

THE TAO: THE “WAY” OR PATH (Waley): Chapter

- 1) the way that can be told is not an unvarying way, 1
- 2) unchanging, 25
- 3) always-so, 16, 51, 52

- 4) empty, but may be drawn from (is useful), 4, 5, 11, 45
- 5) never needs to be filled, 4
- 6) gives a steady supply that never fails, 5, 6
- 7) inexhaustible, 35
- 8) boundless, never runs dry, limitless, 6 28
- 9) has power, 38, 65

- 10) nameless, 1, 32, 37, 41
- 11) self-so (without names, is so of itself), 25, 32, 37, 51
- 12) uncarved block or wood, simplicity (raw silk), 14, 19
- 13) without qualities (nothing solid enough to see, loud enough to hear), 35
- 14) substanceless (it can enter where there is no space), 25, 43
- 15) impalpable, unperceivable, 14, 21
- 16) incommensurable, 21
- 17) is hidden, mysterious, 41

- 18) the mother, 52
- 19) reared the 10,000 things or creatures, 1, 20, 25
- 20) origin of all things, 25, 51
- 21) Mysterious Female (Feminine), 6
- 22) the base from which heaven and earth sprang, 1, 6

- 23) does not take possession of all it has produced, 34
- 24) makes no claim to being their master but covers them like a garment, 34
- 25) alone supports all things, 41

- 26) like water, 8
- 27) does not scramble, therefore does not lead to strife (does not go amiss), 8
- 28) can overwhelm that which is most hard, 43, 28
- 29) what is against it will soon perish, 30

- 30) weak (the only useful quality), the product of Not-Being, 40
- 31) asks for nothing (lowly, humble), 34
- 32) does not linger (over successes) 24
- 33) like an infant, 28

- 34) works by opposites, 2, 4, 7, 9, 14, 22, 25, 41
- 35) never does, yet through it all things are done, 37
- 36) what is not (what is), 11
- 37) actionless action, 3, 8, 10, 28, 43, 47, 48, 51
- 38) like a boat that drifts, 34

- 39) formless, yet complete, 15
- 40) brings all things to fulfillment, 41
- 41) is great (but makes no show of it), 25, 32, 34, 41
- 42) latent in it are the forms, 21
- 43) there is only returning, 22, 40