold your temper,  
Swallow your anger,  
Learn your lesson,  
And bear your humiliation,  
Even though to forbear  
Is like bearing a knife  
That jabs your heart.

But still forbear until  
You forget your heart  
And forget your self,  
When you will have reached  
The realm of Tao.

## 2. Patience Pays

If someone slanders me,  
Bullies me, humiliates me,  
Laughs at me, belittles me,  
Fouls me, curses me,  
Or deceives me, I will  
Forbear him, let him do  
Whatever he pleases,  
Stay away from him,  
Or simply ignore him.

No one can escape Karma--  
There will always be retributions  
To one's evildoings.

## 3. The Tao of Living in This World

Set your heart on benefiting others, and

You will find yourself accumulating your own merits.  
Set your heart on benefiting yourself, and  
You will find yourself piling up your vices.  
To forgive others is to bring fortune to you yourself  
While to hurt others will eventually harm you yourself.  
Concession invites fortune while  
Contention breeds disaster.

#### **4. Conscience, the Heavenly Law, Is the Ultimate Justice**

Man's way might be unjust,  
But Heaven's way is never so.  
When a man is mistreated by others,  
Heaven will compensate him  
With love and compassion.  
A virtuous man does not indulge in contention  
While the one who indulges in contention  
Is not a virtuous man.  
Not to contend is a real virtue,  
A sign of true goodness.

#### **5. Rid of All Discriminations and You Will Instantly Become a Buddha**

Harmony among people is the most precious thing.  
Treat others as you yourself would like to be treated.  
Transcend the material loss or gain,  
To recognize your true divine self.  
Return abuse with forgiveness,  
And return blame with kindness.  
When you are insulted or inflicted,  
Answer the injury with a smile.

#### **6. Those Who Forbear Are Blessed by Heaven**

Tune your personality, and  
Smooth your temperament.  
Change your bad habits, and  
Refine your rough manners.  
Learn to cope with disadvantage  
And view it as an opportunity.  
Learn to endure hardship

And bear humiliation.

### **7. Benefiting Others Selflessly Is the Conduct of a Sage**

Always look into your own faults,  
But do not look for mistakes of others.  
Occupying yourself with the misconduct of others  
Blinds your eye and clouds your mind.  
But knowing and examining yourself  
Help you gain your enlightenment.  
Harming others is evil while  
Benefiting others is Buddhistic.  
Selfish people will become devils  
While the unselfish will attain Sainthood.

### **8. To Discipline Yourself but Benefit Others ?**

Such Is the Act of Saints and Buddhas  
The more your mind is concerned with affairs of others  
The more obscure your mind will become;  
The more your mind is concerned with affairs of yourself  
The clearer will your mind become.  
Be self-controlled, Yet not self-centered.  
Act upon your conscience spontaneously.  
When you set your mind on blaming others  
What you will accomplish is only adding to your sins.  
When you set your mind on blaming yourself,  
What you will accomplish is gaining wisdom.

### **9. True Understanding and Righteous Act Will Reap Fruitful Returns**

True understanding leads to righteous action.  
And righteous action is always sincere.  
He or she who acts righteously  
Is a kind person full of merits.  
Knowing, but without intention to act,  
Or acting, but without sincerity  
Will accomplish nothing.  
Such knowing and acting are mere vanities.

### **10. Conscience Is Morality and Is Truth**

Truth is profound  
And beyond words.  
Truth is Tao and  
Whatever else is false.  
Truth needs to be searched for and  
The search requires diligence and caution.  
Then where is truth?  
It is your conscience,  
Which is truth and your Buddha nature.

### **11. Buddha Nature Is in My Heart; and My Deeds Are Those of Buddha**

Buddha nature dwells in everyone,  
When he or she is selfless.  
Happiness and fortune accompany everyone  
When he or she is clear of worldly tangles.  
Tao, the ultimate truth,  
Is obtained through self-realization.  
To follow Tao is to cultivate one's mind  
And to purify his or her conduct.  
Tao is inside everyone  
And is the innocence of his or her pure heart.

### **12. The Ten Things One Should Not Do Regarding Relationship with Others**

1. Do not be greedy, full of illusion; never harm others to benefit yourself.
2. Do not be arrogant and regard only yourself as right and others as wrong.
3. Do not be short-tempered and misbehave.
4. Do not be cunning and tend to manipulate others for your own benefits.
5. Do not be selfish and ignore the Truth--your conscience.
6. Do not be stubborn and thus lose your objectivity.
7. Do not let emotion cloud your rational thought and action.
8. Do not be hypocritical and pay lip service to others.
9. Do not be biased and discriminate against others.
10. Do not be bound by bad habits; never speak and behave imprudently.

### **13. The Ten Things One Should Do Regarding Relationship with Others**

1. Act on your conscience, abiding by morality.
2. Practice tolerance and humility and be respectful to others.
3. Keep a good temper and guide your action with virtue.

4. Practice loyalty, honesty, and simplicity and be sincere to others.
5. Be moral and let your conscience be your guide.
6. Regard all sentient beings as one with yourself.
7. Be truthful, righteous, and just.
8. Practice sincerity and candor and never practice falsity.
9. Let God · Heart be your heart and love all your fellow human beings.
10. Be prudent in your words and conducts, and remember your responsibility.

#### **14. Tao of Filial Piety**

A dutiful son always shows his filial piety to his parents  
And serves them with care in their live time.  
He will provide his parents with clothing and food  
And a comfortable home to stay.  
At all times, he will report to his parents  
When he goes out and comes back.  
He will take a good care of his parents  
To make them feel comfortable in different seasons.  
He will show fraternal love to his siblings  
And will never fight with them.  
Thus his parents will be contented, pleased, and free from worries.  
When his parents pass away,  
He will hold a solemn funeral ceremony  
And try to make them rest in peace.

To show filial piety,  
We take care of all of our parents's worries.  
To respect our parents,  
We provide them with daily necessities gladly.  
To be obedient to our parents,  
We will not complain  
When they blame us angrily.

If money is precious,  
Our parents are even more precious.  
Why? It is because  
Money can be regained after we lose it,  
While when we lose our parents,  
We will lose them forever.

If a spouse is precious,  
Our parents are even more precious.  
Why? It is because  
A spouse can be regained after we lose him/her,  
While when we lose our parents,  
We will lose them forever.

If we regard our job as important,  
Our parents are even more important.  
Why? It is because  
We can look for another job if we lose the old one,  
While we cannot find other parents  
When they are gone.

### **15. An Ode to Filial Piety (1)**

Of all our human virtues,  
Filial piety is the most important one.  
Piety to parents is piety to God.  
In our life, parents are our first concern.  
They nurture us with love;  
They teach and care for us.  
We shall repay them with gratitude and piety.

### **16. An Ode to Filial Piety (2)**

The Grace of our Parents is so great.  
How can we ever repay them?  
We shall take a good care of them  
And never let them worry.  
We will make sure nothing they should lack.  
We will keep them warm in winter  
And cool in summer.  
We will give them the best food  
While simple meals we have.  
We care for every aspect of their daily life  
And make sure everything for them is fine.

### **17. An Ode to Filial Piety (3)**

Let us give our Parents the nicest home  
To live in which we can afford  
While we are content  
With our modest lifestyle.  
Money we earn let them enjoy  
Even if we have nothing to spend.  
When they travel,  
Make sure they are always safe.  
Preparation for travel should be well made.  
We should always be kind and considerate,  
But never be careless or negligent.  
We must inform them  
Whenever we go out or come back home.  
We should never forget  
To greet them whenever we can.

#### **18. An Ode to Filial Piety (4)**

Let us serve our Parents with love and devotion;  
Let us serve our Parents with kindness and affection.  
Let us always listen to our parents,  
And let us always obey them and show our respect.

We shall never defy them,  
And without their consent  
We shall not act.  
We shall return their blame with smile  
And be devoted all the time.  
We shall bring them peace and delight.

#### **19. An Ode to Filial Piety (5)**

Let us live harmoniously in our family,  
And thus our Parents can live joyfully.  
All their worries we carry,  
And all their matters we handle.  
Let us bring them all they need  
And always treat them right.  
Let us respect them with sincerity  
And humbly accept their blame.

Let us always feel happy deep inside  
And show our filial piety all the time.  
In doing so, for sainthood we qualify.

## **20. Filial Piety and Fraternal Love Are the First Priority in Life**

My parents are like Heaven and Earth;  
The grace they show in nurturing me is boundless.  
I shall cherish my physical body  
And follow Tao.  
Filial Piety to Parents  
Is Filial Piety to God.

My siblings are of my limbs,  
And their support is important.  
Therefore, I shall lead a life of  
Fraternal love with my siblings.  
The harmony and peace we achieve in our family  
Are reflections of the way of Heaven and Earth.

## **21. The Virtuous Principles**

Within human life, the "Three Main Principles" and the "Five Chief Virtues" should be thoroughly observed.

### **Three Main Principles**

- I. A leader should be a paragon to his adherents. If a king is upright, his adherents will be loyal to him. Then, their relationship will be linked together tightly.
- II. A parent should be a paragon to his child and they should encourage each other. A parent • patience and love and a child • filial piety should be expressed all the time.
- III. A husband should be a paragon to his wife. They should be considerate and harmonious. Whatever they do, they should communicate and cooperate with each other in good manners.

### **Five Chief Virtues**

- I. Benevolence is to bear compassion and kindness in heart. It also means great mercy and love to ferry those who have affinity to receive Tao.
- II. Righteousness is to act with justice and loyalty. We should take righteousness as the prime root in the world.

- III. Propriety is to thoroughly observe good manners. We should treat people and matters well with propriety.
- IV. Wisdom is to possess true wisdom and to apply it marvelously in daily life.
- V. Faithfulness is the prime root of the Five Chief Virtues. It is a must for us to be faithful. Never deceive.

If the Three Main Principles and the Five Chief Virtues can be applied worldwide, then Universal Harmony will reign.

## 22. The Five Moral Interrelations and the Eight Essential Virtues

Within human life, the "Five Moral Interrelations" and the "Eight Essential Virtues" are the most important.

### The Five Moral Interrelations

I & II. Between leader and follower or parent and child, there is one heart of support and encouragement with each other. If the superior is kind, the inferior will obey and respond with the same heart.

III. Husband and wife should live in harmony. Thus spouses will communicate and cooperate with each other in whatever they do.

IV & V. Among relatives and friends, we should encourage each other without any bias or discrimination.

### The Eight Essential Virtues

1. Filial piety is the first priority. We should respect and obey our parents wholeheartedly.
2. Fraternal love is to love our brothers and sisters. All siblings should get along with each other in harmony.
3. Loyalty is to be loyal and honest. The worthies will protect their countries loyally.
4. Faithfulness is to keep promises entirely. When we deal with people, we should keep our words.
5. Propriety is to be polite with good manners. All physical action should be serious and solemn.
6. Righteousness is to be benevolent and righteous completely. With it one will be willing to sacrifice oneself for others and thus become a saint or a sage.
7. Integrity is to be candid and decent. We should deal with people without any greed or corruption.
8. Sense of Shame is to be strict in all matters. If one can always be aware of oneself, then one can do all matters well.

### **23. Our Well-being Begins at Youth**

Should we all know,  
Our future well-being begins at youth;  
Should we all realize the cycle of karma,  
The responsibilities of our own deeds.  
Must we all follow and practice good deeds,  
and quickly discard all bad ones.  
Good deeds bring good consequences,  
and guide us closer to God.  
Bad deeds only lead us to the inevitable nether world.

Should we all know,  
Our future well-being begins at youth:  
No smoking, drinking or gambling.  
Get away from all unnecessary wasteful pastimes.  
Diligently concentrate on study.

A good start will develop into a well rewarding career.  
Thus one can set a good example for others to follow.

Should we all know,  
Our future well-being begins at youth.  
Hail to the diligent and courageous.  
Exert ourselves to be responsible always.  
Be kind to our parents, brothers, sisters and all families as well.  
Be humble and polite when dealing with others.  
It is the key to well-being and success.

### **24. The Principle of Life in Dealing with Others (1)**

The first principle of life in dealing with others  
Is an attitude that can endure hardships and harsh work.  
If you can stand the hardship in working,  
You will set yourself as a good role model for others.  
Then you can offer your service to people and manage things well.

Be humble and moderate,  
For these are the important keys to create harmony.

Courtesy and humility play an important role.  
Blessed are those who can listen to others' advise.

The important principle of life in dealing with others,  
Is the attitude of tolerance and meekness.  
If you can practice true tolerance,  
You will have good relationship with others.

Learn to forgive and endure humiliation.  
This is the principle that you should keep.  
If you can endure humiliation,  
And never bear hatred for others' wickedness,  
You can eliminate your Karma.

### **25. The Principle of Life in Dealing with Others (2)**

The important principle of life in dealing with others  
Is to amend your bad temper.  
If you can always keep quietness in your mind and peace in your disposition,  
You will always be happy wherever you go.

If you can abandon all your bad habits,  
You will gradually be free from fault and sin.  
You can have your conscience bright and clear.  
You will be joyful, free from attachment, and may attain sainthood.

The important principles in dealing with others  
Are righteousness, loyalty and filial piety.  
If you can practice these constantly  
And always care more for others rather than for yourself,  
You have manifested the essence of true Tao.

Always be decent and magnanimous.  
As a person with morality,  
You will make yourself a good example for others to follow.

### **26. Tao Is the Beacon to the World**

Tao is the beacon to the world  
Tao is my conscience, my soul.

Those who follow Tao are welcomed everywhere.

Those who neglect Tao can not survive.

Tao is the beacon to the world

Tao is my true self, my soul.

Tao leads to a peaceful society.

Without It peace won't exist.

Tao is the beacon to the world

Tao is my conscience, my soul.

Conscience always wins respect,

Without It we will dispute.

Tao is the beacon to the world

Tao is my true self, my soul.

Tao leads to global harmony,

Without It conflicts persist.

Tao is the beacon to the world

Tao is my conscience, my soul.

Tao practice leads to enlightenment,

We will live in global peace.

## **27. Tao Is the Guiding Light**

Tao is the guiding light for everyone.

Tao is the beacon to the whole world.

Peace and harmony will fill the world when all people follow Tao.

There will be chaos and wars in the world if we fail to.

Tao is the Heavenly Truth.

Tao is our bright conscience,

The righteousness and justice of our inner supreme judge.

Tao is the guiding light for everyone.

Tao is the beacon to the whole world.

Tao is the guiding light that brightens the entire world.

We will have our conscience bright and clear

When we realize the essence of Tao.

Peace and tranquility will fill our minds  
When we follow our sacred conscience.  
Tao, our sacred conscience, is the absolute truth.  
We should thoroughly follow It.

Tao is the guiding light for everyone.  
Tao is the beacon to the whole world.  
If we always follow our natural morality,  
That is our sacred conscience,  
We will have a future full of prosperity.  
If we ignore Tao, our natural morality,  
That is our sacred conscience,  
We will have a difficult and gloomy future.

Let everyone revive one's conscience, and act upon It.  
Let everyone experience peace and tranquility.

### **28. Tao Is My Conscience Light (1)**

Tao is my conscience light, my natural morality.  
Receiving and practicing Tao in my daily life  
Will elevate my natural morality.  
When my natural morality is enlightened,  
I can awaken the natural morality of others.  
When my natural morality is polluted,  
How can I awaken the natural morality of any one?  
Supreme Masters' True Transmission is the light that  
Brightens my sacred conscience, my natural morality.  
Let everyone receive True Transmission.  
Let everyone become enlightened.

Tao is my conscience light, my natural morality.  
Receiving and practicing Tao in my daily life  
Will elevate my natural morality.  
The light of my conscience is all-inclusive.

It penetrates both the tangible and the intangible.  
The light of my conscience is boundless.  
It can distinguish the good and the bad within my self.

May everyone revive one conscience  
By self-discipline in one daily life.  
Never fall into self-delusion.

### **29. Tao Is My Conscience Light (2)**

Tao is my conscience light, my inner supreme judge.  
Receiving and practicing Tao in my daily life  
Will illuminate my sacred conscience.  
The righteousness of my inner supreme judge  
Surpasses all the worldly laws.  
When everyone is guided by one's inner supreme judge,  
The world will be free of crime.

My conscience light can not be described with words.  
My inner supreme judge surpasses all verbal language.  
May everyone be conscience awakened  
And obedient to the divine will of one's inner supreme judge.

Thus everyone will perform only just and decent actions.  
Thus all the laws against criminals will not be needed in the world.  
Tao is my conscience light, my inner supreme judge.  
Receiving and practicing Tao in my daily life will illuminate my sacred conscience.

Each of us possesses conscience light inherently.  
Each of us can recognize the supreme judge within.  
May everyone follow one's conscience light.  
May everyone act upon one's inner supreme judge.  
Indeed, we should follow Tao consistently.  
Thus humanity will enjoy in peace and harmony.

### **30. Good and Kindness Bring Forth Good Luck**

Every event is a cause or effect.  
Nature of Karma is like a shadow of ours.  
Good luck follows the good and merciful deeds.  
If we comprehend the preciseness of Karma  
With our pure soul, may there be no evil.

Karma is genuine, liable we are.

The Heavenly Law is clear and precise.  
Everything we do must be repaid.  
Kindness will be rewarded with well-being.  
Evil can never escape from its retribution.  
It will come sooner or later,  
Though we never know when.

### **31. We Are Always Liable to the Consequences of Our Own Deeds**

As one sows Buddha conduct,  
So will he reap Buddhahood.  
As one sows devil conduct,  
So will he reap devil fruit.  
The harvest time will come  
Though we never know when.  
Kindness yields heavenly affinity,  
Benevolence produces Buddha affinity.  
Evil deeds bring bad consequences.  
Malevolence results in demon affinity.

### **32. Whose Who Endure Disadvantages Are Blessed; Heaven Will Amend Them**

The way to cultivate oneself and cope with others  
Is to learn to endure disadvantages as meritorious deeds.  
To endure disadvantages is to gain profit.  
Taking advantages of others results in loss to oneself.  
Heaven will reward those who give and share.  
Comparing with what they give,  
Heaven's repayment is indeed valuable.  
Those who refuse to endure and give will be rejected by Heaven's blessings.

One meritorious deed will bear one heavenly reward.  
The more one gives, the more virtue one cultivates.

One's financial capability  
Is one's ability to benefit others.  
The more one can give,  
The more Heaven will repay.

To give is to gain.

Giving less means gaining less.  
Giving nothing means gaining none.  
In order to truly gain,  
Always be willing to give.  
Only to give up the false,  
One can gain the real.

### **33. Sainthood Is Achieved by One's Conduct**

To forgive others is to cultivate your virtue.  
To bully others will eventually harm your self.  
People may do injustice to you.  
However, Heaven will never do injustice to anyone.  
If you are treated unjustly by others,  
Heaven will compensate.  
Your being good will be fairly repaid.  
You will receive your reward for what you have done.

When people blame me, I hold my temper.  
When people beat me, I run away.  
When people slander me, I do not talk back.  
When people insult me, I take with peace.

Heaven is omniscient.  
People's partial and evil minds are clearly observed.  
Being good or bad always has its consequence.  
Impartial Heavenly Law will give every one his reward.  
In cultivation and consecration after one receives Tao  
The first guideline is to be able  
To endure disgrace and take disadvantage.  
One's good deeds will be rewarded with sainthood.

### **34. One Who Can Take Disadvantage and Endure Disgrace Will Have No Vexation.**

The preciousness of practicing Tao is to endure disgrace.  
Good conscience is the true principle without distress or confusion.  
Other's blame is beneficial, because  
The karmic debts from previous lives are thus repaid.  
Do not take gossip and criticism into account, because  
It is heavenly conscience that makes judgement.

View every one else as good.  
Only my own self is not good enough.  
Those who are enlightened can thoroughly realize one's conscience.  
Conscience is the heavenly ultimate truth.

May everybody recognize one's real self;  
To be selfless is really good.

Just worry about yourself not being able to do more good deeds.  
Do not be bothered by the remarks of others.  
As one to be blamed, bear no resentment and review one's own fault.  
Return virtue for evil.  
As one to be disliked, do not complain but only examine oneself.  
Benevolence as principle reveals one's conscience.  
Being humble and modest brings more happiness.  
To suffer disadvantages and to endure disgrace makes one become selfless.  
When confronted with bullying, meekly accept.  
When confronted with adversity, gratifyingly try harder.  
Do not expect recognition from others.  
Just be contented with a clear conscience.

### **35. The Law of Karma Is the Ultimate Truth**

When people blame me  
I would apologize and say, "It's my fault."  
When people insult me,  
I would tolerate and endure the disgrace, be meek and low key.  
When people slander me,  
I would keep silent without complaint or resentment.  
When people beat me, I would run away; do not fight back.

Every one has his karma from previous lives.  
Nobody can avoid to return his karmic debts.  
Thus I shall face adversities with calm and peace.  
To take revenge will only make things worse.  
Always watch my words and deeds.  
Don't create new karmic debts; be kind and meek.

### **36. True Conscience Ends Retribution and Karmic Debts**

Karma must be repaid with retribution.  
For Heavenly Justice never plays favoritism.  
How to end the cycle of karmic retribution?  
One must be able to take disadvantage and endure disgrace.  
Self cultivate with a true conscience.  
For karmic retribution is inescapable.  
To restore one's conscience is profound.  
One must practice one's inherent Truth.

### **37. Self-realization of Modesty**

Appearance can be deceiving  
However the sea cannot be measured.  
Do not look down upon others.  
Do not observe yourself in vanity.  
Respect others just as you would want to be respected.  
Appreciate others just as you would want to be appreciated.  
Love others just as you would want to be loved.  
Give way to others just as you would want to be treated.  
Sacrifice yourself for others.  
Always put others before you.  
Creates no conflict, the way of modesty.  
Words must be put to action so that good deeds can be proliferated.

### **38. Return Good for Evil, Virtue for Hatred**

Feigning deaf and dumb, act like a simpleton.  
With a broad mind, forgive and forget.  
Worldly people are too clever to take disadvantage.  
When one deceives others,  
He eventually deceives himself.  
Karmic retribution is as precise as a clear mirror.  
Impartial Heavenly Law never plays favoritism.  
Return virtue for hatred; act like a simpleton.  
Only those who can take disadvantage  
And Endure disgrace qualify for Sainthood.

Feigning deaf and dumb, act like a simpleton.  
With a broad mind, forgive and forget.  
Discerning with conscience,

Other's abuse can do nothing harmful to you.

It is a waste to be bothered and irritated.

In fact, the benefitted one is you

And the harmed one is him.

Do not take revenge when people bully you.

Evil will have its deserved reward.

Your cultivation begins

When you can take disadvantage.

All the disadvantage and disgrace you suffer

Will be compensated by Heaven.

Buddha Maitreya calls himself a Naive Simpleton.

His great example, we should all follow.

Heavenly justice is omniscient like a bright mirror.

It distinguishes among the Buddhas and the Saints

From the deluded beings accurately.

Those who can take disadvantage

And endure disgrace

Attain Buddhahood and Sainthood.

Those who take advantage from others

Are deluded beings.

### **39. Wealth and Fame Are Unreal -- More Like a Fire Pit**

People in the world have fallen into

A huge, obsessive complex maze.

When they fight for wealth and fame,

Indulge in alcohol and lust,

Lose control of their temper,

They are lost in the maze of the devil

When they cling themselves

To the affection or enmity

Among their family, relatives and friends,

They are lost in the maze of Karma,

Because all these relationships are subject to

The retribution from reincarnation.

After you clearly discern those worldly affairs,  
You will be frightened.  
Blinded by dazzling wealth and fame,  
People rush to the karmic cycle  
That result in endless reincarnation  
Between Earth and the nether world.  
Heavenly Law is impartial;  
Everything in this world has its cause and effect.

Wealth and fame are just temporary toys.  
Beloved spouse and children  
Are in fact temporary relationships.  
Release yourself from what is originally void.  
And truly recognize your conscience, your true self.

As a crown prince,  
Buddha Sakyamuni gave up his wealth and comfort.  
Ascetic practice and sincere cultivation  
He chose instead.

As a high rank official,  
Confucius abdicated his honorable position.  
Painstaking travel and a difficult education career  
He preferred.

Now, it is a good time to exert yourself  
To understand Truth and propagate morality.  
Only to benefit people abiding by conscience,  
You can have real and eternal achievements in this world.

#### **40. Discern Secular Affairs and Let Go.**

Release Yourself from Secular Affairs  
Everyone in the world is busy all day long.  
Everything we do is subject to the cycle of reincarnation.  
Everyone is greedy worldwide.  
Everything we chase after costs our clear conscience.  
With conscience deluded, people fight for wealth and fame.  
One's life is limited while enormous disaster is imminent.

No matter how hard you try, how much you gain,  
At the end of your life, all secular affairs will be in vain.

When one leaves the world, he leaves alone.  
None of his beloved wife or children can accompany him.  
All his wealth and properties are still there.  
Only the owner of them will be changed.

Alas! What a shame!  
One's lifetime efforts will all be in vain.  
Wake up! Be alert!  
Only one's conscience, the Truth, can be everlasting.

#### **41. Forsake Secular Wealth and Fame; Redeem the World with Tao Mission.**

Sentient beings all have deluded their conscience  
And strayed in the suffering of endless reincarnation.  
They all ignore their true nature, the Prime Root.  
Tao Mission's goal is to save them  
With the Ultimate Truth-conscience enlightenment.

Those who are addicted in chasing after wealth and fame can be saved  
When they recognize their all-inclusive conscience.  
Those who are addicted to lust and desires can be saved  
When they turn to Tao thoughts and Tao Mission.  
Those who are lost in the endless cycle of reincarnation can be saved  
When they receive Tao, and have their conscience enlightened.  
Those who are attached to egoism can be saved  
When they understand their innate Truth and become selfless.  
They will practice virtue, morality, and altruism spontaneously  
And forget themselves.

#### **42. Principle of a Clear Mirror**

Real Truth is wonderfully clear like a mirror.  
This is my own clear conscience.  
Judged by the equilibrium of justice  
There is no differentiation in speech.  
There is no need to argue with words.  
The Real Truth would be the judge.

With conscience awake,  
Everyone can recognize the real Truth.  
There would be peace without law enforcement.

Real Truth is wonderfully clear like a mirror.  
This is your clear conscience.  
Real Truth is not a book of theories.

It is not in words nor written script.  
No matter how learned and cultured you are  
No matter how clever and how eloquent  
Real Truth is not to be found outside.  
Real Truth is in you, your true nature.

Real Truth is wonderfully clear like a mirror.  
This is my own clear conscience.  
Real Truth is not to be found outside.  
All books and bibles are not the Real Truth.  
All Dharma and methods are not the Real Word.  
It is from self-examination  
And realization of our own conscience.  
Self-awaking is like looking into a mirror.  
Our True Conscience and Real Self  
Would be thoroughly found.

#### **43. Virtuous Deed Is Buddha Conduct**

Do not fall behind in doing good deeds.  
Do not wait aside to cultivate virtue.  
Do not be lazy to practice Tao-cultivation.  
Do not depend on help if you really want to learn.  
Do not give up any chance to practice benevolence.  
Do not bully others even if you are in power.  
Do not be afraid if only your heart is honest.  
Do not be timid if only your deeds are good.

Always be meek and low key.  
Be able to take disadvantage and endure disgrace.  
Bear no resentment when hated.

Return virtue for malice.  
Have no complaint when disliked.  
Take kindness and benevolence as the guideline.  
Treat people with virtuous deeds.  
Edify people with Tao, inherent conscience.

The Heaven and Earth rotate ceaselessly.  
They serve people spontaneously.  
Buddhas and Saints benefit people  
Without asking for anything in return.  
The virtue of them I shall follow.  
Heaven is inherent in me.  
Buddha nature is my true self.  
Heaven, Buddha and I  
Originated from the same root.  
This is the ultimate principle.

#### **44. Ultimate Truth Conciliates People's Heart**

What Ultimate Truth conciliates is people's heart.  
Thus their actions are proper and society peaceful.  
If you depend on law enforcement to control people,  
The more laws are legislated, the messier the world will become.

Nowadays, countries worldwide are working hard to make more laws.  
As a result, calamities and disasters happen everywhere.  
It is because people have deluded their inherent conscience.  
Without morality, the core of the world, imminent calamities are inevitable.

When people are trapped in these impasses,  
Conscience edification is the only remedy.  
To return virtue for evil is what I should do.  
To take disadvantage and endure disgrace to temper my magnanimity.  
Laws and force are unnecessary to be imposed.  
Conciliated by the Ultimate Truth,  
Let everyone submit oneself to the rule of one's conscience.  
Thus all people can lead a peaceful life  
And Global Harmony will be everlasting.

#### **45. Earnestly Pray to God for Your Well-being and for Prosperity**

Let your prayer come from  
The bottom of your heart and soul,  
And Heaven will answer your prayers.  
You can gain nothing in life  
If you are not true to yourself.  
In order to be successful,  
Be focused on your ambitions and goals.  
Only if you are strong in mind and body,  
Can You achieve greatness in life.  
Set yourself as an example for others,  
Let your light shine for all and bring joy to them.

#### **46. Before You Implore for Prosperity, Conduct Meritorious Deeds.**

Let your prayer come from  
The bottom of your heart and soul,  
Only then can you become whole.  
Be well prepared in your funds and ability.  
Regard righteousness more important than profit.  
Respect human life, treating others with fairness.  
Cherish your body,  
Abstaining from smoking, drinking and gambling.  
Keep a pleasant personality and it will attract others.  
Keep a serene temperament, avoiding arguments.  
Be frugal with your funds;  
Be careful not to waste them.  
Only then will the prosperity be never-ending.

#### **47. Sincerely Pray for Good Health and Prosperity**

Let your prayer come from  
The bottom of your heart and soul,  
And Heaven will answer your prayers.  
If you cannot be true to yourself,  
You will feel uneasy.

Treat others as you would like to be treated.  
Keep a placid composure, avoid raising your voice.  
Patience and forbearance are invaluable virtues.

Always be meek and low key.  
Let no slander affect your nature.  
A serene smile will be the best response,  
When bitter criticism rains down upon you.  
With your true self , you will still be peaceful.

#### **48. Self Cultivation, Self Enlightenment, Self Achievement.**

When insulted, Admit one's fault.  
When wrongly accused, accept the blame.  
When unexpected situations occur, maintain a state of serenity.  
When encountering obstacles, persist in your goal.

#### **49. To Repent and Reform Oneself Is the Most Valuable Deed**

Be resolute to correct whatever your misconduct.  
Your sins will be cleansed and forgiven by Heaven.  
If you are resigned to your weakness and  
Careless in your misconduct,  
Your sins will be immense.  
Those who can repent and turn over a new leaf  
Are brave people with real courage.  
When you wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start,  
Your inherent Buddha nature will manifest.  
None was born as a perfect saint.  
It is inevitable to make mistakes.  
When you start with a clean slate,  
Heaven will forgive and forget.  
Hereafter, make sure your all deeds are good  
And all good things are done.  
Buddhahood and Sainthood are thus achieved.

#### **50. Principle of The Truth Is Like a Clear Mirror**

The Real Truth is like a clear mirror.  
Nothing can be hidden away.  
Those who had done wrong deeds  
Would have an uneasy conscience.  
The Real Truth would spare no one.  
Reward and rebuke would be fairly balanced.  
Kindness and wickedness would eventually be repaid.

The results would definitely be accurate.

As human beings in this world,  
We never lack of good things that we ought to do.  
To forgive would bring fortune to oneself.  
To hurt others would eventually harm oneself.  
Do not argue or talk back when abused.  
Do not take revenge when inflicted.

Accept harsh words with patience.  
Accept harsh deeds with tolerance.

Those who can take disadvantage  
Will be rewarded by heaven.  
Only such naive persons deserve Heaven's blessing.  
Kind and good people will reap their fruitful harvest.  
The evil can never escape from miserable retribution.  
When you truly understand this principle,  
To repent and reform yourself  
Is the most important rule to follow.

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