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Chapter 29

Do you want to improve the world? I don't think it can be done.

The world is sacred. It can't be improved. If you tamper with it, you'll ruin it. If you treat it like an object, you'll lose it.

There is a time for being ahead, a time for being behind;

a time for being in motion, a time for being at rest;

a time for being vigorous, a time for being exhausted;

a time for being safe, a time for being in danger.

The Master sees things as they are, without trying to control them..

She lets them go their own way, and resides at the center of the circle.

Chapter 35

She who is centered in the Tao can go where she wishes without danger.

She perceives the universal harmony even amid great pain, because she has found peace in her heart.

Music or the smell of good cooking may make people stop and enjoy.

But words that point to the Tao seem monotonous and without flavor.

When you look for it, there is nothing to see.

When you listen for it, there is nothing to hear.

When you use it, it is inexhaustible.