

## **Becoming A Brilliant Star** **Financial Development**

(From Ch 20)

Stop thinking, and end your problems.  
What difference between yes and no?  
What difference between success and failure?

Must you value what others value,  
avoid what others avoid?  
How ridiculous!

(From Ch 33)

If you realize that you have enough,  
you are truly rich.  
If you stay in the center  
and embrace death with your whole heart,  
you will endure forever.

(Ch 44)

Fame or integrity: which is more important?  
Money or happiness: which is more valuable?  
Success of failure: which is more destructive?

If you look to others for fulfillment,  
you will never truly be fulfilled.  
If your happiness depends on money,  
you will never be happy with yourself.

Be content with what you have;  
rejoice in the way things are.  
When you realize there is nothing lacking,  
the whole world belongs to you.

(Ch 53)

The great Way is easy,

yet people prefer the side paths.  
Be aware when things are out of balance.  
Stay centered within the Tao.

When rich speculators prosper  
While farmers lose their land;  
when government officials spend money  
on weapons instead of cures;  
when the upper class is extravagant and irresponsible  
while the poor have nowhere to turn-  
all this is robbery and chaos.  
It is not in keeping with the Tao.

(Ch 80)

If a country is governed wisely,  
its inhabitants will be content.  
They enjoy the labor of their hands  
and don't waste time inventing  
labor-saving machines.  
Since they dearly love their homes,  
they aren't interested in travel.  
There may be a few wagons and boats,  
but these don't go anywhere.  
There may be an arsenal of weapons,  
but nobody ever uses them.  
People enjoy their food,  
take pleasure in being with their families,  
spend weekends working in their gardens,  
delight in the doings of the neighborhood.  
And even though the next country is so close  
that people can hear its roosters crowing and  
its dogs barking,  
they are content to die of old age  
without ever having gone to see it.

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