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TRUTH
&
Living for Today

"**TRUTH**" is the foundation of LIFE. It is NOT FAKE. It DOES NOT LIE.
It is NOT PAROCHIAL, and it is always PERSONAL..... *Unfortunately,*
Everyone chooses consciously and/or subconsciously their own
"truth".

If Only....

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for Dennis, a Good Friend & Brother to ALL

To find solace & some joy in the journey, when everyone is right if nobody is wrong
..... where lies & hypocrisy are global currencies
..... where social media, the Nikkei & the Dow Jones, brainwashes
and artificial intelligence surveils & manipulates

Truth 真実 / *Trust* 信賴 / *Hope* 希望 are challenged, but must endure

The trinity are lenses to recognize realities & possibilities, which are obvious to many
..... yet, ignored or obscured, or passionately & violently denied by many others

They trump Folly, Corruption, Enmity, and Injustice

They overcome prejudiced orthodoxies, paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions,
godlike technologies, and apocalyptic weaponry

Only if

..... Only if, in our wisdom, we humbly accept that everyone has
a claim to & an unconditional right for

TRUTH 真実 / *Trust* 信賴 / *Hope* 希望

If only

..... If only, we use *Trust* 信賴 & *Hope* 希望 in **ourselves** to recognize & accept

TRUTH 真実

MEANWHILE ...

*Don't worry about a thing; cause, every little thing is gonna be alright! **

&

*If you can **Imagine!** ***

That there is no heaven ...

It's easy if you try ...

No hell below us ...

Above us only sky ...

Imagine "Todo" – *Living for Today* ***

Living for Today

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* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNBCVM4KbUM>

** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAn-AWXtHv0>

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道 ...and, “choosing” a Path for Today?

Unless otherwise forced, when freely taking any path, virtual or real, we make a “simple” conscious or subconscious choice.

However, this is not as simple as it may seem, and as poets have suggested. The discovery of a counter-intuitive “quantum” world governed by natural laws unique to things that are ultra-ultra-ultra small and ultra-ultra fast have revealed a stochastic “*space-time*” landscape in which all of the known and unknown probabilities play some elusive mysterious role in each and every choice & decision that is made.

When viewed through quantum lenses, one sees the incomprehensibly huge, unfathomable number of possibilities in behavioral patterns and choices based on these “natural laws” and the degrees of freedom, which limit them.

Considering this quantum world, and its mysterious connections with our tangible observable “real” world in making choices and decisions, it is unsettling at best and at worst clouds, confuses, and distracts from finding the clarity needed to make a single choice of which path is the best of all of the alternative paths to choose from.

But, once that relatively simple choice is made of choosing a place and/or time for anything, it is irreversible in space-time (**sp**lace-time). All of the quantum possibilities collapse into a single incomprehensibly small, ultra-ultra-brief point in quantum space-time, which has moved so, soooo...fast that it has irrecoverably become the distant past, while the original probabilities have morphed into another unique, semi-opaque set that present a stage for yet another of the seemingly endless decisions, which may be purely mundane or hyper-critically existential, but nevertheless must be madeof which path?

Either we know exactly where we are at any exact moment in time, or we know exactly where we’ve been on our journey over time. But, reality and limits of quantum **sp**lace-time don’t allow us to have exact certainty in **both** of these simultaneously in making any decision on where & when to go, or how to get there since the decision itself is a quantum decision!

Given this unavoidable, paradoxical certain uncertainty, how can we confidently make any decision & rationally plan to manage our journey through this dynamic, ever-changing, contradictory, quasi-random, baffling, contingent-convergent world & universe?

It is this challenge that humans have been dealing with over millennia and fail again, and again to come to grips with well before humans “discovered” quantum effects, education, computers, lotteries, elections, economics, Bitcoin, stockmarkets, religion, nuclear weapons, symphonies, hip-hop, Oscars, Emmys, football, World Cups, Super Bowls, Olympics, March Madness, ‘DraftKings’, political parties, polling, non-fungible tokens, smart phones, Pulitzers, vaccines, large language models, generative artificial intelligence, paper, fire, and the wheel!

For example, making the choice of who should lead to a path on the journey.

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道德經 *Choices & Paths?*

Relatively recent, extraordinary events in the evolution of life & humankind over the past few hundred years, have empowered an ever increasing number of the currently more than 8 billion *homo sapiens* within the **five....six, seven, or eight?** scientifically accepted taxonomic kingdoms of countless life-forms to have an opportunity to actively participate in choosing who will lead & govern them and their collective groups. The policies & decisions of these leaders will command and/or guide; exploit and/or steward, and produce actions that will impact much of the earth's natural, physical, living, intellectual & creative financial/military/industrial/social/scientific/ecological resources, having a profound existential effect on the future and the fate of all life for generations to come.

Looking back over many thousands of years, humankind's leaders were most often chosen by birth-right or by a very few, privileged, powerful elite, and the masses were not empowered with any opportunity to participate in the choice. However, today, depending on where and how you live, you may have an opportunity.

What appears not to have changed is the way leaders are perceived and the various qualities & traits of those leaders. There are remarkable similarities in today's cohort to the ancients, who are described in a written account from more than 2,500 years ago. It is a record from a legendary advisor/librarian/ philosopher during China's Zhou dynasty named Li Er, later referred to as Lao Tzu or Laozi. He was a contemporary of the renown philosopher, Confucius, and of the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama.

The modern characters, *道德經*, are the accepted title of Laozi's recorded work. *Tao Te Ching*, literally meaning *Path/Way-Virtue-Classic*. This tome is about 5,000 characters in length and over the millennia has been accreted and organized into 81 verses. One of the verses and its translation, which relate to leaders and the governed, follows:

第十七章

*Chapter/Verse 17**

太上 不知有之

其次 親而譽之

其次 畏之

其次 侮之

信不足焉

有不信焉

悠兮其貴言

功成事遂

百姓皆謂 我自然

The highest rulers, people do not know they have them
The next level, people love them and praise them
The next level, people fear them
The next level, people despise them
If the rulers' trust is insufficient
Have no trust in them
Proceeding calmly, valuing their words
Task accomplished, matter settled
The people all say, "We did it naturally"

* <https://taoism.net/tao-te-ching-online-translation/>

*And, the governed journey through life without fear, regret, or
helplessness*

Paraphrasing Laozi's text to frame a contemporary 21st century context:

The best rulers, chiefs, presidents, ministers, kings, and queens of the highest rank go mostly unnoticed by those who are governed.

Next in rank are those who are recognized and accepted by most. They are sometimes extolled, sometimes questioned, sometimes ignored, and sometimes disliked.

Lesser still are those who are corrupt, who do not tolerate dissent nor challenges to their will and power, and who are blindly followed by some, yet reviled by others, and whose rhetoric is known to all.

The least of all are those who are profligate autocrats; whose folly, avarice, lies, hatred, rancor, confusion & lawless dissonance are used to exploit everything & everyone to their own behalf.

Why?..... because they can!

And, the governed journey through life with a sense of
helplessness, with less truth 真実, with less trust 信頼,
and with less & less hope 希望 during their lifetimes.

Why?.....

Only knowledge & wisdom offer an explanation,
calmly providing alternatives & possibilities
through

TRUTH 真実, Trust 信頼 & Hope 希望,

Illuminating paths of Virtue 道徳

Building the strength 韌 needed for

Living for Today

Mabel's syllable-based Haiku (Bard/Gemini assisted)

The path to wisdom

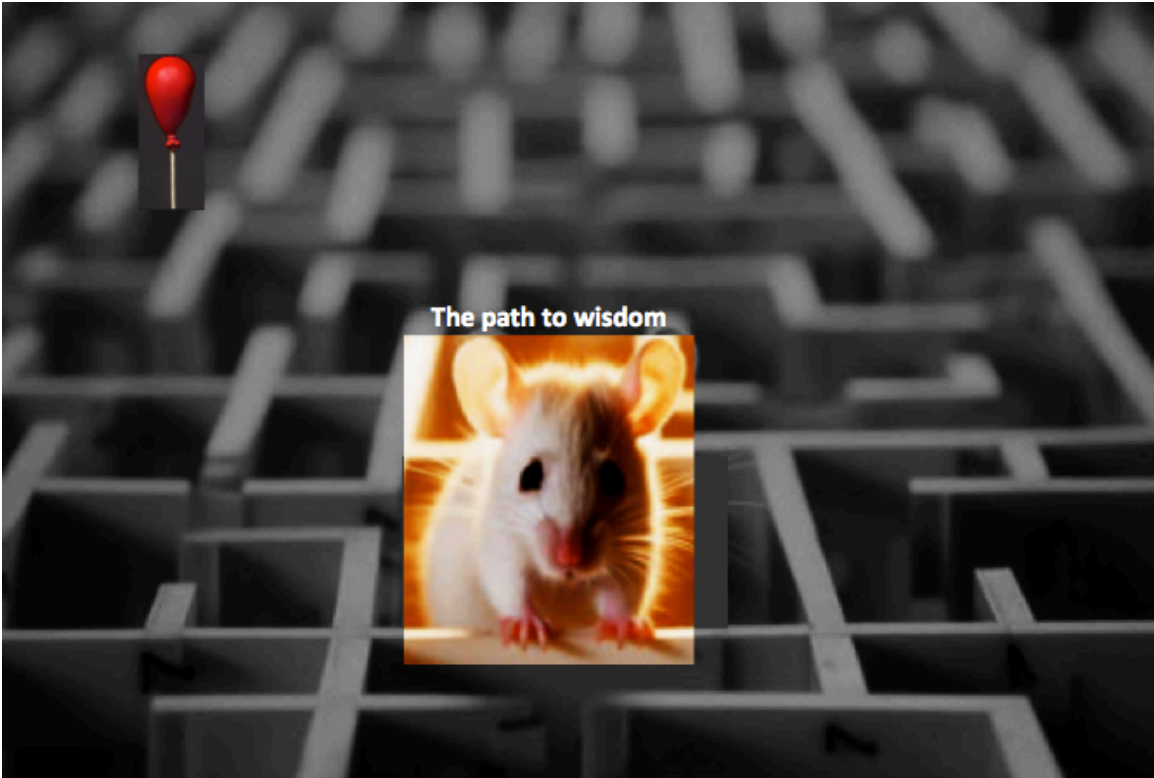
**Hidden truths and
acceptance**

**Are gradually
revealed**

叡智の道
見えぬ真実と受容
静かに開く

Eichi no michi
Mienu shinjitsu to jūyō
Shizuka ni hiraku

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEFZ9MjvI0Q>



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*Japanese Character's, sound-based 5-7-5 Haiku's, more 'literal'
English Translation:*

***Path of wisdom
Invisible TRUTH and acceptance
Gently unfold***

- *Is it not a joy to share one's knowledge with those who are interested in learning?*
- *Is it not a joy to learn, and on occasion to find & to use one's discovered wisdom?*
- *Is it not a great virtue to not take offense, when others do not recognize TRUTH & wisdom?*

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKgk6G0lekQ>