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The *Dao De Jing*—The Book of the Way and Its Virtue—is a timeless masterpiece of wisdom. But to serve the souls of these last days before the final collapse of planetary civilization, the profound wisdom of Laozi required an update to be properly understood and assimilated by postmodern minds. Only small changes were required to orient the principles of Truth to apply to our current situation. Laozi’s greatness in channeling the Way is that it makes clear even now, thousands of years later, the way to channel Dao anew. It is our responsibility to ferment the old wine and re-bottle it for the refreshment of all who are on the hero’s journey.

Keep in mind as you read, that for the ancient sages, the concept of Virtue also meant real power. Those who are attuned to the Way not only increase their serenity and intelligence, but simultaneously their compassionate goodness and their power to endure, uplift, and creatively effect benevolent change. Our hope is to transmit without flaws the great sage Laozi’s deep understanding of the immortals’ path and apply those principles to the task of commanding the forces in the matrix
now in play.

Although the word Dao can generally be translated as Way, in this adaptation it is most often being left in its original Chinese form. This is because this central term also has other significations and implications that cannot all be combined in a single word. Dao refers to the vibrational frequency of the Supreme Intelligence manifesting as the Universe. Dao also refers to the paradoxical strategies and tactics that a sage will apply in particular situations of difficulty. Dao can further refer to the state of consciousness of the illumined sage, including the realization of absolute nonduality, the interconnectedness of every being, every seemingly separate thing, and every event in this holographic simulation. In that sense, Dao is equivalent to the Vedic term for Ultimate Reality, Brahman. That makes it equally equivalent to the later Mahayana concept of Buddha Nature. And of course, Dao can also be considered the Will of God.

The word Dao derives from the Sanskrit term Dharma, the core concept of the ancient yogis of the lost era of Bharata that signifies both the accurate way to act in the world in order to produce the optimal karmic outcome, as well as the attainment of Infinite Mind. Dao can also signify the power of a sage to employ the mind in
supernormal modes in accord with the Supreme Will. The Sanskrit term for this power is *siddhi*, and one who has mastered that level of consciousness is a *siddha*.

To abide in the Dao means to live in the highest level of consciousness, in resonance with the Source of universal Being. In that sense, the Dao is equivalent to *Atman*, the yogic term for the Real Self. This is also known as our true nature, our essence, which is formless and therefore capable of shapeshifting on the phenomenal plane. The Kashmir Shaivite sages of India referred to this ultimate Real as *Chaitanya*, and its creative power as *Spanda*.

The understanding of the Dao was elaborated in a unique and original way by Laozi, which was developed further by the contemporary sage Zhuangzi, whose ideas are also incorporated in this adaptation. But we can perceive the same wisdom in the innermost teachings of all the great spiritual traditions of the world. Abraham, Moses, and the early prophets of Israel, especially the Essenes and

*All italicized Sanskrit, Chinese, and Latin terms are defined in the glossary that follows the text, unless they are defined in the text itself.*
Enochians, were attuning to the Dao. The Dao was clearly taught by Jesus Christ, although the Church later banned and burned most of the authentic gospels. The Dao can be recognized in the Holy Quran and many Sufi texts. Numerous sages in recent world history have manifested the Dao. But today, in these dark times of dumbed-down materialistic culture and corrupted religious lineages, the Dao is nearly extinct. But since the Dao is our nature, it cannot really be lost. We have the capacity to attune to the Dao if we are willing to train our minds to sustain perfect stillness, purify our hearts to a state of unconditional love, empathy, courage, nobility, and joy, and surrender our wills and all personal desire to the Supreme Presence.

If we attempt to understand the cosmos from the perspective of the ego, using differentiating analytic logic, it will appear infinitely complex and indeterminate. But from the level of the Supreme Intelligence, the universe is absolutely simple and immediate. This is because at the level at which the Dao functions, the world is not other than the One Self. Moreover, at the highest level of consciousness, both space and time are recognized as illusory. The entire implicate order of cosmic evolution is here now, to those who have the Eye of Dao with which to see. This is also famously
known by such terms as the Eye of Ra by the ancient Egyptian sages, and the Eye of Shiva by Indian yogis, or simply as the Third Eye. To attain the Dao, we must open our Third Eye.

To open the Third Eye, however, we must attune to the Dao. This can seem to be the ultimate catch-22, an impossibility to attain. But if we look deeper, without the burden of ordinary logic, and recognize that the Dao is always already present as our true nature, then we can understand that our Third Eye is open even now, and we must simply start looking through it, rather than only focusing through the two worldly eyes that see only illusions, projections, impermanent appearances, and cannot perceive that all these are governed by a higher power.

Simply attune to the Dao and you will be guided safely through this time of tribulations. The only caveat is that you must be willing and able to drop your preconceptions, your current belief systems, and your conventional ideas of good and evil. You must understand and palpably feel that death is not the end, that there is nothing to fear, and that all beings die, but only on the physical level. All planets also die. The universe itself undergoes birth and death.
Once we recognize that we are at the point of planetary death—and even cosmic obliteration—and we have refined our intellects to the realization of eternity, we will feel what a blessing this is for our simulated world of suffering beings. We can also then navigate calmly through the current moment of barely disguised global genocide via bioweaponry and other high-tech means of destruction and enslavement of the human race. But what is of essential importance is that we should not judge this event through the eyes of conventional morality and fall into rage or despair. That is the great trap that we must avoid.

By attuning to the Dao, we can then see this whole panorama with the Eye of Shiva, the ultimate destroyer of worlds, who acts when those worlds have become evil. This world of cruel and oppressive dictators will come to an end, and soon, by virtue of the Dao. The Will of Shiva is absolutely benevolent, and this world will be painlessly sucked into the Singularity—an infinitesimal and infinitely dense point of infinite power, intelligence, and awareness. This point of eternal light is equivalent to the theistic concept of the Godhead, or Supreme Self. This point of absolute power can be palpated by the inwardly directed attention at any moment, and is the basis of what yogis call samadhi. To be in sahaja samadhi, the yogic term for perpetual
abidance in the Supreme Reality, is to be attuned to the Dao.

Once one accepts that the current episode of seemingly unprecedented malignant murder of all life on our planet is a natural cyclic occurrence, inevitable and necessary, and in accordance with God’s will, we can relax our resistance and focus on the higher meaning and implications of this event. First, we can recognize that all that is happening is symptomatic of the terminal illness of Nature on planet Earth, and that this was caused by the fall of humanity into demonic depravity, having had our souls captured and usurped by the thought-form we call the ego.
Song 1

The Way to Salvation

The Dao is the Way to Liberation
From the matrix of illusion
Known as the world

But the Way cannot be grasped
From an egocentric mindset
Only from Emptiness
That saturates each frame of being-time

The Dao that can be reduced
To a name or concept
That could be grasped by a created entity
Is not the authentic Dao

The Dao is Real
But its locus is a dimension above that of thought
Not an idea that can be contained in thought
Since it belongs to the Unknowable Thinker
The Mind that is dreaming the world
The Dao programs all the algorithms
That produce every appearance
And mental object and event

To pierce the veil
That separates you from the Dao
Be without intention
Totally empty
Totally present
Stretched to the limits of perception
And open to what enters from Beyond

To see the beauty of the world
Realize that the intelligence and love
Of the Supreme One permeates each moment
And all beings and appearances
And the consciousness to whom it all appears

Even in this time of ugliness
Of the horror of planetary death
Beauty is everywhere
And ecstasy is our natural state

The Dao and the world’s unfoldment
Are not two
Open your Third Eye and see
With nondual vision

The Dao is timeless
While the world is ephemeral
The Dao will continue
Long after this world’s demise
But even the momentary is eternal
And death has no effect on the Real

The Dao has been called by many names
Including God
Nothingness
The Self of the Universe
The Absolute

The true meaning of those terms
Cannot be understood
By a mind that is split internally
Between subject and object
And imagines itself bound by karma

Silent focus on the Infinite Self
Until immersion is complete
Will bring the rapture of salvation
Even when it seems all hope is lost
In this hall of mirrors
That is the cosmic holographic simulation
The immeasurable creative potency
Of the Dao
Is undiminished

The grace of the Dao
Even now
Is fully present
In the center of your mind
The Dao is Real
More Real than the world
Yet less than Nothing
A mystery the ego-mind cannot decipher
No concepts can describe it

The Dao is indiscernible
To worldly beings

Only the mind absorbed into the Infinite Self
Can know the Dao
And yet that Mind will soon be revealed to all

The Dao is the engine of the world
The power that propels the wheel of karma

The Dao is like the currents that flow
Within the Ocean of Consciousness
Rising like steam becoming clouds
Raining upon the mountains
Rushing as rivers back to the shining sea

The Dao inspires a sage’s mind with insights
Brings coherence and compassion to the world

The sage spreads a luminous field of life force
That forms an island of harmony and joy
Even amid the chaos of this dying planet

In every age of the world
The Dao assumes a different function

First as Nature in full glory
When Nature and God are recognized as One

Then as Spirit
When mind identifies with matter

Then as Law
When the world has become disordered

Then as Secret Wisdom
When the Law has been perverted
And Truth is persecuted

And in the final days of the dying world
The Dao abides as Silence
And then the Silence
Begins to speak

The sage is struck by the lightning bolt of Truth
And morphs into Mahakal
The Death of Death

At the ultimate instant of the Omega Point
When the Glory of God will shine
More brightly than a billion suns

The Dao will evaporate
Consciousness from matter
Distilling souls out of egos
And Spirit out of souls

Absorbing all into the Ocean of Light
That is the Source
From which we came

A new world will emerge from the Light
The Earth will be reborn as Heaven

The rain of love and joy
Will drench all souls
Godly beings will inherit the realm
Goodness and beauty will flow again
As holy rivers to the mighty sea
The sage is a master of the martial art
Of never getting into a fight

One becomes a messenger of the Dao
By always being ready to serve
With the courage to speak truths
Others do not dare express
But internally abiding in silence

The sage can easily mediate disputes
Because of total disinterest
In the outcome of any case

The sage is unaffected by the dying world
The insanity of egos proves it is all unreal

The sage brings peace to all who attune
To the light emitted by utter stillness
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