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TRUTH & HOPE

Living for Today

"TRUTH": 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", which provides a map reference for their own reality

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 phone screens, tik tok, the Dow Jones, brainwash
..... where artificial intelligence surveils, manipulates & echoes

Truth 真実 / Trust 信賴 / Hope 希望 are challenged, but can & will endure

The trinity provides 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 like a thought or an idea, which have revealed a stochastic, not purely random “*space-time*” landscape where 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 choices and behavioral patterns based on these “natural laws” and the degrees of freedom, which limit them.

Considering this quantum world, and its mysterious connections to 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 (**s**pace-time). All of the quantum possibilities collapse into a single incomprehensibly small, ultra-ultra-brief point, a quantum space-time singularity, which has moved so, sooooo...fast that it has irrecoverably become the distant past, while the original probabilities have morphed into another unique, semi-opaque set of variables that present a new 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?

In our reality, we believe that we “know” exactly where we are at any exact moment in time and exactly where we’ve been on our journey over time. But, reality, relativity, and the limits of quantum **s**pace-time don’t allow us to have exact certainty of **both** of these simultaneously in making accurate predictions for any decision as to where to go, when to go, or exactly how to get there since the decision itself is a quantum governed decision!! The best of our attempts will be like those in horseshoes & hand grenades.

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 *homo sapiens* “discovered/invented” quantum effects, education, computers, Artificial Intelligence, 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, paper, fire, and the wheel!

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

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道德經 Choices & Paths?

In very, very recent human history, over the past few hundred years, extraordinary events in the evolution of humankind have empowered an ever increasing number of the currently more than 8 billion *homo sapiens* within the **five....six, seven, or eight** (*depending on who is counting*) scientifically accepted taxonomic kingdoms of the countless, "gazillions" (*and still counting as long as there will be life & time*) life-forms to have an opportunity to collectively participate in choosing who will lead & govern them and their collective social groups & tribes. The policies & decisions of these **chosen** leaders may command and/or guide; exploit and/or steward significant actions that can impact much of the earth's natural, physical, living, educational, intellectual & creative financial/military/industrial/ social/scientific/ecological resources, having a profound existential effect on timelines, 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. The masses were not, & in many cases are still not, empowered with any real opportunity to participate in the choice. However, today, depending on where and how you live, you may have that powerful opportunity to choose.

What appears not to have changed over time is the way leaders are perceived and the various qualities & traits of those chosen leaders. There are remarkable similarities in the range of today's cohort to the ancients, who are described in oral legends & written accounts from many thousands of years ago. In one of the written records from more than 2,500 years ago, a legendary advisor/librarian/ philosopher during China's Zhou dynasty (1046-246 BCE) named Li Er (born 6th century BC; ~600-501 BCE), later referred to as Lao Tzu or Laozi, who was a contemporary of the renown philosopher, Confucius, and of the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, describes the leaders of those early days.

Laozi's recorded work is represented by the modern characters, 道德經, *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 collective 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, but whose rhetoric is known to all.

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

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 道德

Building the strength 韌 needed for

Living for Today

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

The path to wisdom

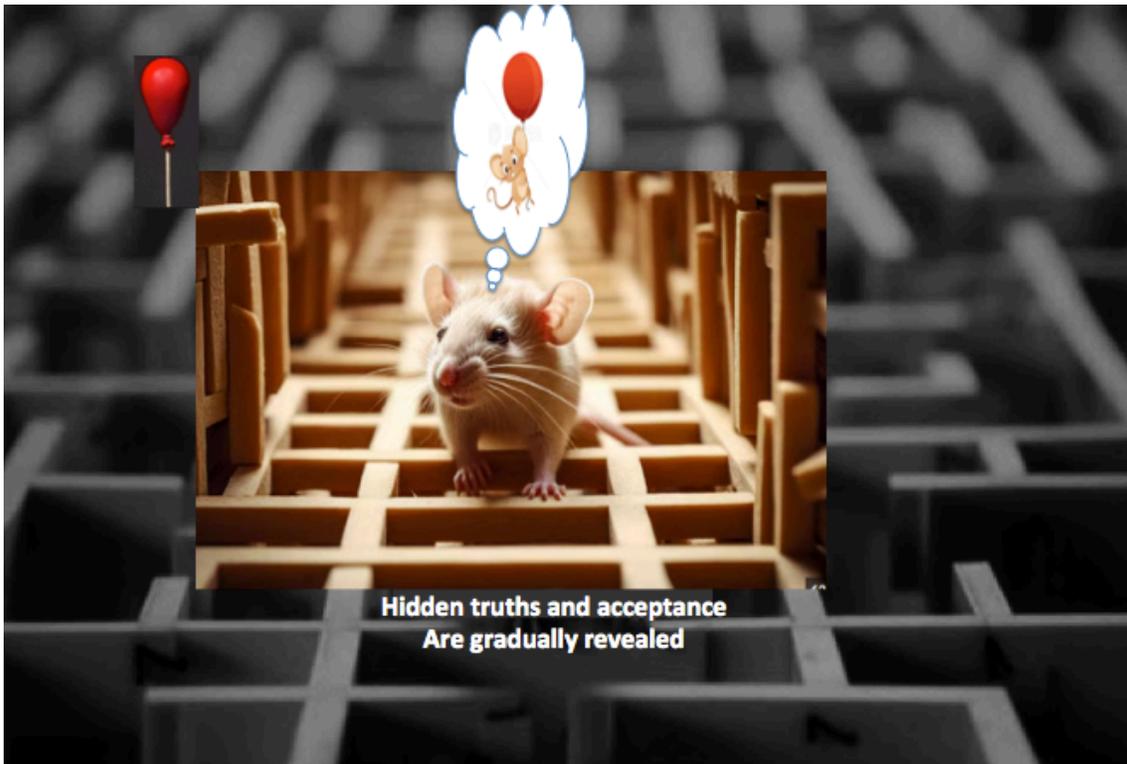
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acceptance**

**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 HOPE
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 and do not have HOPE?*

FANFARE !!!!

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