

# Weekly Tao Spiritual Discussion Holy Teaching

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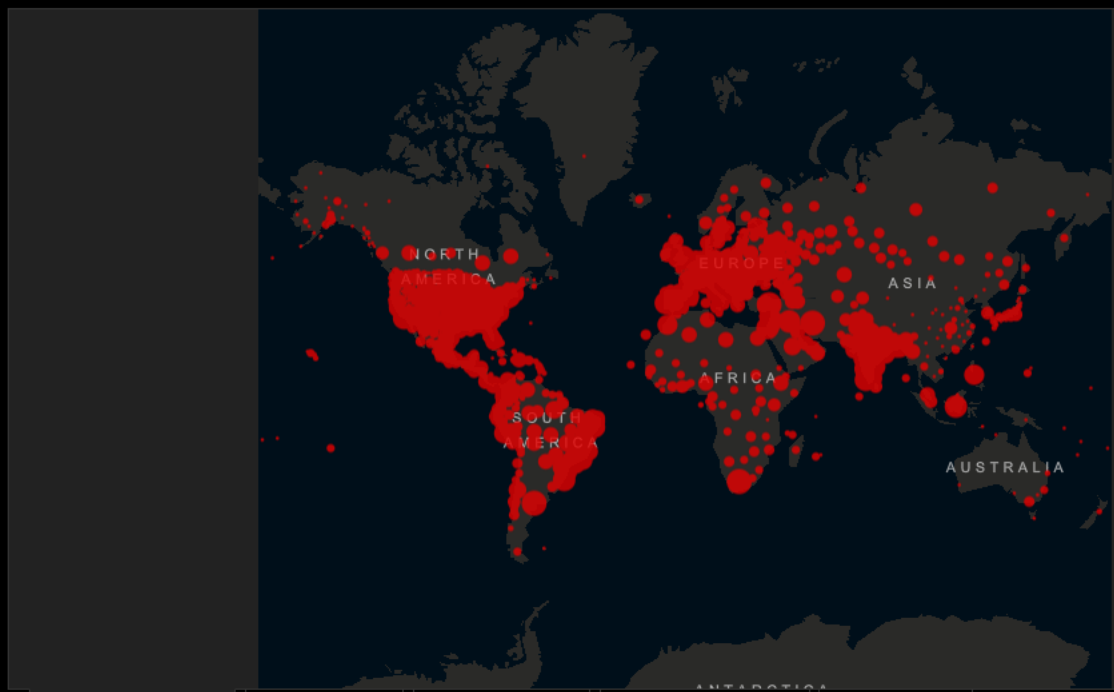
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COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

Global Cases  
**94,132,992**

Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

23,575,628 US
10,542,841 India
8,393,492 Brazil
3,507,201 Russia
3,366,988 United Kingdom
2,931,646 France
2,380,665 Turkey
2,368,733 Italy
2,252,164 Spain



Cumulative Cases | Active Cases | Incidence Rate | Case-Fatality Ratio | Testing Rate

Global Deaths

**2,015,323**

393,049 deaths US
208,246 deaths Brazil
152,093 deaths India
139,022 deaths Mexico
88,747 deaths

US State Level Deaths, Recovered

40,745 deaths, <b>113,919</b> recovered New York US
33,015 deaths, <b>recovered</b> California US
31,693 deaths, <b>1,649,735</b> recovered Texas US
23,799 deaths, <b>recovered</b> Florida US

**191** countries/regions  
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Light at the End of the Tunnel.

Avoid Covid Fatigue.

Remain Vigilant. Wear Face Mask, Socially Distance, and Practice Good Hygiene.

Get vaccinated on the earliest opportunity possible.

Praying for Mankind to Be Kind, Supportive, and Caring for One Another,  
as we are all in this together as one humanity.

# **Four Great Books in Confucius Holy Teaching Important for Our Spiritual Cultivation**

**Confucius Analects**

**Book of Great Learning**

**Doctrine of the Mean**

**Book of Mencius**





## Recap from 1<sup>st</sup> Tao of Wealth Discussion

With Virtue:

1. Bring Unity & Harmony to Family
2. Accumulate and Share Wealth With Selfless Mindset
3. Believe in Heavenly Mother for Self Affirmation

## Recap from 2<sup>nd</sup> Tao of Wealth Discussion

Wealth Growth:

1. Create Additional Income and Reduce Expenses
2. Live life with a Heart of Contentment, Gratitude, Generosity, Modesty, & Humility
3. Tao Cultivation = Permanent and Sustainable Foundation

## Focus of This Week

How to Best Use Wealth to in Alignment with Tao Cultivation Journey

# Tao of Wealth



仁者以財發身，不仁者以身發財。未有上好仁而下不好義者也，未有好義其事不終者也，未有府庫財非其財者也。

A virtuous person, by means of one's wealth, cultivates oneself to be more virtuous. A wicked person accumulates wealth, at the expense of one's life. Never has there been a case of the leader loving benevolence, and the people not loving righteousness. Never has there been a case where the people have loved righteousness, and the affairs of the sovereign have not been carried to completion. And never has there been a case where the wealth in such a state, collected in the treasuries and arsenals, was not expended in accordance with the priorities defined by the leader.



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Money is like water, which could keep a ship afloat or sink a ship.



***Money is a very powerful tool.***

***How we choose to use it is key in our journey of spiritual cultivation.***



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### Wicked

- Money is everything.
- Willing to commit illicit deeds for acquire wealth at any costs.
- Lost in journey of life with selfish heart and nefarious deeds.

### Questions:

- *The wicked: Do they have the same true self as everyone else?* ✓
- *Can a wicked change and be more virtuous?* ✓
- *Can a virtuous change and become wicked?* ✓

### Virtuous

- Money is important; but it is not most important goal in life.
- Focus on Tao cultivation.
- Accumulate merits through cultivation and helping others.



# 九眼井 (NINE EYE WELL) JIǔ Yǎn Jǐng

## 酒眼井 (WINE EYE WELL)



天高不为高, 人心第一高;  
井水当酒卖, 还说猪无糟.

The sky is not high, people's hearts are the highest; the well water is sold as wine, and still said that pigs are not well fed!

## **Moral of the Story**

Desire is like a bottomless pit.

Many people cannot be content with what they have  
and fill the heart with gratitude.

Unsatisfied human heart is like the snake who wants to  
swallow an elephant.

# Thoughts for Today

《Holy Teacher》

Sometimes when you feel unable to cope with all the misfortunes in your life, just remember that the misfortunes do not wait to manifest themselves only when you are mentally prepared.

Therefore, you have to cultivate and train your heart, just like how a mirror would handle the reflections from the transient objects, to handle the misfortunes calmly with no lingering worries in your heart.

When confronted with challenges, study each word in the Platform Sutra carefully, as teaching in the Platform Sutra relates directly to our True Self. Maintaining a true heart, a sincere heart, a faithful heart, and a compassionate heart is of paramount importance to experience growth in journey of cultivation.



# Holy Teaching



人皆曰予知，驅而納諸苦獲陷阱之中，而莫之知辟也。

Human nature naturally guides us to pursue material things to satisfy selfish desires and cravings, which cause great pain and suffering, as we become entrapped by our own ignorance, obsession, and greed, losing the way and our True Self.

人心惟危，道心惟微，惟精惟一，允執厥中 Human Heart is wicked and dangerous. Tao Heart is tender, soft, and subtle. One should cultivate diligently and sincerely by staying centered on our Tao Heart.

欲誠其意，擴大自己的真知，才能降伏妄念，理路清明，自誠光明。 In order to have sincere intentions, one must focus and expand our innate wisdom from our True Self. This is the only way to overcome desires, have clarity in thoughts, and have sincere intentions.

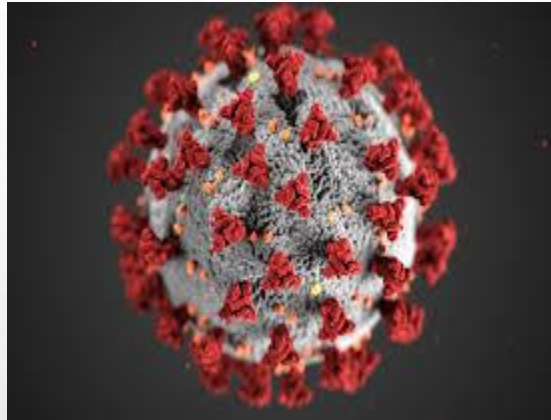
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**One Tao. One Humanity.**

**Share and Contribute  
Material / Physical  
Resources to Help Others.**

**Be Mindful and Stay  
Calm through Zen  
Meditation. Pray for  
Unity, Compassion, and  
Love for Each Other.**

# Share and Contribute Material / Physical Resources to Help Others

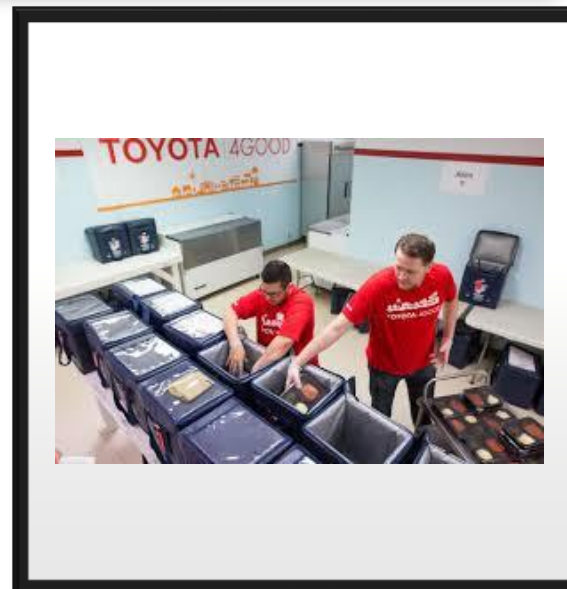


## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- GIVE - FUNDING IS THE #1 NEED**  
Fund community clinics, shelters, and social service agencies, while maintaining gifts to other organizations of all kinds across the country.
- GIVE FOOD**  
Donate shelf-stable food for those who need it most. Homeless shelters and food pantries are desperately in need of food donations to meet increased demand. Contact your local pantry about safely dropping off donations.
- GIVE BLOOD**  
Blood donations are invaluable at this time. Our community's blood supply is in jeopardy, as people are afraid to donate. This can be done safely and will save lives.
- GIVE MEDICAL SUPPLIES**  
Provide much needed medical and cleaning supplies to community clinics and nonprofits serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.
- VOLUNTEER (EVEN VIRTUALLY)**  
Nonprofits depend heavily on volunteers. Reach out to your favorite nonprofits to see how you can help and check out the many virtual volunteering opportunities via Volvy.org.
- GIVE TO THE NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND**  
Jan Communities Foundation of Texas is supporting the critical work of local nonprofits. Donations will support organizations working with people and communities most affected by COVID-19.

COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS **DONATE NOW: [CFTEXAS.ORG/COVID19](https://www.cftexas.org/covid19)**







**Buddha was asked,  
“What have you gained from  
meditation?”**

**He replied, “Nothing! However,  
Buddha said, let me tell you  
what I lost: Anger, Anxiety,  
Depression, Insecurity, Fear of  
Old age and Death.”**

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**Focused on Tao Cultivation.**

**Stay Centered & Connected with True Self through Zen Meditation.**

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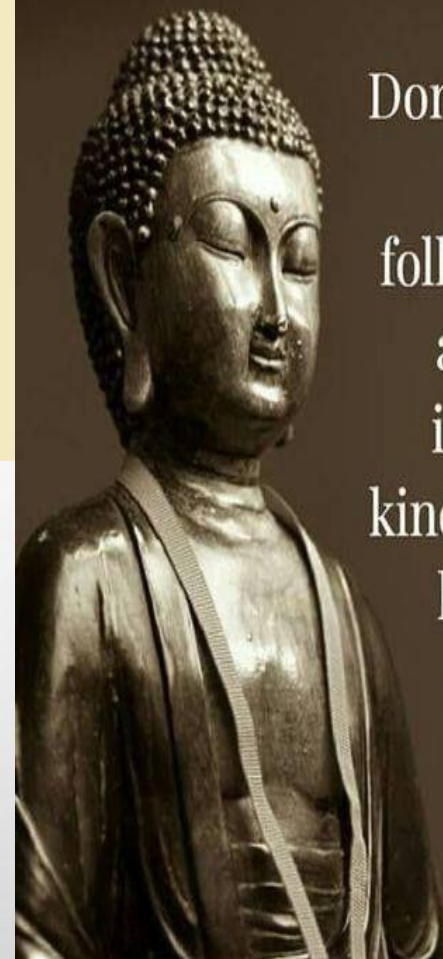
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is the worst  
discovery of  
human life. But it  
is the most  
trusted material  
to test human  
nature.

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Don't be impressed  
by money,  
followers, degrees  
and titles. Be  
impressed by  
kindness, integrity,  
humility and  
generosity.

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# 齐人有一妻一妾

STORY ABOUT A PEASANT FROM KINGDOM OF QI





## MORAL OF THE STORY

MENCIUS USED THE STORY TO TELL US ABOUT HOW ONE CAN BE LOST IN THE PURSUIT OF FAME AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND FORGETS ABOUT FEELING SHAME AND HAVING SELF-DIGNITY.

IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, MANY USE UNJUST CHANNELS: SPECIAL FAVORS, PULL-STRINGS, OR BRIBERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FAME, GLORY, OR WEALTH. TRUTH IS LOST ALONG THE WAY.

# THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

《SENIOR MASTER HE 何》

AS A TAO CULTIVATOR, WE MUST GUARD OUR MIND TO BE JUST, TRUE,  
AND UNSELFISH, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE BECAUSE WE CULTIVATE FOR  
THE SAKE OF TRANSCENDING LIFE AND DEATH.

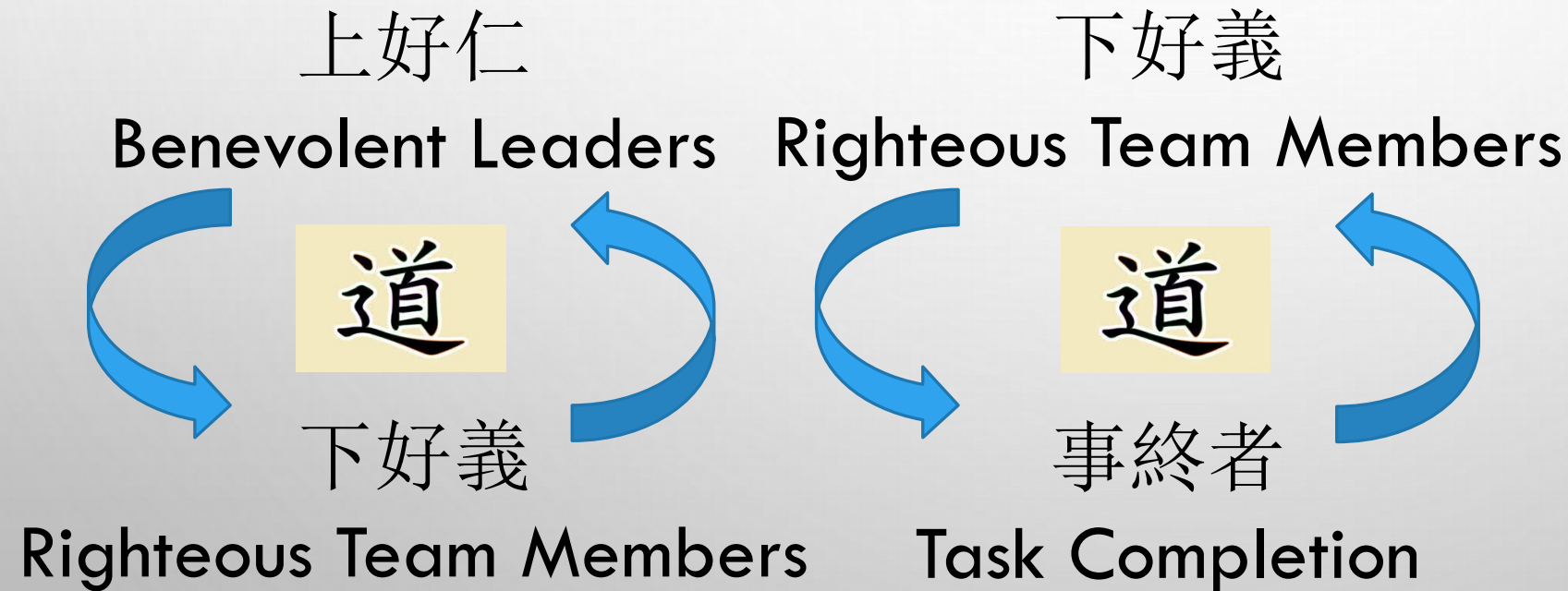
WE MUST DO WHAT'S MORALLY JUST.  
WHAT'S NOT MORALLY JUST WE MUST NOT DO.

TELL WHAT'S TRUE.  
DO WHAT'S MORALLY JUST.

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***Tao of Work***







## **Tao of Work**

上好仁

**Benevolent Leaders**

下好義

Righteous Team Members

事終者

Task Completion

## **Tao of Leadership**



## **Tao of Wealth for All**

**Serious Responsibility  
Solemn Duty**

**Lead by Examples  
Provide Clear Directions  
Stay Engaged  
Empower Team  
Grow Future Leaders  
Provide Timely Feedback  
Remove Impediments  
Success Belongs to Teams  
Take Responsibility for Failures  
Build a Learning Culture**

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***Virtuous Leaders***

***Setting Priorities to Expend Wealth to Bring People Together***

***More Unity, Compassion, and Prosperity for All***



# Summary for Today



**Use blessings to pursue a profound understanding about life, so we could live our life with virtues to help ourselves and others to return to The Way (Tao).**

**Stay Centered & Connected with Our True Self through Zen Meditation Using Three Sacred Treasures.**

**Leverage Our Wealth to Grow in Tao Cultivation and Help Spread Tao to Help Others.**



*THE JOURNEY OF TAO CULTIVATION IS OPEN TO ALL.  
MAY YOUR JOURNEY BE FILLED WITH PEACE,  
WISDOM, COMPASSION, AND HAPPINESS.*