

# ORIENTAL WISDOM

Every smile  
makes you a  
day younger;  
every sigh a  
day older.

At birth we bring  
nothing with us;  
at death we take  
nothing away.

Making one's bed  
does not guarantee  
getting up from it.  
..  
There is but one  
way to be born but a  
hundred ways to die.

Disease enters  
through the  
mouth; disaster  
leaves  
from it.

Those living  
near the temple  
make fun  
of the gods.

What the eye does  
not see the heart does  
not mourn.

Patience in  
one minute  
of anger can  
prevent one  
hundred days  
of sorrow.

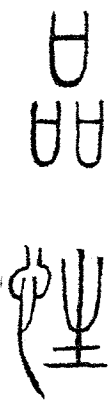
When you go  
outside, watch  
the weather;  
when you come  
inside, watch  
people's faces.

No needle is sharp at  
both ends.  
..  
Distant water cannot  
put out a nearby fire.

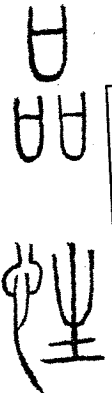
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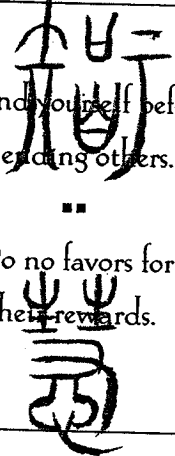
Only a vessel that is half-full can be shaken.



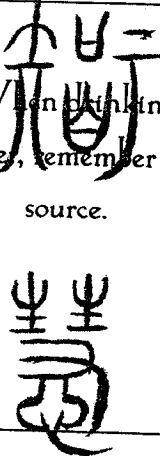
Useless as a youth, useless as a man.

Only distance tests the strength of horses; only time reveals the hearts of men.

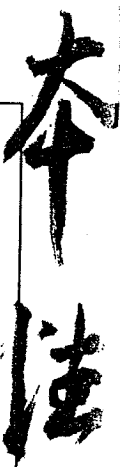
Mend yourself before mentioning others.  
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Do no favors for their rewards.



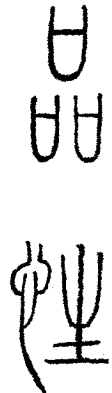
When drinking water, remember its source.



A room common to many will be swept by none.  
..  
The best way to avoid punishment is to fear it.



Being dogs hide their fangs.  
..  
The shrewd resists three holes.



Rotten wood cannot be carved.  
..  
Men will despise you only if you first despise yourself.

When you paint a dragon, you paint his scales, not his bones; when you see a man, you see his face, not his heart.

Hire a young  
carpenter but  
consult an  
old physician.

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le who  
rides the  
tiger finds it  
difficult to  
dismount.  
智

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Rabbits eat  
not the grass  
beside their  
burrow.  
智

家  
庭

Easier to rule  
a kingdom  
than to run  
a family.

Birds are born to fly  
from the nest.  
..  
Loving fathers make  
loyal sons.

家  
庭

Blind men hear  
what deaf men see.  
..  
A quack needs no  
scalpel to kill.

Good advice,  
like good medicine,  
is hard to  
swallow.

家  
庭

Easier to build  
a wall around  
one's house  
than within it.

Your children  
are like your  
fingers; all  
similar, but  
no two alike.

家  
庭

The wise doctor  
never treats himself.

Fit the cure to the  
disease.

True words need no  
shouting.

Truth dribbles  
out after wine  
dribbles in.

Better to argue  
with a wise man  
than prattle  
with a fool.

言  
语

言  
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One good teacher  
outweighs a ton  
of books.

He who teaches me  
for a day is my  
father for life.

Learning that  
does not daily  
increase will  
daily decrease.

Only by  
learning  
do we discover  
how ignorant  
we are.

Learning is  
like rowing upstream:  
To not advance  
is to fall back.

He whose  
flowers wilt  
where wildflowers  
bloom.

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Beautiful women  
attract the fair.

The beautiful bird  
is the one  
that is caged.

女

Life is but a  
journey; death  
is returning  
home.

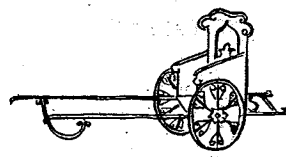
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One moment  
Of patience  
May ward off  
Great disaster,  
One moment  
Of impatience  
May ruin  
A whole life.

CHINESE WISDOM 卍

Thousands upon  
Thousands of rivers  
flow into the sea,  
But the sea is  
Never full -  
And if man could  
Turn stone into gold,  
Still would his heart  
Never be contented.

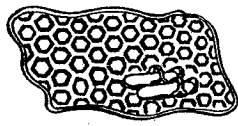


CHINESE WISDOM 卍



Man's life does not fill  
A hundred years,  
But always is it full of  
A thousand year's cares.  
Short the midday,  
Bitter long the nights!  
Why then do you not grasp the  
Lamp, seeking out for yourself  
The short-lived joys, why not  
today?  
Why will you wait  
Year after year?

CHINESE PHILOSOPHER OF THE HAN DYNASTY 卍



A carpet lay on a  
Road traveled by many,  
And when evening came  
It was grey and dusty  
Like the road.

Thereupon I said unto my  
soul:

This is thy parable,  
O soul, when thou  
Endurest patiently the  
Market and the  
Incidents of the market.

FU-KIANG 卍



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Man cannot for a thousand days  
On end enjoy the Good,  
Just as the flower cannot bloom  
A hundred days.

TSENG-KUANG



That the birds of  
Worry and care  
Fly above your  
Head, this you  
Cannot change,  
But that they  
build  
Nests in your  
hair,  
This you can  
prevent.

CHINESE PROVERB 卍

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.

- Chinese proverb

**N**ot forever  
 Can one enjoy  
 Stillness and peace.  
 But misfortune and  
 Destruction  
 Are not final.  
 When the grass  
 Has been burnt  
 By the fire of the steppe,  
 It will grow anew  
 In summer.

WISDOM FROM THE MONGOLIAN STEPPE  
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Great souls have will, noble ones have only wishes.  
 Chinese Proverb

Do you  
 Need  
 Proof of  
 GOD?  
 Does one  
 Light a  
 Torch  
 To see the  
 Sun?

ORIENTAL WISDOM †



An old Chinese proverb sums this up:

If there is righteousness in the heart,  
 there will be beauty in the character.  
 If there be beauty in the character,  
 there will be harmony in the home.  
 If there is harmony in the home,  
 there will be order in the nation.  
 When there is order in the nation,  
 there will be peace in the world.

The mind covers more ground than the heart but goes less far.  
 Chinese Proverb

He who knows how to  
 know peace  
 CHINESE PROVERBS

"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials." (Chinese Proverb)