

# Laozi

# Quotes

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Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habit.

~Laozi

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

~Laozi

Those who are right do not argue. Those who argue are not right.

~Laozi

Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.

~Laozi

Care about what other people think and you will always be their prisoner.

~Laozi

One who believes in himself has no need to convince others.

~Laozi

Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.

~Laozi

He who controls others may be powerful, but he who has mastered himself is mightier still.

~Laozi

In order to eliminate the negative influences, simply ignore them.

~Laozi

Let your workings remain a mystery. Just show people the results.

~Laozi

The leader is a teacher who succeeds without taking credit. And, because credit is not taken, credit is received.

~Laozi

I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures.

~Laozi

New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.

~Laozi

Your own positive future begins in this moment. All you have is right now. Every goal is possible from here.

~Laozi

Always be on the lookout for ways to turn a problem into an opportunity for success. Always be on the lookout for ways to nurture your dream.

~Laozi

If the majority doesn't laugh at you, beware that you must be saying something wrong. When the majority thinks you are a fool, only then is there some possibility of you being a wise man.

~Laozi

Manifest plainness, embrace simplicity, reduce selfishness, have few desires.

~Laozi

Those who seek knowledge, collect something every day. Those who seek the Way, let go of something every day.

~Laozi

If you search everywhere, yet cannot find what you are seeking, it is because what you seek is already in your possession.

~Laozi

The world is won by those who let it go.

~Laozi

Make your heart like a lake, with calm, still surface, and great depths of kindness.

~Laozi

Those who know do not talk. Those who talk do not know.

~Laozi

If you look to others for fulfillment, you will never be truly fulfilled.

~Laozi

If you realize that all things change, there is nothing you will try to hold on to. If you are not afraid of dying, there is nothing you cannot achieve

~Laozi

In the end, The treasure of life is missed by those who hold on and gained by those who let go

~Laozi

When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be.

~Laozi

You cannot receive what you don't give. Outflow determines inflow.

~Laozi

Stop thinking, and end your problems.

~Laozi

The flame that burns Twice as bright burns half as long.

~Laozi

When you let go of what you are, you become what you might be.

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A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving.

~Laozi

True words are not pleasing. Pleasing words are not true.

~Laozi

Failure is the foundation of success: success is the lurking place of failure.

~Laozi

Be empty. Be still. Just watch everything come and go. This is the way of Nature.

~Laozi

In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple.

~Laozi

By letting it go it all gets done. The world is won by those who let it go. But when you try and try. The world is beyond the winning.

~Laozi

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

~Laozi

Hear no evil. See no evil. Speak no evil.

~Laozi

Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is enlightenment.

~Laozi

Embrace simplicity. Put others first. Desire little.

~Laozi

Tao loves and nourishes all things, but does not dominate it over them.

~Laozi

The truth is not always beautiful, nor beautiful words the truth.

~Laozi

The career of a sage is of two kinds: He is either honored by all in the world, Like a flower waving its head, Or else he disappears into the silent forest.

~Laozi

The master does his job and then stops. He understands that the universe is forever out of control, and that trying to dominate events goes against the current of the Tao.

~Laozi

I am good to people who are good. I am also good to people who are not good. Because Virtue is goodness.

~Laozi

The Master observes the world, but trusts his inner vision. He allows things to come and go. His heart is as open as the sky.

~Laozi

The Tao is told is not the Tao.

~Laozi

A tree trunk the size of a man grows from a blade as thin as a hair. A tower nine stories high is built from a small heap of earth.

~Laozi

Tao invariably takes no action, and yet there is nothing left undone.

~Laozi

In the Way of Heaven, there is no partiality of love; it is always on the side of the good man.

~Laozi

Without the tao, Kindness and compassion are replaced by law and justice; Faith and trust are supplanted by ritual and ceremony.

~Laozi

When taxes are too high, people go hungry. When the government is too intrusive, people lose their spirit. Act for the people's benefit. Trust them; leave them alone.

~Laozi

The wise man, after learning something new, is afraid to learn anything more until he has put his first lesson into practice.

~Laozi

When the ancient Masters said, "If you want to be given everything, give everything up," they weren't using empty phrases. Only in being lived by the Tao can you be truly yourself.

~Laozi

The Tao principle is what happens of itself.

~Laozi

The Tao never acts with force, yet there is nothing that it can not do.

~Laozi

If you can find true contentment, it will last forever.

~Laozi

Fill your bowl to the brim and it will spill. Keep sharpening your knife and it will blunt.

~Laozi

In caring for others and serving heaven, There is nothing like using restraint.

~Laozi

When men lack a sense of awe, there will be disaster.

~Laozi

Because one believes in oneself, one doesn't try to convince. Because one is content with oneself, one doesn't need others' approval. Because one accepts oneself, the whole world accepts him or her.

~Laozi

If a person seems wicked, do not cast him away. Awaken him with your words, elevate him with your deeds, repay his injury with your kindness. Do not cast him away; cast away his wickedness.

~Laozi

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

~Laozi

The past has no power to stop you from being present now. Only your grievance about the past can do that. What is grievance? The baggage of old thought and emotion.

~Laozi

For knowledge, add something every day. For wisdom....subtract.



~Laozi

When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you.

~Laozi

A good manager is best when people barely know that he exists. Not so good when people obey and acclaim him. Worse when they despise him.

~Laozi

Doing nothing is better than being busy doing nothing.

~Laozi

To become learned, each day add something. To become enlightened, each day drop something

~Laozi

Mastering others is strength. Mastering oneself makes you fearless.

~Laozi

Health is the greatest possession. Contentment is the greatest treasure. Confidence is the greatest friend. Non-being is the greatest joy.

~Laozi

Yet mystery and imagination arise from the same source. This source is called darkness ... Darkness within darkness, the gateway to all understanding.

~Laozi

See others as yourself. See families as your family. See towns as your town. See countries as your country. See worlds as your world.

~Laozi

Loss is not as bad as wanting more.

~Laozi

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

~Laozi

Love is of all passions the strongest, for it attacks simultaneously the head, the heart and the senses.

~Laozi

Because of a great love, one is courageous.

~Laozi

When the student is ready the teacher will appear.

~Laozi

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

~Laozi

Free from desire, you realize the mystery, caught in the desire, you see only the manifestations.

~Laozi

Have patience. Wait until the mud settles and the water is clear. Remain unmoving until right action arises by itself.

~Laozi

Always be on the lookout for ways to nurture your dream.

~Laozi

Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.

~Laozi

Goodness in words creates trust, goodness in thinking creates depth, goodness in giving creates love.

~Laozi

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.

~Laozi

Kind words elicit trust. Kind thoughts create depth. Kind deeds bring love.

~Laozi

A good person is the bad person's teacher. A bad person is the good person's task.

~Laozi

Live simply and virtuously, true to your nature, drawing no line between what is spiritual and what is not.

~Laozi

If you realize that you have enough, you are truly rich.

~Laozi

Clay is used to make vases, but it is the emptiness they contain that makes them useful.

~Laozi

He who knows how to be aggressive, and yet remains patient, becomes a receptacle for all of Nature's lessons.

~Laozi

At the center of your being you have the answer; you know who you are and you know what you want.

~Laozi

The eye with which you see God is the same eye with which God sees you; one in seeing; one in knowing; one in loving.

~Laozi

Be still. Stillness reveals the secrets of eternity

~Laozi

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.

~Laozi

You cannot know the body by studying the finger, and you cannot understand the universe by learning one science.

~Laozi

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!

~Laozi

He who has achieved this state is unconcerned with friends and enemies, with good and harm, with honor and disgrace. This therefore is the highest state of man.

~Laozi

We are all capable of much more than we think we are.

~Laozi

Open yourself to the truth, then trust in your natural responses, and everything will fall into place.

~Laozi

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