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Serenity

With serenity, we attain peace and purity, and return to our origin, Understanding both social and spiritual matters thoroughly, we advance gradually,

Preserving our three jewels, we practice sincerely to release our impurities, Advancing continuously, we abandon our passions and delusions.

Respectfully,

Vi Kien

Baby Tam Talking To You

from 16 March 2003 to 22 March 2003

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Dear Friends,

The Be Tam's Self-Dialogue is written with an **EMPTY** heart, and is closely connected to the benevolent energy of the Great Compassion. It is also a remedy for mental disorders, capable of releasing impure energy from the heart, the liver, and the kidneys. One should not shorten or edit any section; those sincerely devoted to spiritual perfection will understand the deep philosophy of Be Tam's writings.

I hope that you will practice in a righteous manner to truly understand the evolution path of the spiritual consciousness.

Respectfully Yours,

Baby Tam

Questions

- 1. Is there any benefit in nurturing wisdom and spiritual virtue?
- 2. Is there any benefit in keeping one's promises?
- 3. Why is human greediness unlimited?
- 4. Does deep and shrewd wickedness bring any benefit?
- 5. Is there any benefit in practicing extreme patience and humility?
- 6. What is the subtle divine sound?
- 7. Is the consciousness boiling and the mind restless?



Cairns, 16 March 2003, 4:57 AM Q: Is there any benefit in nurturing wisdom and spiritual virtue? A: A righteous and virtuous heart will help greatly in our spiritual advancement.	<u>Psalm</u> Righteousness and virtue are very helpful for spiritual progress, We should dedicate ourselves to spiritual practice with diligence, With perseverance, we strive to return to our pure origin, With determination, we evolve on the spiritual path and turn within for self-improvement.
Cairns, 17 March 2003, 3:39 AM <i>Q: Is there any benefit in keeping one's promises?</i> A: Those who keep their promises will benefit both their mind and body.	<u>Psalm</u> Those who observe trust and loyalty practice more easily, Perfecting our mind and body, we dissipate our blindness, Loving and respecting the noble Heaven, we are determined to practice and reach our goal, With a sincere heart, our soul will attain peace and harmony.
Cairns, 18 March 2003, 5:21 AM Q: <i>Why is human greediness unlimited?</i> A: Human greediness has no end.	<u>Psalm</u> Greedy and sensuous desires lead to endless agitation, Deep wickedness will slow spiritual advancement, The law of karmic retribution teaches us lessons to avoid creating bad karma, Working constructively together, we'll understand matters thoroughly.
Cairns, 19 March 2003, 7:38 AM <i>Q: Does deep and shrewd wickedness bring any benefit?</i> A: Deep and shrewd wickedness only harms both the mind and body.	<u>Psalm</u> Those with deep and shrewd wicked thoughts only harm themselves, Unable to purify themselves, they cannot advance spiritually and keep committing errors, To harm others causes others to retaliate, bringing more hardships, Lacking patience and tolerance, they create bad habits.

Cairns, 20 March 2003, 7:50 AMQ: Is there any benefit in practicing extreme patience and humility?A: Those who practice extreme patience and humility will always win.	Psalm Applying patience and humility with a clear mind, we advance silently, Returning to our origin through meditative knowledge, we acquire a wise mind, Avoiding errors, we purify ourselves in silence, Developing ourselves spiritually, we reach the sphere of the subtle divine sound.
Cairns, 21 March 2003, 5:46 AM<i>Q: What is the subtle divine sound?</i>A: The subtle divine sound is wordless, but one is able to understand the original principle of heaven and earth.	<u>Psalm</u> With serenity, we acquire a wise mind and advance silently on our own, Hearing clearly the divine subtle words of wisdom, we release our errors and passions, Practicing with perseverance, we clarify our mind, As we traverse the sphere of energy, we comprehend the deep and subtle spiritual truth.
Cairns, 22 March 2003, 5:56 AM <i>Q: Is the consciousness boiling and the mind restless?</i> A: When the mind and body are restless, the soul has no peace.	PsalmWhen the soul lacks tranquility, the astral body is unkind,Turn within to analyze the original principle granted by the Lord,We need to practice in order to receive the opportunity for divine guidance,Divine truth is ready to grasp, one just needs to make efforts on one's own.

Notes:

The attached translation is a rough draft of Muc Be Tam from the current Vietnamese LED Weekly version, that is prepared especially for English-speaking Vô-Vi fellow practitioners by the English Translation Team.

The Editorial Staff strongly suggests that the document is not to circulate outside the Sunday discussion group, to maintain the accuracy of Master's teaching. A final edited version will be formally published at a later date.

Letter from the Editor

Voyages On Earth

"Voyages on Earth" is translated from the Vietnamese translation of the original Chinese spiritual document for readers to open their minds and try to understand many facets of truth. This book is a companion to the already published book "Voyages to Hell". It serves to awaken many other human beings who don't know the law of cause and effect.

The Taiwanese use of mediums described in this book should not be confused with VoVi. For further information about the original version of this book, please write to:

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN

PHILANTHROPY, CHARITY, COMPASSION, LOYALTY AND PURITY ARE INSPIRED BY THE SAME PHILOSOPHY

TAO, TRUTH, LIFE, THE TRUE HEART, AND THE SOUL ARE OF THE SAME ESSENCE

Live Buddha Tse Kong Descends on the 3^{rd} day of the 3rd month, year of the Dog (1982)

POEM

With a humanitarian spirit, one wholeheartedly delivers mankind, All religions are in harmony and determined to bring reform, People and I are like one, attending to virtuous deeds, Open your compassionate heart and sweep away desires, hatred, and ignorance.

Tse Buddha: Today is a lucky day and a good month because it is the Birthday Festival of the Celestial Emperor Huyen-Thien. Every place is lively and joyful as people celebrate to wish the Holy One a long life. Ha...ha... It really cannot be discussed since different places have different habits and customs. Those who are bound by illusions differ from those with an awakened consciousness. Therefore, their ceremonies are also different from each other. Some places sacrifice pigs or goats as offerings. Others display tables of meat and fish. Some areas practice vegetarianism and serenity and, therefore, make offerings of flowers and fruits, cakes and preserved fruits. Others only light three sticks of incense. Some sites offer their sincere heart. All these scenes dazzle my eyes.

Religion, today, is similar to this. They influence each other in a very complex manner. Their theories are vague and confusing. Everyone say that they are right causing people who listen to be more perplexed. Subsequently, people do not understand where they will return or where they will go. Ha...ha... "Ceremony differs", "religion divides"; ceremonies already differentiate. Religion is even more divided. Only Tao has no division. This is because the Tao doctrines are subtle with a completely inherent equality. They are from the same origin. Hence, Tao is extremely eminent and profound. It is not narrow but is large and wide. Anyone can practice it. It is not that one person can practice, but another cannot. It is not that one place is suited to practice it while another is not. If the conception strays away from this, then it cannot be called the Supreme Tao.

Therefore, today, each religion must re-conceptualize the essence of spirituality so that it is truly correct. Each should bring forth the spirit of compassion and generosity as an example for everyone to follow. One must foster the good and complement the deficiencies in order to build the true meaning of Tao. Today, we will interview a devoted Protestant follower.

Thai Sinh: Dear Master, that would be a very, very difficult feat.

Tse Buddha: This practitioner is also a reader of the Sages' manuscript.

Thai Sinh: I cannot believe that this spiritual adept has such a generous heart as to readily accept another religion.

Tse Buddha: The Sages' manuscript has many readers who are from other religions. That is not unusual because the educational viewpoint of the Sages' manuscript is never arrogant, boastful, legendary, or superstitious. Therefore, it is appropriate for all human minds of this last era and coincides with the Tao of universal harmony.

Those who comprehend the Tao dogma will see that Tao is immense. Those who do not understand view Tao as being small. Those who comprehend the Tao doctrines perceive that Tao is the true path. Those who do not understand regard Tao as being evil.

Thai Sinh: Dear Master, your words are transcendent. Tao is like a Path. It does not differentiate between the wealthy nobles and the lowly poor. It neither distinguishes boundaries nor race. It does not differentiate the gentle

and the foolish or the small and the large. Only that which everyone can practice and utilize can be called the Supreme Tao or Supreme Religion.

Tse Buddha: Good student, you speak correctly. If that were so, then no religion would be divided. The world would be able to escape the misfortunes of conflicts. Mankind would be able to live in harmony.

Thai Sinh: Mankind lives in peace. Religion exists in harmony. Universal harmony throughout the world would be a perfectly wonderful thing... Besides, the Temple of the Sages supports the unification of religions. But, today, by interviewing someone from another religion, will we be able to avoid the boycotting and blasphemy by missionaries of our religious comrades?

Tse Buddha: Today, the spirit of the Temple of the Sages to universalize the Tao dharma is impartial and just. Facilitating reconciliation of religions and society is one method by which we can disseminate the Divine Doctrines. Therefore, we must exert even more efforts to develop this genuinely meaningful way of educating. When our mission is accomplished, we can examine our conscience and certainly not be ashamed in doing our best. If there is a religion that does not accept another religion entering its garden of spiritual practice because of its own selfishness and narrow-mindedness, then how can it be regarded as being humanitarian and generous? If the mouth speaks of virtues, but the heart is not virtuous, one would only inflict upon oneself evilness and cowardice.

In olden times, communication is not convenient because this country is separated from that country. At the present, traveling is very easy. Transmitting news and information is even more rapid and convenient. However, a number of missionaries are not able to help their disciples understand adequately, and thus, the adepts do not want to persevere on the spiritual path. There are also a few who devise plots for self-gain and profit or allure others to idolize them resulting in the above situation. At the present, Buddhism often cites: "That which is the heart-mind is Buddha" and "The heart-mind is Buddha". Each person has a Buddha-nature not just those who put on a monk robe. Not only those who are clad in religious attires are respected. Therefore, one only needs determination and faith. Those who are negative will continue to be negative even if they are decked in religious attires. Because of that, no matter how interesting and intelligent the religion is, it will become meaningless. Religion was originally established to promote compassion among human beings. If that objective were abandoned, then religion would be forced into a vague and legendary state. People would definitely criticize it and defect from it. Therefore, religion must join hands and be united in spirit. If the conception is that aside from one's own beliefs, all other religions are heterodox, or apart from one's own religion, no other religion is equal to it, then people will be even more skeptical and lose confidence in the religion. Alternatively, this perception can lead people into becoming brutes and fanatics. Therefore, the revered Sage, Confucius, had taught, "Tao is not practiced. I am already aware! The intelligent is beyond the level. The foolish has not reached (the level). Tao is not displayed. I am also well aware. The intelligent is beyond the level. The foolish has not reached." He went on to say the following, which denotes the same meaning as the above: "If one knows, then recognize that one knows. If one does not know, then recognize that one does not know." If a person understands that, then that is true knowledge. The study of Tao is common to everyone. Do not consider one's own religion to be superior to all others. If a person has such a superiority complex, then he is truly very impaired for he has betrayed the primordial spirit that was taught by the founders of the religion when they were alive.

Thai Sinh: Dear Master, your teaching is very true. The spirit of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to deliver the world is truly a great example for people to follow. I am confident that all believers with profuse faith in the Lord possess a boundless altruistic and humanitarian heart.

Tse Buddha: Good pupil, now that you have already emancipated all impediments within your heart, let us start our itinerary.

Thai Sinh: Dear Master, I am prepared. Respectfully invite Master to depart...

Tse Buddha: We have arrived. Thai Sinh, wait a moment on the lotus dais. I will invoke the mantra for the spiritual adept in the four-story apartment building ahead to leave his body and come to discuss Tao with you.

Thai Sinh: Yes, Master. Is it the middle-aged man who is reading in the room over there?

Tse Buddha: That is correct.

Thai Sinh: I see that beside the gentleman sit a woman and a small child watching television. I am afraid we might disturb them.

Tse Buddha: The adept will only bend his head onto the table as if he is resting for a few minutes.

Thai Sinh: Excellent! How could I clearly understand the strength of your powers?

(After Tse Buddha invokes the mantra, the adept who is reading becomes drowsy. He yawns several times then drops his head onto the table. His soul and vital spirit enter a trance.)

... Master, your power is truly miraculous and boundless.

(At this time, the spiritual adept appears to be in a deep sleep. His soul lightly soars and appears before Tse Buddha.)

Good Scholar: Divine spirit ahead, from whence have you come?

Tse Buddha: I am Live Buddha Tse Kong. Today, because of the writing of the holy book, "Voyages on Earth," I have invoked the mantra to summon your soul here for a moment.

Good Scholar: Ah, so Live Buddha Tse Kong has come. I extend my respectful greetings to you, Revered Buddha.

Tse Buddha: I dispense you from ceremony. I hope that you can bring forth all of your knowledge to contribute to the book, "Voyages on Earth."

Good Scholar: Yes, of course. However, I regret that my study of the Bible is not very profound. Fortunately, I have absorbed the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver the world since childhood. Therefore, if I am questioned on the fundamental religious dogma today, I will wholeheartedly present what I know.

Tse Buddha: at the present, I am assisting your soul. You may go ahead and start the interview.

Thai Sinh: Yes, Master... Christianity is renowned for its humanitarian spirit to deliver the world. You, more than anyone, understand this thoroughly. I respectfully ask you to elaborate on this.

Good Scholar: Surely. Christianity uses the spirit of humanitarianism and tolerance as the objective. I think the most important matter with regards to mankind is faith and belief in human equality. If one has both of the above virtues, then he can easily resolve all discontentments. Man only needs to receive the Holy Spirit, and his soul will naturally attain a state of warmth, peace, and happiness. All his sorrows will be dissolved. He will no longer be greedy, angry, or succumb to misery. Instead, he will be able to find life's happiness again in his own garden of pleasures. Moreover, the individual will readily offer his own life to defend his religious faith without a bit of regret even if it means being a "spiritual martyr". That denotes that one dies for spirituality without feeling pain and suffering or holding grudges and animosity. Therefore, with each breath, one is able to completely take in the divine courage and eminent faith.

Heaven always wants us to boldly rise up. The celestial flame that burns life will brighten and warm the dark cold world. The Holy Spirit also wants us to use our rosy heart to water and refresh those souls that are decadent, withered, and faded, so that they too can enjoy the peace and happiness that we do. Hence, he who has compassion and Buddha nature in his heart will not lose the nature and intelligence of the spirit by succumbing to the egocentric self. He will be in harmony with The Almighty. Do not indulge in earthly pleasures so that our souls are imprisoned. The path to a bright future is right in front of our eyes. The path is waiting to greet us and have us walk on it proudly with strong footings and a firm and intelligent spirit. Then, Heaven will surely protect us eternally.

I hope that those who are still confounded quickly open each currently closed door of skepticism and step on the wide path of faith. Heaven will cleanse us of all earthly sins and forgive us for all of our mistakes.

Thai Sinh: Your teaching vibrates and touches the human heart beyond measures. It is like a source of warm water flowing into a cold lake. Like a beam of light flooding the face of earth, driving away the darkness and heavy negative energy and dissipating the clouds of smoke. I trust that your sincere and accurate guidance will certainly help everyone to attain true faith and courage. It will revive those who are dying of despair, breathless, to be revived and live a life of love and happiness. Your guidance will help those who study Tao to acquire a valiant spirit and the fervor to achieve the goal that they desire. It will also help them to earnestly develop the sacred strength of compassion and humanitarianism.

Good Scholar: Like your Temple has presented in "Duyen Cach." The President of the Temple, the venerable Mr. Khuu, must surmount many difficulties and hardships in order to construct the Temple of the Sages. Does that not depend on the spirit of boundless courage?

Thai Sinh: That is quite true. A few days ago, the Chinese daily newspaper, had printed an article for distribution and to provide encouragement.

Good Scholar: It is truly regretful that I do not follow the Chinese daily newspaper and, therefore, am unclear on the subject matter. However, I did hear that your village chief had completed his dutiful service to society with an extremely excellent outcome. His merit is truly great and had acquired admiration from all circles...

(At this time, a young child runs to the Scholar's side and called out "Daddy, daddy!" At which time, a middle-aged lady immediately extends her arm and pulls him back saying: "Your father is tired. Let him rest a moment. You must not disturb him." Tse Buddha had intended to return the Good Scholar's soul back to his body but then halted.)

Thai Sinh: I have received a letter from a grandchild inquiring about my health. In the letter, there is a wish well phrase, "The Lord be with You" (Di ma noi loi). What is the meaning of this phrase?

Good Scholar: "The Lord be with You," (Di ma noi loi) means, The Lord lives with you.

Thai Sinh: Please elaborate.

Good Scholar: When the Virgin Mary was pregnant, the prophets foretold that a sacred soul had descended to earth, Jesus Christ, Our Savior. They venerated him as "The Lord be with You" meaning the Lord lives with you. It can also be understood as everyone can live with him and share in the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore, everyone must always keep his or her soul complete and wholesome in order to live with him eternally.

Thai Sinh: So that is the origin of the phrase... On the banners that often hang, there are the inscriptions: "I am the Path, the Truth, and Life itself. Believe in me and you shall be redeemed." Do the words of the Lord not hold very profound meaning? Those with a superficial understanding would certainly not be able to understand them.

Good Scholar: One regards the meaning of that phrase as profound because he is using his prudent faculty of reasoning to analyze.

Thai Sinh: I am truly embarrassed. Nevertheless, because I have foolhardily accepted to write the holy book to be distributed but am unable to thoroughly interpret the spiritual meaning, I respectfully ask for your guidance.

Good Scholar: Ah... Thai Sinh, do not be so modest.

Thai Sinh: Is it true that the Lord said, "There is only one Path"? Similar to Buddha's teaching, "There is no two spiritual ways." There is no two "egos". Everyone has only one "True ego", which is the Buddha nature. Following the "True ego", which is the Buddha nature, is also "the Path".

Good Scholar: Ha...ha... You words are truly transcendent and quite miraculous. You certainly have not dishonored the reputation of the Temple of the Sages.

Thai Sinh: I am very grateful that the Lord had granted me the honor of comprehending the sublime Truth... The Lord also teaches: "You must love your enemy". What is the significance of this phrase?

Good Scholar: God teaches us: "If you are ill-treated by another, you must not revenge. Supposing that someone slaps your cheek, you should give him your other cheek. If another wants to seize your clothes, you must energetically take off your clothes and give it to him. If someone force you to walk one mile, you must cheerfully walk two miles."

Thai Sinh: We have enough quotes. If everyone obeys the teachings of God, then this world will certainly become paradise. All the religions would not defame and despise each other. The human heart would not hate and dismiss each other.

Good Scholar: The reason, why humans do not follow the teachings of God, is because although they have originally lived in paradise, they became seduced and enchanted by external predestined affinities. Consequently,

they have buried their souls in the infernal realm. Therefore, man must resolve to return and live beside God. He must quickly confess his sins and pray for Heaven's forgiveness so that his soul will be swiftly redeemed.

Thai Sinh: In what manner must one confess and pray for Heaven's forgiveness?

Good Scholar: Praying for Heaven's forgiveness is not bound to any specific formality or ceremony. One only needs to use his utmost sincere sentiments and a heart compiled of all that he genuinely wishes to express and presents them to God. That is also one way of paying respect to Heaven.

Thai Sinh: If a person wants to pray to God, then what words should he use?

Good Scholar: One can read the following prayer verse, "I pray to thee, O Father in Heaven. I ask thee for thy forgiveness. Please cleanse me of my sins. I will wholeheartedly, sincerely, and respectfully follow Thee transcending the dust to the light source. I will use compassion to convert others and a charitable heart to help people. I pray to thee, O Lord that I will always be close to you. Amen."

Thai Sinh: Excellent. The light of the Holy Spirit has shined upon the soul of this humble and foolish man. And, what does the word, Amen, mean?

Good Scholar: It denotes, "My heart prays that it is so."

Tse Buddha: Very good. It is getting late tonight. May be we should end the discussion here. Wait momentarily for me to invoke the mantra so that your soul can return to your body. *(At this time, by the power of Tse Buddha, the Good Scholar gradually wakes up.)* Let us temporarily halt our journey. Thai Sinh, quickly ascend the lotus throne.

Thai Sinh: Yes, Master. I am ready. Respectfully invite Master to commence.

Tse Buddha: We have arrived at the Temple of the Sages. Thai Sinh, disembark the lotus dais and return to your body.