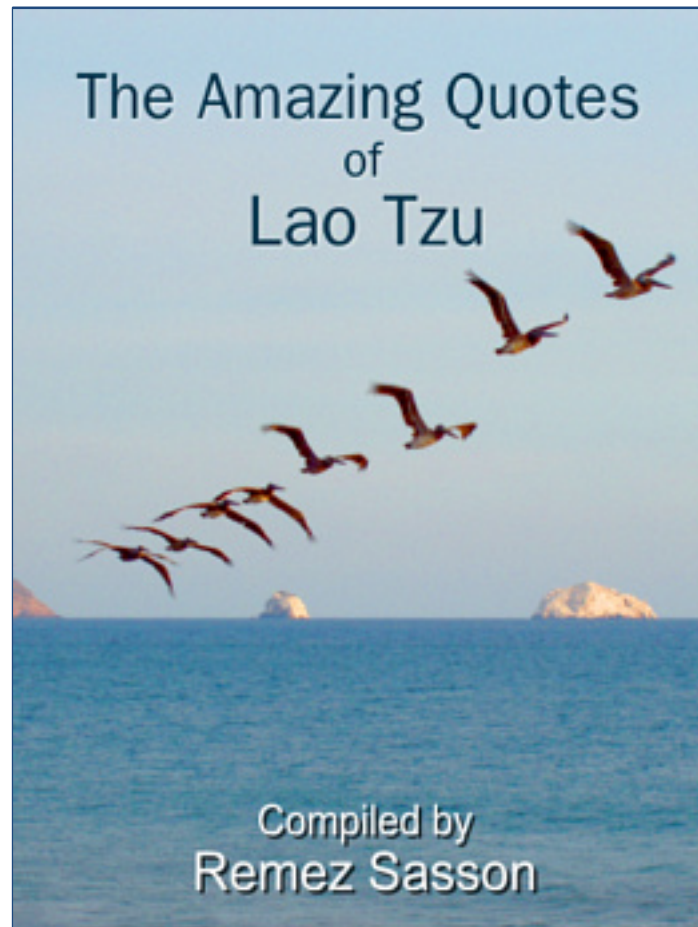


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Preface

This book contains many of Lao Tzu quotes, which were collected from various sources.

Each quote contains a wealth of wisdom, inspiration, and practical advice. I hope that reading the quotes, and thinking about them, would bring you inspiration, peace, and wisdom.

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Lao Tzu Biography

Lao Tzu, also known as Laozi, was a philosopher in ancient China, who lived in the 6th century BC. However, there are historians who say that he is a mythical figure, or a synthesis of multiple historical figures. The stories say that he never created a formal school. However, he attracted a large number of students and loyal disciples.

According to the legend, Lao Tzu was the keeper of the archives at the imperial court, which gave him the opportunity to study the archive books and gain a great deal of knowledge. During his life, Lao Tzu got known for his wisdom, and it is said that even the famous Chinese philosopher, Confucius, heard about Lao Tzu, and came to visit him. However, recent scholars place him about two centuries later.

Lao Tzu believed that the human life, like everything else in the universe, is influenced by outside forces. He believed "simplicity" to be the key to truth and freedom, encouraging people to observe, and seek to understand the laws of nature. He also preached for building up personal power, and using it for leading life with love, without force.

When Lao Tzu was about eighty years old, he set out for the western border of China, towards Tibet, saddened that people were unwilling to follow the path to natural goodness. At the border, a guard, asked Lao Tzu to record his teachings before he left. He then composed in 5,000 characters the Tao Te Ching (The Way and Its Power).

It is said that Lao Tzu is the founder of the Chinese spiritual tradition, Taoism, mainly because of his text called Tao Te Ching (Tao: the way of all life, Te: the fit use of life by men, Ching: text or classic).

A large number of people trace their lineage back to Lao Tzu, as did the emperors of the Tang Dynasty. Though many of these claims might not be true, they provide a testament to the impact of Lao Tzu on the Chinese culture.

The Amazing Quotes of Lao Tzu

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

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

Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.

When you accept yourself, the whole world accepts you.

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

Great acts are made up of small deeds.

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

We hammer wood for a house, but it is the inner space that makes it livable.

Remind yourself daily, there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

An ant on the move does more than a dozing ox.

Mastering others is strength. Mastering yourself is true power.

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.

Stop leaving and you will arrive. Stop searching and you will see. Stop running away and you will be found.

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

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

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

One, who is too insistent on his own views, finds few to agree with him.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

Those who have knowledge, don't predict.
Those who predict, don't have knowledge.

A terrace nine stories high begins with a pile of earth.

It is wealth to be content.

Whoever can see through all fear, will always be safe.

Do the difficult things while they are easy, and do the great things while they are small.

The wise man looks into space and knows that there are no limited dimensions.

From caring comes courage.

Ambition has one heel nailed in well, though she stretches her fingers to touch the heaven.

People in their handlings of affairs, often fail when they are about to succeed. If one remains as careful at the end as he was at the beginning, there will be no failure.

Failure is an opportunity.

He, who stands on tiptoe, does not stand firm.

He, who rushes ahead, does not go far.

He, who tries to shine, dims his own light.

He, who defines himself, can't know who he really is.

He who knows that enough is enough will always have enough.

He, who knows, does not speak. He, who speaks, does not know.

He who obtains has little. He who scatters has much.

He who talks more is sooner exhausted.

He who conquers others is strong; He who conquers himself is mighty.

He, who does not trust enough, will not be trusted.

He who is contented is rich.

He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened.

Be careful what you water your dreams with. Water them with worry and fear and you will produce weeds that choke the life from your dream. Water them with optimism and solutions and you will cultivate success.

The power of intuitive understanding will protect you from harm until the end of your day.

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

If you realize that all things change, there is nothing you will try to hold on to.

If you would take, you must first give, this is the beginning of intelligence.

In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, don't try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present.

Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is Enlightenment.

Life and death are one thread, the same line viewed from different sides.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Be the chief, but never the lord.

Silence is a source of great strength.

Of all that is good, sublimity is supreme.
Succeeding is the coming together of all that is beautiful.
Furtherance is the agreement of all that is just.
Perseverance is the foundation of all actions.

Violence, even well intentioned, always rebounds upon oneself.

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

The master does not try to be powerful thus he is truly powerful. The ordinary man keeps reaching for power thus he never has enough.

The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness.

Truthful words are not beautiful; beautiful words are not truthful. Good words are not persuasive; persuasive words are not good.

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

What the caterpillar calls the end, the rest of the world calls a butterfly.

The words of truth are always paradoxical.

To know yet to think that one does not know is best; not to know yet to think that one knows will lead to difficulty.

To realize that you do not understand is a virtue; not to realize that you do not understand is a defect.

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.

If you blame someone else, there is no end to the blame.

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

Respond intelligently even to unintelligent treatment.

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.

A scholar who cherishes the love of comfort is not fit to be deemed a scholar.

To see things in the seed, that is genius.

The best fighter is never angry.
Know glory, but cleave to humiliation.

The snow goose need not bathe to make itself white. Neither need you do anything but be yourself.

The more laws and order are made prominent, the more thieves and robbers there will be.

Treat those who are good with goodness, and also treat those who are not good with goodness. Thus goodness is attained.

Be honest to those who are honest, and be also honest to those who are not honest. Thus honesty is attained .

The softest things in the world overcome the hardest things in the world.

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

Just let go of your preferences, and everything will be perfectly clear.

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

Without stirring abroad, one can know the whole world; without looking out of the window one can see the way of heaven.

The great way is not difficult, if you don't cling to good or bad.

Those who do not trust enough should not be trusted.

The farther you go, the less you know.

Only fools seek power, and the greatest fools seek it through force.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

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

Seek not happiness too greedily, and be not fearful of unhappiness.

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.

The power of intuitive understanding will protect you from harm until the end of your days.

See the world as your self. Have faith in the way things are. Love the world as your self, then you can care for all things.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy with yourself.

Perseverance is the foundation of all actions.

Love is a decision, not an emotion.

Before healing others, heal yourself.

Man's enemies are not demons, but human beings like himself.

There is no disaster greater than not being content.

There is no greater danger than underestimating your opponent.

Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.

Respond to anger with virtue.

Deal with difficulties while they are still easy.

Handle the great while it is still small.

To become learned, each day add something.

To become enlightened, each day drop something.

Some lose yet gain, others gain and yet lose.

Books

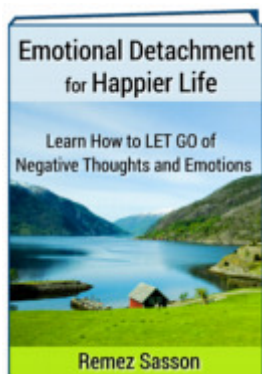


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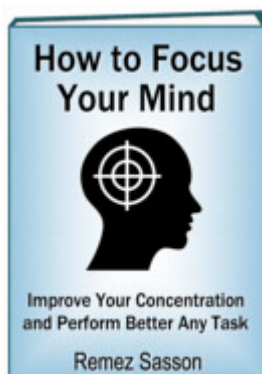


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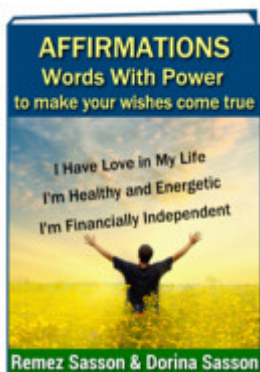


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