Abstract

The book discusses many pieces of wisdom and human dignity, ethics and happiness as there are in the books of all ages, but now relative to the lethal problems of today. The set-up of the master-disciple relation, which is used in the television Kung Fu series, is applied and of the other Chinese wise, just as in literature nowadays, i.e. by quotations and commentary, in short stretches. Yet the modern view, i.e. late 20th century life, is utilized. The Tao Te Ching, the Analects, the Dhammapada, etc. are joined by similar sayings of the Graeco-Roman sources available. In keeping with the wish to bind the reader’s attention only for short periods by a sequence of short items, the author tried not to go into lengthy rhetoric, hence, kept the items apart, not in logically following order. Yet there are links and cross-connections all through the book. Related items, also, are referred to at the end of each item.
1 Tao Stoic 1

'Master I am puzzled.'

'That is the beginning of wisdom' (Kung Fu 25)

"What is it you are puzzled about?"

"I saw a man riding a horse."

"Was it because he was in danger of his life?"

"No, it was for his pleasure."

"Then it cannot have been a man, only a despicable caricature of man. The
man was pseudo-happy, the horse a slave. Is it not the duty of every sane man
to see to the happiness of all living things? Their happiness is unavoidably
linked up with our very existence. To enslave an animal without dire need is
not the 'Way', not happiness, not harmony with Nature, therefore contrary to
man's Dignity." [40]

2 Tao Stoic 2

'To know when one does not know is best. To think one knows when one does
dnever know is a dire disease. Only he who recognizes knows this disease as a
disease can cure himself of the disease' (Tao Te Ching 71). 'In the case of
some sick people it is a matter for congratulation when they come to realize for
themselves that they are sick' (Seneca, Lett. 6.4.)."

"What is the object of you telling this Master?"

"First that Taoics IS Stoics. Second is to impress on you, always to try to
add to your knowledge. Be curious, be observant, learn as much about Nature,
about the Way, as possible! Then you will know the absurdity of Long John
Silver's 'Sperrits'. Then, too, you will know about illness and cure. That is the
Way too." [9], [13], [10], [20]

3 Tao Stoic 3

"Master, you had right of way over that man on the bicycle, yet you slowed
down and gave him his way?"

"Ah, but we are comfortable in our car and he is cycling in this pouring rain.
Certainly there was no need to bother him. Have I lost by not forcing him to
stop?"

"But he did not even thank you for it!"

"God forbid that I should be happy for being thanked, for the 'other' being
grateful. I feel the better myself only because of giving, certainly not by receiv­
ing, by earning thanks. I made his plight a tiny bit easier for him, and I gained
by being a tiny bit better through the action of gentleness, humility even.

1A number behind a Kung Fu quotation is that of the sequence of seeing the series on
television. Numbers in parentheses refer to quoted works, in brackets to our item numbers.
A ' signifies existing quotations or stress, a ", conversations in this book.
Don’t you know, gentleness is one of the pillars on the Way of Human Dignity? The Way also says: 'My happiness is strictly dependable, not resting on the gratitude in others, or shown by others' (Tao/Stoic principle).” [63], [111]

4 Tao Stoic 4

'Judging from what I hear, I feel that you show great promise. You do not tear from place to place and unsettle yourself with one move after another. Restlessness of that sort is symptomatic of a sick mind. Nothing, to my way of thinking, is a better proof of a well ordered mind than a man’s ability to stop just where he is and pass some time in his own company.' (Seneca, Lett. 2.3.)

"How well written this is," said the Master. "It is all about the Way. M. Aurelius Ant. said:

'How easy a thing it is for a man to put off from him all turbulent adventitious imaginations, and presently to be in perfect rest and tranquility!' (Meditations 43)

'You see, it is all in the Mind, and, ... all is easy!"

5 Tao Stoic 5

"What are you thinking of Mei Ling Yan?"

"Master, I thought of plants and seeds."

"Ah, plants, like we, certainly are all individuals when alive."

"And the seeds, spores, fruits, are they individuals too?"

"They are cells, are individuals asleep."

"But is it not preposterous to think of them as individuals asleep?"

"No. If you plant a Bxf410 seed, would it grow into a tulip?"

"No, in a Bxf410 of course."

"Would it grow into a red plant when the it is from a white variety?"

"No."

"Would it be female or male?"

"I do not know."

"Exactly, we do not know until we see it. Does the seed know?"

"Uhn ... yes, it does."

"There is the individual for you."

"But 'alive' and 'asleep', a seed!"

"When you freeze it to minus 20 degrees, would it grow afterwards?"

"It may and it may not."

"After you cooked it at 100 degrees, would it grow?"

"Decidedly not."

"Then the seed is killed and therefore was alive and asleep prior to the cooking. Don’t forget that animals and we, show life while asleep only because we have to pump blood around and air in and out. Not so for the seed. Yet
its Ego is aware of its surroundings, it notices when the time is favorable for waking up." [58]

6 Tao Stoic 6

"Master, I have observed that most people have no goal in life."

"Excellent! What else can you say about it?"

"They have not the real goal. This is thus frustrating, and hence they invent goals. Wealth, status, position, in other words; applause. With no real goal, they want others to say how 'good' they are because that is what they always doubt. The man who sells shoes, aims at selling so many that he is the greatest, so that everybody knows. That has become his goal. It is to be seen in all layers of society, from milkman, teacher, police man, up to factory directors, ministers, presidents. They all are missing the Natural goal, hidden in the Way, therefore they adopt a false one. Many have even missed that solution and they just wait, they kill time, doing routine or playing cards, until pensioned, and then crated/cremated."

"How very right you are Sen Sei. Does not Warwick Deeping write: 'I have an object in life, I am to be envied' (Sorrell)? But think it all over again, but now from the point of view of 'CONTROL'." [11], [33], [80], [120]

7 Tao Stoic 7

"The best charioteers do not rush ahead; the best fighters do not make displays of wrath. The greatest conqueror wins without joining issue; the best user of men acts as though he were their inferior. This is called the power of not contending, is the capacity to use men, the secret of being mated to heaven, to what was of old.' (Tao Te Ching 68)

"I do not understand Master. Why 'not contending' when Nature is all strife, struggle, contending?"

"We, we are the exceptions! We have ideational (verbal) means of control. Certainly you would not want us in this convent to fight for every morsel of food? When you asked Wei a favor the other day, what happened?"

"He snubbed me."

"That was because even asking is a weak form of contending. You should have made circumstances such, that he offered it to you, more or less automatically. Control is not always force, but often conscious influence, and ... sub(tle)conscious (suggestion)." [21], [22]

8 Tao Stoic 8

"Master, the ownership of all about us."
"All is property of all living things. It even goes for private property. Seneca said it: 'what you possess and call your own, is really public property, or mankind's property for that matter.' (Letter 83)

Either you, yourself, own the whole planet with everything on it, or we, living things, all are possessors or borrowers of all there is. Every solution in between these extremes, of necessity causes unbalance, disharmony in Nature, destroys the Way, is bound to produce war, slaughter, rape, devastation and the total destruction of it all. Then, no possessing is possible because there are no possessors. We have to choose between the two, AND live according to that choice. Mark well that in the first choice, everybody must agree with YOU."

9 Tao Stoic 9

'That was the point of Epicurus' bold assertion that the good always predominate in the wise man because he never has any lack of pleasures. And that, again, is how Epicurus, like the rest, reaches the conclusion we are after, that the wise man is always happy.' (Cicero, On the Good Life)

"It is simply the logic of the Tao/Stoics Master, that happiness is one's own ideation, therefore should be under one's own control."

"Indeed, it is common to all ancients and to modern wisdom. It is the Way. But, ... practically everybody swears that it is 'outside circumstances' that make them Happy/not-Happy. Plenty of reasons therefore of repeating our knowledge of the Way." [2], [10], [39], [40], [45]

10 Tao Stoic 10

"Master, are we not taught that the Mind manufactures the body, that Mind maintains the body, that it repairs the body, even kill it?"

"Of course. It is true. Says not the Dhammapada that 'What we are today comes from our thoughts of yesterday, and what we think today we will be tomorrow; our life is the creation of the mind?' (Dhammapada 1.1.) Indeed, this last piece in particular, is that not utter truth, a True Word? To think, to ideate, that is what goes on in the Mind, the result is we, our bodies and all the rest."

"But does that not mean all curation too?"

"It certainly does. What is it you have in 'Mind'?"

"I thought of such serious matters as asthma, and obesity, of sleep troubles, bedwetting, migraine, epilepsy, warts, phobias, stress, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and so on."

"Says not Aristotle already that the ruling of the Mind over the body is absolute? (Polit. 1.5.) Therefore, as has been proved umpteen times, since Brandis 1815, all those things are curable in a few hours’ time." [2], [9], [11], [129], [148], [156]
Tao Stoics

11  Tao Stoic 11

Man, at birth, gets an extra mental freedom over the pure animal capacities. What now, will he do with it, as soon as he grows up, and learns to understand it? Indeed, he gives up this freedom as soon as he can. To superstitions, to sellers of wares, to 'the fashions', to animal emotions, to machines even.

Seneca said: 'Show me a man who isn't a slave; one is a slave to sex, another to money, another to ambition; all are slaves of hope and fear.' (Lett. 47) In order to regain human dignity, the Way, happiness, invulnerability to chance, harmony with Nature ..., liberate yourself. Think Free! That is the real life. That is the reality of life, is control, is the Way. [1], [6], [9], [10], [17], [33], [40], [45], [80]

12  Tao Stoic 12

When the master was teaching stupidology, and announced that apparently even great wise men could be affected by stupidity, he searched for an example. Ad Ven suggested Wells for a test. The Master was elated.

"Why, Ven, what a simply perfect example! It not only can demonstrate the fact, but also the difference between 'mistake' and 'stupidity'. H.G.Wells, our greatest mondial sociologist for long times to come and all times past, wrote in his 'Short History' that we finally could get rid of these clumsy Roman Numerals. But this is to be found in Chapter XLIV and the book is dated MCM[III. It helped to maintain the stupid system up to this very day. even scientific films are dated in that way. While 1976 or 1420, can be understood \(^2\) in a glance, MCMXLXIII needs such calculation that it is off the screen before half of it is digested (Kung Fu too).

Do you see the difference between a mistake and this? A mistake is when he knew no better, yet acted rational, stupid is when you know very well, and, ... act exactly opposite to what you know it should be."

13  Tao Stoic 13

"Master," said Mei Ling, "why all this hammering on the singularity of truth?"

"You see this egg, young man? It is true that it is an egg. Now, imagine what in all the world is 'not-egg', how many things do you find to be so?"

"Untold quantities of things Master."

"It is because of truth. Truth is singular, untruth is just such a vast quantity or multitude as anyone is able to imagine. Just like the egg. The lesson from this is the following. When Gautama, or, 1000 miles further, Confucius or Lao Tse, or, again further a Socrates or whoever, said a True Word, it is not surprising that they all are identical with Seneca, Epictetus, Aurelius and Cicero. There is

\(^2\) 'understood' here, means of course immediate compa(i)rison with today's year number. Ideation is comparison of pairs, classification, meaning, understanding etc. etc.
only one Way, you see! The Way is the sum total of all True Words, Tao-Stoics is: 'living according to all True Words', is living in the harmony of the Way.”

[2], [31], [35]

14 Tao Stoic 14

'I am sad Master for you. Never to see the clouds, never to see the sun in the water, or the plumage of a bird.'

'Yet, sometimes it is the eyes that blind a man.'

'How can this be?'

'Because he can see, he does not look. Is the bird only the colour of its plumage? To be one with the universe is to know: bird, sun, cloud. How much shall a man lose, if he then loses his eyes?" (Kung Fu 2 )

The Master said: "How wise that Master Po was! It is we that construct in our Minds the Order, the Beauty about us. This ideation, this knowledge is only partly impaired by a loss of one sense. How blind we are when we don't SEE this!"

15 Tao Stoic 15

"Master, there must be an absolute fundament of ethics. Is there such a thing?"

"Naturally there is. Perhaps though, you may be rather young for understanding. Yet, of the whole set of rules, the fourth definition is the clearest. It is found in practically all ancients, it crops up in almost all our daily conversations (Conf.112, [135], Tao Te 59, Seneca Lett.47.14.). When you say: 'imagine that...' or 'suppose that...', you use the other.

The measure for our behaviour is that what you would like in others. Was it not Cicero who said that in order to know in a fair way what to do with one who had murdered his father, ask him what he would do with his son should he ... ?"

"But master, that would be revenge!"

"Excellent young man, but remember it was in the days of legal (?) slavery and other bestialities, some 2000 years ago. Young as you well may be, just try and think of the three preceding rules yourself, then, tell me. They are just as clear and just as fundamental." [49], [61], [76], [136]

16 Tao Stoic 16

'When human life lay grovelling in all men's sight, crushed to the earth under the dead weight of superstition whose grim features loured menacingly upon mortals from the quarters of the sky, a man of Greece Epicurus was first to raise mortal eyes in defiance, first to stand erect Human Dignity and brave the challenge. Fables of the gods did not crush him, nor the lightning flash and the growling menace of the sky. "...". Therefore superstition in its turn lies
crushed beneath his feet, and we by his triumph are lifted level with the skies.’
(Lucretius)

The Master read, and he saw that it was good. [26]

17 Tao Stoic 17

"Master, the pollution of the seas, rivers, the air, famine here, rich abundance of food wastage there, the costly waste of men and material in wars, the yokels so rich yet knowing not what to do with there lives, the churches of superstition that kill and kill, the diplomats and presidents that know less about Nature than schoolboys, what human stupidity!"

"Indeed. But what is the remedy?"

"A fair and sane world-government!"

"And for that, what is needed?"

"The World-language, the integration of all world-citizens, instead of uniting them under the straightjacket of resolutions and agreements. Then, there is 'de-population', necessary because of the NUMBER-DEPENDENCY of our problems. One-Pro-Mille is enough for Earth."

"Good. But there is one thing more critical for this, one most fundamental criterion. These world-citizens should be brought up in the Way. Free Thinking, Happy, persons not under laws, but furnished with an inner code of rationality, of being gentle and always preferring the True Word.” [8], [11], [37]

18 Tao Stoic 18

"Pseudologists," said the Master while teaching Stupidology, "are only studying behaviour, if that, without knowing that it is ideation that determines behaviour (control). Behaviour is only the manifestation of that what causes it. They do not want to study Mind and ideation for fear ... that it has been in the books for thousands of years.”

"But”, said Ven, "they do speak of consciousness, the subconscious, intelligence, attitude, and so forth."

"Ah, but then ask them. You will soon find out that they do not define these terms and often they mean by them everything, in other words, just as the terms Mind, and Idea do. The only advantage they have then, is a lack of 'contradiction' of self-critic, of self-correction. Anything goes.”

"I do not understand”...

"Well, if you do not define intelligence for instance, which is a limitation, so as to be standard for all partners, cannot you ascribe it freely to plants, steam engines, and so on, without feeling in your toes that you are on the wrong Way? It is Stupid!” [20], [30], [36]
19  Tao Stoic 19

The Master, coming from a walk through a dying forest, observed these X-mas trees, in the market place. Healthy young trees, having been cut down for a fortnight’s cheap fun. He remarked to Tse Ne Ka: "When they are all so set upon killing themselves, when that is their Way, good, but let them at least save the trees, the birds and fishes, the rabbits and squirrels. Let them inherit the planet when we have not enough dignity to guard the prize ourselves!" His pupil just kept silence. [8]

20  Tao Stoic 20

Mei Ling showed the Master how practically all writers on hypnosis and hypnodynamics invariably stated that hypnosis was NOT the Panacea, the cure for all. On being asked why that should be so, against all scientific knowledge, the Master answered:

"They just write what people want to hear. They’re simply not interested in the True Word. Besides, often, they have the officially recognised background of pseudology, hence they know not better."

"But Master, the knowledge that Mind, ideation ONLY made and maintains the body, repairs it, even through subconscious commands, is thousands of years old and established!"

"Ah, but even more so is superstition and pseudology. Truth, scientific thought is very recent [44], and then even, limited to a few adherents to the True Word, to knowledge of the Way." [2], [18], [36], [39], [44]

21  Tao Stoic 21

The Master said: "Robert Graves in his book 'Claudius the God' has it that Claudius commented on the pyramids. He said: 'King Cheops, who built the Great Pyramid ruined his rich country, bled it white and left it gasping; and all that to gratify his own absurd vanity and perhaps impress the Gods with his superhuman power.' What do we learn from it Ling?"

"That Claudius himself believed in these gods, his way of speaking shows it."

"Excellent. And you, Ven?"

"About the absurd bestiality of superstitions."

"Excellent too. But I would rather show you that regicide, the murder of a king, might be justified for survivalistic reasons, it may be MADE so by circumstances. Even Hitler in his book admitted this justification, although I have not heard of a defence on that line by his victims on trial, who had tried to kill him ³. You know of course that Mencius mentiones regicide that got some other name, i.e. the killing of a rogue, and outcast.

³Hitler’s assasins could have defended themselves (although in vain), with: 'If a government uses the instruments of power in its hands for the purpose of leading a people to ruin, then
All life is sacred in the Way, the taking of life Naturally prohibited, except for self-defence. Then, also in harmony with the Way, it becomes a DUTY.” [7], [22]

22 Tao Stoic 22

"Master, these people hold the passengers and crew of the aeroplane as hostages."

"Does not the Tao Te Ching say: 'In the governance of empire, everything difficult must be dealt with while it is still easy, everything great must be dealt with while it is still small (Tao 63).’ 'Deal with things in their state of not-yet-being. For the tree, big as a man’s embrace, began as a tiny sprout etc. etc. (Tao 64)

Clearly, the plane must be stormed, these men shot at the spot.”

"But Master, is that not revenge, the most loathed in the Way?”

"Not revenge, just a rapid attack from an indefenceable position. Says not the Tao Te Ching also: 'When you doubt your ability to meet the enemy’s attack, take the offensive yourself!’? Are blackmailers not the most dangerous and brutal enemies, more dangerous than whatever beast, for all our efforts of living together? That, then, prevails in the Way of living together.” [7], [21], [69]

23 Tao Stoic 23

"It was M.Aurelius A., ” the Master said, "who wrote: 'Honour that which is chiefest and most powerful in the world, and that is, what makes use of all things.’ (Aure. 51) Indeed, without Mind, there would be no Order in the universe.”

"But, ...” said Ling.

"Order is only an attribute, used by ‘a’ Mind for describing what it perceives. In this, it is like the water in the river. It is there, yet only we know it to be water, the river not, dear Ling.” [39]

24 Tao Stoic 24

"Master, how do we know of time?”

"Lucretius puts it admirably: 'from things themselves there results a sense of what has already taken place’. (Lucretius 40-41) It shows how we perceive time through events. But not only do we ideate time in that way, but also all objects, in fact the whole of our Reality. We can only ideate a thing by a succession of ideas saying that it is still (or again) the thing. A comparison of the two of a pair. We call that ‘being” or ‘to exist’. The best example perhaps is our appreciation of a scenery, a painting, sculpture or else. Because ideation can
ONLY work as a string of idea atoms (Binary, Pair), i.e. plusses and minusses, our sense of seeing has to make the perceived field into a string of events. It is thus that the eye does not steady on such a sight but is always a-roving. We know time through events, we know objects or existence, by making them into events. Always the knotted string of Time is unwinding and unwinding.” [35], [102]

25 Tao Stoic 25

"Such is the power of language” said the Master, "that we attach different meanings to terms like: 'to avoid', 'beware of', 'to try not to', 'take care', etc. while they could easily be translated in: 'fear of', even 'do not like' and still other terms, as Orwell did by 'Double Plus Good', which makes 'bad' superfluous (Double Minus Good, and ungood. It is why Schopenhauer could say that the language of Nature is not understood because it is too simple. In Nature no such terms exist, all are one idea. Indeed we have enriched our language to our convenience, yet, we must remain aware of the simple patterns it describes in different ways.

All ideas, always, are accompanied by a notation of 'good' or 'bad' (for me). Now, what is 'attitude'? The same emotional notation. What is sympathy? The same. What is 'good morning!', or 'you vixen!', 'a strong man', 'honesty', etc. All are the natural pairs of 'I like/I not like'. Remember this for it is part of the Way.” [24], [35]

26 Tao Stoic 26

"In Cicero, Master, I read of a True Word by Protagoras. He had said that 'he was not able to say whether gods existed or not', (Cicero, Nature of the gods). Is this not the True scientific Way?""

"Indeed it is. It explains too why Cicero himself could believe in sperrits, in spite of his admiration for Lucretius. It is fundamental that: 'either gods are, or, gods are not'; the natural pair. So one can believe or not. But until this question is 'proven' satisfactorily, which means, not by repetitious hearsay from hearsay from hearsay, all statements of how gods do or not do, are or not are, like or not like, is mere criminal lying. It purports to have knowledge that is in reality not possessed. It purports to 'know' of sperrits or mermaids, while this 'knowing' must be pre-ceded by the proven knowlegde that they exist. Certainly, no such fundamental knowledge is yet known to the world, therefore, with Protagoras, the development of further 'knowing' is stopped.

No more True Words about it being known.
No more True Words about it being writ.
No more bastardly barter with the hopes and fears of poor people.” [16]
27  Tao Stoic 27

"Master, in the Analects, it says that Confucius did not speak while eating. What is there so special about to mention it at all?"

"It is because practically nobody understands the art of living in harmony with Nature i.e. with his BODY. Eating is the second crucial function after breathing in our lives. We have a need for it almost every day. Yet, nobody gives it another thought except those who starve, prisoners like Solzhenitsyn. He said: 'You had to eat with all your mind on the food - like now, nibbling the bread bit by bit, working the crumbs up into paste with your tongue and sucking it into your cheeks.' (One Day, 43) We should eat in the best Way, in harmony with Nature, therefore should look at Nature. See the dog. It is very friendly, yet, when it is eating, and you are friendly to it, it only manages to wag its tail once, so intensely concentrated is it on the business at hand.

This concentration serves a purpose. It increases the nourishing process that follows to a millionfold. Therefore, while eating, no conversation, no distraction, no t.v. watching. Do, make it a holy habit, and, ... be never in a hurry, when doing the second most important thing in your life. The hurry, also seen in dog, we can super-prevail by a Mind at ease." [75]

28  Tao Stoic 28

"Master do we know the full range of all our superstitions?"

"Certainly not. Yesterday, in the 20th century, it was Sunday."

"I do not understand."

"But don't you see that because of that Saturday or Sunday, all official buildings, universities, shops, factories, cranes, concrete mixers, tractors, with operation costs for 365 days, work only 260 days, that is just 72 percent. Besides, for the same reason, police men, fire men, nurses, busdrivers, railway personnel, have to be paid extra for the same work they do, but on the other 72 impossible to buy milk, bread or potatoes, yet petrol and oil, cigarettes and sweets may be obtained. Beaches and parklands are overcrowded on these 28 this for the superstitious belief that these days are different from others. Simply by believing the scientific reports, that these days are perfectly similar to others, we would save 28 efficiency, workability, add 28 without a stitch of extra cost. Our stupid calendar is an insane superstition. So extensive is superstition! So near to all our lives is stupidity."

29  Tao Stoic 29

"Lin Yu Tang, Master, what beautiful rendering has he given of the Tao Te Ching, of Confucius, and Chuang Tzu?"

"Yet, he is a fool."

"I do not understand."

"Has he not also written the book: 'The Importance of Living?'"
"Indeed he has, it seems full of the Way, of True Words also."

"But have you not read that he advocates even more overpopulation than his world (1939) was already burdened with? He condemns the childlessness as some sort of anti-social behaviour. In reality it is he who is anti-social. He wants the Way to be S.R.O., Standing Room Only on the planet. The Way, our Reality, sees to it that no species EVER overpopulate to a dangerous level, only man is exempt from this equilibrium through knowing the Way. The Way expects man to keep check himself, to keep in check himself. Five million, instead of five milliard. It is all that Earth can endure. S.R.O. clearly is not the Way." [38]

30 Tao Stoic 30

"When you spoke of pseudologists who do not define, therefore mean everything by their terms, I felt uncomfortable."

"Why was that Leer Ling?"

"You said: 'as we do in the terms Mind and idea.'"

"Oh, I see. But this is different because the 'everything' is really meant as such. We define Mind as: 'Everything making an inanimate body from cell to humans, alive', and ideation as: 'Everything that goes on in a Mind.' By this, we have divided the total Reality in two, incommensurate parts; the living and the non-living.

On the other hand, we define intelligence as: 'that what is more than pure animal and vegetative function. We call it the 3rd degree of freedom. The plants having 1, animals have 1 and 2, but humans have 1, 2, and an extra choice, a choice over ideas. Therefore, machines, plants, and animals 'cannot' be called intelligent at all, not in the smallest degree. When, now, pseudologists let anything be intelligent, it is not even a 'life, Mind' function because machines are included. Even then, they would need a term plus its proper definition of 'That what makes men more than animals'." [18], [20], [36]

31 Tao Stoic 31

"How about likelihood Master? Scientists must always guess or judge the likelihood of things not known yet."

"Indeed it is the very most important principle for science. Yet, it is not truth itself. It is mere maintenance of opinion until proved. Then it has become a True Word. About gods or sperrits, mermaids or centaurs, two possibilities (a pair) exist: 'is' and 'is not'. One may believe in one, which is opinion, is giving it a great likelihood, but it is only the PROOF that turns opinions into facts, into True Words. Facts are not open to the pair: Believing/Not-Believing.

"Are there not varieties in facts?"

"No. 'A fact is that what has happened', it is an absolute truth. There are however semi-truths that are almost as true as facts, the physical laws for
instance. We live by the semi-truth that gravitation will be tomorrow, yet, unlikely as it is, we cannot 'know' until the day after." [13]

32  Tao Stoic 32

"Master," said Ling one day, "I think that all living nature is plain experimenting."

"Good, what makes you think so?"

"Everything alive is always trying, always trying things out. Plants, animals, children and puppies, grown-ups too."

"What brilliant jewel of a mind you have Ling! You see, ideation is ALWAYS problem solving, in other words, Reality is always a question for a Mind, a problem, is always 'whatsit?' Fortunately there is one thing completely outside all experimentation in our Reality. All else is open to investigation. Mass, space, energy and electricity, movement, forces, light etc. can always be taken apart, be cooked, weighed, crushed, pressed, spun around, reflected, put under a microscope and so on except 'that what comes from outside the universe.'"

"And what is that Master?"

"But don't you know, it is TIME. Time cannot be induced or pushed, compressed, or taken a sample off. It is a regime enforced upon the whole universe from outside, everything is subject to it."

"But we can measure time master."

"Don't be silly Ling. You know as well as I do that what we call measuring is only giving a name to part of time, and then, it is just keeping it, as event, against another event and see how it tallies. We do not measure time, we simply use its effects. Time is a continual addition to the universe, therefore, the universe is an open system."

33  Tao Stoic 33

The Master said to a class of very young pupils: "I shall now give you a set of questions that you must think about in one, i.e. you must think about them, let them all play together in your Mind.

First is: Why should this lovely tree, that is very comfortable here, bother to grow bigger, as it shall be next year?

Second: Why should an animal, just awake after a full sleep on a full belly, when not hungry yet, start exploring his surroundings that are already familiar to him?

Third: Why should a man glare at you angrily when you are reading his newspaper from the opposite place?

Fourth: Why should a candidate for the presidency, pay huge fortunes in campaigning, while he could easily live in comfort from the interest alone, not being nagged and bothered as president?

Now why, Yo, are you grinning so obviously?"
"Because I know the answer already Master, it is the basic drive behind all ideation."

"Very good Yo, then, you may put it on paper when you like. But think of other examples please." [6], [11]

34 Tao Stoic 34

"Master, I heard a radio program about missionaries among Indian tribes. Do you know that these are lifelong ruled by fears of spirits of the forests?"

"Indeed, when they get Christianity instead, it means no more than an exchange of one fear for another. These missionaries do business on other people's fears and hopes, sheer blackmail. What unscrupulous, merciless, stupid arrogance is it to take the right in your own hands of inducing lifelong misery in others! Do, read Maugham's 'Rain' for instance. Like Hitler, Muhammad, Saul and many, many others, they just cannot leave people alone, or, at request, give them True Words as advice."

"Does this not go for parents too?"

"Indeed, every child has the fundamental right not to be burdened with lifelong superstition, at the very beginning of its life. It is against Man's Dignity, to violate beginning life, for which Nature, the Way, has made them responsible."

35 Tao Stoic 35

"Master, I remember that we spoke about an egg and about not egg [13. But is it not so that when knowing it to be an egg, we then ask questions afterwards? It may be boiled/not-boiled, stone/not-stone, chicken/not-chicken and so on. Are not the first and all the later thinkings different, the first not being a question?"

"Decidedly not. They all are the same. We just do not remember our asking first 'what is it' because the knowing of 'egg' is so fast. The Mind, you should bear in Mind, is like a basket with a label on it saying only: 'what is it?' We call it 'analog'. The Mind itself, like all Nature is analog, a process. Now, the only way of determining something of the flabbergasting Reality, is by making it into digits, in slices. That is ideation. They must be binary digits in pairs like X/not-X. Seeing an egg, then is an immediate answer to the always open question of 'what is it?' It is thus that ideation, that what is going on in the Mind, is always problem solving. All is questioning and partial answers, the answers calling up questions again." [13], [24]

36 Tao Stoic 36

The Master advised his more mature pupils to visit a real psychology department of a university. He said:

"You will see pseudology at work there."

"I take it that we should not ask questions there", was a remark.
Indeed, ask not. They would not understand the questions, let alone answer them. It would be a matter for the young chicks in the lecture rooms to ask these questions, yet, should they do so, they might as well forget their certificate.”

“What would be an obvious question for them, Master?”

“Is it not science, when one looks at A, in order to know B, to state first the proper relationship between the two? Well, that is what I would ask them. I would ask: ‘You look at rats in order to know Man, how are these ideationally (i.e. non-physically) related’? It is an obvious question of a pupil who comes straight from college, yet, it is an impossible question for a pseudologist. Hence no certificate. Hence again, people with certificates may well lack all gosamer splinters of Mind-Knowledge, (see: Andreski, Ortega, Wells, Spencer, etc.)”

37 Tao Stoic 37

“Master, how important is it to speak the World-Language very well, as contrasted with slapdash bungling?”

“It may cost 500 lives in the latter case. Enough?”

“I do not understand?”

“Then, think of accidents on say airfields. A plane with 300 passengers may land on the back of one carrying 200. Result, ... one fire-ball.”

“But language? How?”

“Imagine a Russian pilot, or a Sudanese, murdering R.P. Received Pronunciation, in order to get landing instructions from a control tower, where a Spanish flight-controller who is murdering R.P. in his way, gives these instructions. The stage is set for a disaster; it is ‘near (the) miss’ all the time, as the bishop said to the actress. This is where t.v., even can teach you, namely that this point, clearly, is entirely neglected in the pilot and controller education. One can hear them speak English like a Dutch Diplomat, i.e. well nigh un-understandable. As I said, the stage is continually set for disaster. Says not Mencius: ‘When Heaven sends down calamities, there is hope of weathering them; when man brings them on himself there is no hope of escape’. This, naturally, in view of stupidity. This lack of training and teaching in the World-Language, is one of these.”

38 Tao Stoic 38

“Master, is not the feeding of birds and squirrels, as you do, interference with Nature, therefore, contrary to its highest principle of ’Non-Interference’?”

“Indeed it is. But so is the very cooking of our food. Is not ’to be one with Nature’ definitionate with interfering? All life does it. To interfere with Nature is Nature, is manipulation of Reality is the Way. Only, as Man, one could restrict it to mere necessities. No animal, EVER, would start a forest fire, only man does that. And, is there a real danger of keeping alive, a weak or
diseased individual that otherwise had been destroyed? On the contrary, some ambitious individual squirrel, might experience a, what it thinks, friendship and security, yet, keeps its eye always open for the boy with the air-gun. Don't you worry, Mei Ling, there always remain plenty of birds and squirrels that never sit on my hand to feed.

Then, Man may tax nature freely for his essential needs, that is, when he is not overabundant.” [29]

39  Tao Stoic 39

"Mind as the sole Ruler, Master, what is so difficult in it to understand, so that only a few people know of-, or agree with-, it?"

"People just want to be victims of outside circumstances, of things beyond their control. In that Way, it is not their fault."

"But it is especially CONTROL that shows them the nonsense of it! The pure physical Reality NEVER controls because control implies purpose, which is in its turn emotion, is idea or Mind, and that, per definition, the physical Reality has not. Even then, control over our outside Reality cannot be anywhere BUT in our Mind itself, not inbetween (Tao Stoics)."

"You are a worthy pupil. Indeed, even when we (try to) control other living things, humans even, it is only possible by using 'pure physical' Reality through gestures, speech-sounds, kicks and blows. You are well on the Way, for a true grasp of Nature.” [9], [20], [23], [39], [129], [131], [161]

40  Tao Stoic 40

"Well, did you ponder about the man riding horse for pleasure [1]?”

"I did Master. Since CONTROL is the drive behind all ideation, every answer should be in terms of that principle. The man thought himself happy because he was the master, the horse a slave, yet he knew not that he himself was therefore a slave too."

"Good. To control, to possess, to enslave others, is also self-enslavement and therefore runs counter to Human Dignity. Tao, the Way, Philosophy, Wisdom, it is all about being one with Nature. It is about being in control of what ought to be controlled, ... i.e.: the self. Plants and animals, even winds and rocks, all do as Nature wants them to. Man should do so too. Being a man, not to contend, not to enslave, being still, calm, content, that is what Human Dignity is all about. That is the Way.” [1], [11], [45]

41  Tao Stoic 41

"Ling,” said the Master, ”what is:

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or even: mum, dad, dad, mum etc. ?"

"I do not know, Morse Code perhaps?"

"No. It is part of the White House in Washington."

"I do not understand."

"Ah, it is to show you how easy it was in the old days of the telegraph to send over the Ocean, a good picture in simply dots and dashes. Imagine a picture of the White House, blown-up to 1.5 meter square. Divide it in a fine grid of 0.25 cm squares, i.e. 600 x 600 = 360,000 squares. Give each a sign for black/white. Then you can send it over in dots and dashes."

"It is very well possible Master, but I do not see the lesson."

"Don’t you see? The receiver can only use it when he uses the same method. Not necessarily the 1.5 meter, but certainly the 600 x 600 principle, the going from left to right, etc. The lesson is that co-operation between humans is only possible by mutual consent over the method, and that implies a ‘Standard’ AND discipline to stick to it."

"True Master. But given that, one could modulate on it, make more different signals, get therefore, a better picture. Indeed, then, the lesson is: Standardisation and Discipline.” [40]

42 Tao Stoic 42

"Master, when nuclear fusion becomes established, is it then, that the worst for Earth is over?"

"Certainly not. It only starts in earnest then. The hot-house effect will soon be overshadowed until it is a mere trifle."

"I do not understand."

"The green-house effect might cause a few degrees addition today, but after the explosion of industry and energy wastage that will follow upon the use of sea-water for energy, the temperature increase will soon become a tenfold of it. The air might become a bit cleaner, but the temperature increase will kill everything alive. Our problem NEVER was a shortage of energy. Our problem ALWAYS was the thousand-fold overpopulation, and all being possessed of cripple Minds. Overpopulation too is caused by Mind, Mind being the ultimate problem. Easier and more energy will not diminish population growth, ‘Breeding Storm’ as Wells called it, nor its madness. It will increase both. That is the Way."

43 Tao Stoic 43

"DeBono”, said the Master, ”gave us a morsel of the truth when he said: ‘Before five, children are still collecting information by asking ’Why?’ There is as yet too little information with which to be creative’. (Po: Beyond Yes and No.)."

"But I thought that all of us always ask: ’What and Why’, Master, and that creativity, new ideas, and the gathering of all knowledge is the highest state of
happiness, one can attain?"

"You are entirely correct. The morsel of truth is not complete, but it serves its (and DeBono's) purpose admirably. Be as the child Grasshopper, or, as in Kung Fu: 'In games, children teach sometimes more than books' (Kung Fu 8). So it is the Way to be curious and playful, to enjoy knowledge and be creative, i.e. True-, Free-, Thinking."

44 Tao Stoic 44

"Let me cite to you a word of the great Wyndham, that is not altogether a True Word. He says in 'The Secret People': 'The mass attitude right up to the Middle Ages was to believe until an assertion was disproved (and in some matter that attitude still persists) in parentheses is Wyndham's but the typically modern attitude is to disbelieve until proof is forthcoming'. This, now, is not wholly true in so far that the latter way is seldom found still. A scientist today may practise it in his work, but not when it is Sunday, churchtime, advertising on t.v. etc., then the full glow of pre-Middle Ages is the thing. Besides, it would have been better to show how in the past, and still today, people take 'Emphasis' for 'Proof', hence they believe to be proven what is screamed or repeated to them. See the screaming lettering on Newspaper heads, readable from 25 meter away, hear the yokels scream in microphones while all they have to do is turn up the volume and talk calmly. A superstitious man like Bryan.W.J. who believed in creation in non-evolution, knew very well that people cannot distinguish emphasis from proof. He therefore said: 'Just say it often enough and it will be believed'. (Dale Carnegie 87). It is the Way that unscrupulous men can make you believe to hear a True Word, while it is entirely false, yet lining their pockets. They can make you believe, that is, unless you know the Way, have Free Think."

45 Tao Stoic 45

The Master's lesson was about animals and Man as animal. He said very clearly: "Animals are immensley superior to a Man who has ditched his Human Dignity." But Ven objected by saying:

"But Master, that man still is totally animal at least, then, how can other animals be superior to him?" The Master smiled as he answered him:

"All animals, ALWAYS act according to-, and thus in harmony with-, Nature. When a Man-animal, who is furnished with a whole extra capacity, throws this overboard, indeed he can act as an animal, yet, he is decidedly contrary to harmony with nature. When he is privelaged in having a capacity to be contrary to Nature, and he uses this to be so, the difference then, between him and an animal is like a dissonant against harmony in music. An animal, capable of self-control, who does not control at all, is an abomination." [11], [40]
"Master, I spoke with Gu San O, the other day and he asked about my religion."
"Did you answer in the standard, regular way for stupids, that yours is the Church of the True Word?"
"I did Master but then he started mentioning 'heathen' and communists and the like. I answered standard manner, that members only speak about these things to fellow members (See Sinclair 'Oil'). Then he wanted to know how we regard other religions like his and so I simply had to tell him that whatever True Words a religion or ideology contain, belonged to our Church of the True Word. Was that right Master?"
"It is true, and therefore you spoke truth. It was well spoken. But you could have quoted Seneca's 'Whatever is true is my property' (Letter 8), and 'the things of greatest merit are common property'. One thing of great merit was the founding of the Church of the True word by Upton Sinclair. It is specially designed for people who are not able to imagine a Free Thinking man, people like Gu San O. Remember the cow and the horse behind bars, the bird in the cage. They cannot imagine freedom when they never have been free. Thus you explain freedom to them as a very large stable or cage."

"Master, do you know women?"
"Certainly not, neither do you."
"I don't understand."
"The ONLY person I know of, but though in a slapdash-, a rough-, Way is myself. I might even know a millionth part of my I. Because all ideation is in me, I just cannot know a thing about other persons, say, more than 'appearances', as I know of objects, fields etc. Now, another man, I cannot know, but I can guess by putting myself in HIS shoes AND compare it with the real self. This is the only thing I can do, compare MY person with myself in somebody's place. It is a(n ideational) pair of: I/notI (but probably similar to I). Immediately upon encounter, I start with this trick, this principle of checking the 'not-I' aspects. He might not like reading and study, as I do, he might be prone to lamentation and worries about his health etc. etc. What remains of this mirrored I, 'might' be the same as I, but I 'know not'."
"But what about women?"
"Women are so absolutely- and fundamentally different from I, even a projected I in their shoes, that there is practically no point in trying-out this principle. Their body is different, their organs, bloodstream, hormones, their skin, outer forms, and most certainly their brains must be so different that all comparison, except with a female, must fail. A man, (I) cannot ever hope to guess how they think. Their logic, for instance, is so different from male-logic, that all prediction (the aim of 'knowing' the other) must fail. We (men), must then sail by appearances, by words uttered, and, we must keep an anchor out to
windward. See Lucetta’s explanation of female logic (Verona): ‘I have no other but a woman’s reason; I think him so because I think him so’. You may come to ‘know’ some other man after five years of friendship, yet, it is incomparably more and clearer than your knowledge of a woman after, say, a marriage of 50 years. You see, their Ways and True Words are different.”

48 Tao Stoic

"The B.B.C. World-Service Master, it is not World-like at all only U.K. nationalist, don’t you think?"

"Indeed it is. It is U.K. directed and the non-natives are regarded as noughts. It is controlled, practised and institutionalised like children’s play. There is no mention of the necessity of World-Government, and de-population of Earth. There is no teaching of World-integration nor even World-Language."

"But the World-Language is their language and they have language programs!"

"When you listen carefully, you’ll conclude with me that indeed, some children are allowed to play with microphones. What would you do when in control of it?"

"I would speak only True Words, i.e. of World-Citizenship, teach about the Way, of Rights & Duties, of Man, Nature and its Way and so forth."

"What about Language?"

"I would insist on clear, calm, R.P. if only for the 75 non-native English speakers that listen, yet, would include foreign language courses."

"You see, and you only being 17 years old. Indeed, six-year olds must be in control. It is Andreski’s Wind-Bag effect."

49 Tao Stoic

"Master, I did not so well in a discussion. I did not know the True Words for it."

"I am surprised. What was it about?"

"It was about infanticide Master, properly called ‘abortus provocatus criminalis’. I could not tell, when the infant was the result of rape."

"It is the usual approach from these killing bastards, to imagine that all unwanted children are the product of rape. The ancients had the gods for explaining the pregnancy. Did you not state that Life is sacred?"

"I did Master, but then, ... rape."

"Is it not an ethical question?"

"Indeed it is Master."

"Then, apply ethical fundamentals. The fourth rule says: ‘Act as you would like others to act in the same circumstances’. Put yourself in the place of others, Man is the measure. The answer, then, is very clear."

"In the place of the mother to be?"
"God forbid! No. You do not plan to murder her. It is the child's murder that is in play. Hence, what would you decide, were you the child, rape or not, in utero?"

"I see it now Master."

**50 Tao Stoic 50**

"Master, when I travelled to Vi Yen A, I met a Yung who is a mono-theist. He believes in one god, not more."

"How extraordinary lonely that god must be! The barbarians at Olympus at least had fun with each other. When you develop an illusion, or a nice story, make it at least acceptable in general logic. The multi-theo-gony of the Greeks was therefore far nicer, as stories go, than the later mono-theo-logies. Another matter is, of course, taking these 'Sperritologies' or Sperritogonies for Fact, letting these fancies control part-of, or even your whole life. The sky, then, really is the limit. What right have parents and educators, politicians even, to impose on the child's mind, the horrible burden of these fancies, simply by not being held to add to them, the fact that they are only fancies, not proven truth. Stick to the Way, to True words, and let this Yung be what he is, the village crank. Let him go to his UFO's."

**51 Tao Stoic 51**

"A man said that freedom of speech and freedom of religion were indestructibly bound to each other Master. (1989 04 02 Eindhoven)"

"The man was a twit. The two are the same, meaning both the right to speak un-True Words, as if they were Natural facts. It is the old Paradox of J.S.Mill again."

"I do not understand."

"Was it not Mill (among many others), who proposed two totally incompatible ideas, namely that Man should be free to form his own opinions (ideas), AND be free to express them? The second one prevents the first, because, then, your ideas are formed by others, i.e. are not of yourself, not free, and vice versa. From such a paradox we have to choose one, but this, in accordance with the Way, with truth. We choose the second one then, but with the strict limitation that what is expressed shall be either truth, or, when unproven or phantasy, shall be accompanied by saying that-, offering it as-, a theory only, as fable, as art, opinion of a limited Mind. That is the Right of our children, therefore our Duty to them.

This man was an ex-minister of ... education." [93]
"To be or not to be, that is the question, is not this Pair the basic principle of all life Master?"
"Certainly not. What comes after that, that is the principle."
"I do not understand."
"When we look for a principle of a squirrel, does it not imply that 'squirrel' then IS? The question: is/not-is, therefore already settled? What comes after the being, that is the principle, and it is: to remain/not-remain, or to maintain/not-maintain. It is only meaningful to speak of this after the 'to is' is decided."
"I understand Master."
"Good. And what is there to maintain?"
"That what all life is about, what drives all ideation Master, naturally: Control."
"Excellent! Do not again be bamboozled by good-looking Shakespearean slogans that may miss the True Word, the Way by so many miles, so many ages."

"Master, why is that great stupidity, the self-damaging like tattooing still extant in our so-called civilised society?"
"For this, to understand auto-mutilation, it is necessary to know that all individuals of all species, have a memory of the species. It is phylogenesis which = ontogenesis. Without it, a young chick would not know that it should grow wings, feathers. But it also ideates behaviour in animals and Man, so-called instinct. It is an un-freedom, an enslavement if you wish. Only the Man-typical freedom, his 'choice' could annul these shackles. With regard to auto-mutilation now, ages ago, the Chief became god-like. Thus, the pleps wanted to imitate his scars and other deformations gathered during his eventful life. So it was that they scarred themselves too. It evolved into coloured patterns, instead of the original 'infections'. That is tattooing now. A primitive force that yokels cannot withstand. They have no Mind to overrule it. Read Spencer’s Essays for this. It all is the Way, is Nature, but then from hundreds of millenia past, and of stupid, cripled minds."

"Do not speak seriously with that man Dip Lom At, he is too dangerous for that."
"But Master, I know much of the Way, many a True Word. Besides, you have trained me in fundamental Think!"
"Yet, you still are a novice, and he is a genius in cripling True Words in such a way that, like Goebbels, he can make you see black as white. He wants you
to become 'Democracy', so that you'll lose your freedom, and start murdering next."

"But Master, there is not much chance for that."

"Is it not so, that it is the pupils who are most involved in education, even that they (Parents) pay for it? Then it should be they who decide the form of the education?"

"That is true Master."

"Thus, you let them vote and what do you see? Vacations followed by holidays with days-off inbetween. See how un-true it was, yet you agreed. How much better than I, can that man induce un-truth as True Words in you. It is his way of cooking and crooking words and ways."

55 Tao Stoic 55

"Hoyle, the great astronomer, in his very fine science fiction: 'The Black Cloud', Master, says a thing that sounds peculiar to me."

"Indeed? I am glad to hear that you have such an excellent choice of joy-giving leisure-time literature. The solution in the book is a real shock to the reader, yet, every later reading, while fully aware, makes just as pleasant reading. But what is your problem then?"

"It says that our appreciation of music has really nothing to do with sound."

"Well, it is true. As with all ideation, once the physical stimuli have touched the outskirts of our nerve system, the sensors, it is the neural impulses that do the work, though, even they, physical as they are too, can only function to carry a pattern for inducing an idea, appreciation thus. Appreciation, ideas, are not in the eyes, ears, skin or tongue, nor in the nerve system, yet the physical signals from outside stop there. See it now?"

"Yes Master, I know my Way now. Even the nerve system is but a tool for Mind, like a computer."

56 Tao Stoic 56

"Master, when you 'give', do you then like it?"

"Yes son, I do."

"But then you'd get something out of it! That is not altruism but egoism!"

"Indeed. So it is. Am I telling you a secret in that I like being happy and in harmony with Nature, that I therefore seek to know-, and practise the Way? Altruism just IS not, it does not exist. A.Rand called it a virtue to be selfish. True word is that only egoism exists, as Tietjens shows. Even the most self-denying act of bravery, giving one's life for others, it is all egoistically based. And read Spencer, Wells and others."

"But they never told us so Master, including you."

"There are many things that we tell not. It is better to let you find the truth at the proper times."
"But I did not so find it!"
"Yes you did. Recall your first question of just now."
"Master, ... I see."

57 Tao Stoic 57

"Man's first intelligent act," said the Master, "was standardisation. He standardised sounds (after gestures) for representations of ideas."
"That certainly was a great step forwards Master, for socio I mean. But was there also a personal effect?"
"Indeed, and a far more profound one. He started thinking, handling his ideas with it. It made his ideation a thousandfold more efficient."
"Had it any reverse effects too Master?"
"Of course it had. From then on, the control of others (See Spencer, Essays) and barter, swindle, miseducation, conceit, started in earnest. Superstition and Stupidity, then, found words to accommodate them."
"Is this standardisation perhaps one of a pair, is there an opposite to it?"
"The opposite of standardisation in words and thoughts is creativity, the 'Lateral Think' of DeBono, the occurrence of inventiveness, of Eureka-, or Aha-experience. Both of the pair are part and parcel of socio, yet, the second, creativity, is very sparse, but gives greatest pleasure. It needs quiet and let go."

58 Tao Stoic 58

"Master, when seeds are all individuals and are not different from each cell in our body, are not these cells individuals too?"
"Indeed they are. They are co-operative parts of a whole yet not as enslaved as the wheels of a car are. They co-operate so well with the whole ego that they live as we all ought to do in a sane society, in self-accepted bondage, freedom that gives freedom through self-restraint. Read in Hoyle’s 'Black Cloud' how even the quality of communication between cells, is determinate for calling them individuals/parts of individual. Notice that such cell-individuals in a body, have three tasks in their life, critical for the whole’s happiness and survival. First they should stay alive and well. Second they should work as designed to do, (liver-cells as liver). Third they should keep an eye on their neighbours, so that the malfunction of it, can speedily be repaired or else the one be dismantled.

Be like one of these cells. But forget part of the third task." [5]

59 Tao Stoic 59

"You taught us," said Leer Ling, "that those horrible diseases [10] can be cured in hours’ time. Why is it that doctors do not do it then?"
"Why, Ling, they are physicists, not Mind-scientists. Diseases are life-typical, i.e. not found in physicals."
"Then, when these doctors are so, they might think that solely physics is the solution."

"Naturally. Diabetes for instance, Ling, is caused by some cell NOT producing insulin enough or at the proper time. The purely physical solution, then, is to pump insulin in when required. What, now, would be the Natural solution, the Way, son?"

"To teach and command these cells to function properly and at the right times, Master."

"Precisely. And where would you start such a procedure?"

"By teaching quietness, concentration on 'this' instead of on 'that', the Tao Te Ching's way of saying: 'I' and 'not-I'. That is Hypnodynamics."

"Excellent Ling."

60 Tao Stoic 60

"Man's stupidity, Master, is showing everyday, that it has penetrated our lives deeper than we can guess."

"I'm glad you are so observant. What particular feat was it that caught your eye?"

"It was at a university, for some symposium or other. At the desk, they were handing out pencils to each of the participants in order to let them make a few black marks on a computation form. I realised that these brand-new, costly pieces of prime quality wood, would probably never be used again. Then, in 1990, I thought that this use and production of pencils, the cutting down of costly trees to make them, is still going on, all over the world, while I still can use a simple aluminium device that grips the lead core admirably, that is without wood destruction, and that simple thing is still operational from 1960 onwards."

"So it is. I told you that one can find one stupidity on almost every square meter about us. What about the huge mountains of newspaper, only of value for one single day? Enfin, ... you are correct. Stupidity is limitless. You'd do better by sticking to the Way."

61 Tao Stoic 61

"About this fourth definition in Ethics, Master, you said that it is practically found in all our daily conversations [15. I don't understand."

"Is that not obvious enough? When we say: 'imagine ...', or 'You would not believe it ...', and 'You can see how I liked THAT ...'; and so forth, is it not all like putting your shoes on his feet, or, putting his shoes on yours? It is basic for communication that you do NOT make the sounds that you find would represent the ideas, but you make the sounds you know the others would make should they want to induce the idea in you. It is basic for a traffic rule that you do not stop for a red light because it is red, but because you know that for the
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62  Tao Stoic 62

"Master, what are the main objections against taking a belief, a superstition, for knowledge, as True Word?"

"The main objections are two. First is, one cannot live according to the Way, when ruled by reasons NOT of the Way, not True Words therefore. Second is in those risks, gladly taken, but endangering all life. The belief that there is some outside controlling force that helps us. So we have to do nothing for saving ourselves. The first makes you sacrifice effort, rational life, because you have to light candles, touch wood, kneel with the face to Mecca, perhaps make three turns before crossing a doorstep, or interchange your shoes when passing a lamppost. It all is needless effort in irrational behaviour, round the clock or, at all inconvenient hours. Beside they may mean life-long misery and intense fear for the after-life. One continually doubt whether his stupidity was pleasing enough. It also may easily command you to kill and kill. The second may mean the end of us all, too. When there is a god who will not tolerate that we destroy his (its, hers, theirs) lovely creation, as we are well on the way of doing, it is soothing to know that he (she, it, they) will see that it shall not happen. Hence, we just can go on making kids, pollute the planet or throw H-bombs on the infidels. All of this is ... losing one’s Way."

63  Tao Stoic 63

"Master, in 'self-discipline', is not the self part superfluous?"

"Of course it is, but only for those who know the Way. We use the term for suckers who think that there is ONLY control of the outside, the 'that' of the Tao Te Ching. Plato, who knows his Pairs very well, says he not that 'each one of us is either 'conquerer of' or 'conquered by' himself' (Laws 48) and further: 'those who can control themselves are good, those who cannot are bad' (Laws 73)? It is the old distinction between the IN’s those IN control, and the UN’s, those wretched slaves, often selfimposed that feel best UNder control. 'To conquer others needs strength; to conquer oneself is harder still’ says the Tao Te Ching (33). Achieving the latter only, can be said to put one in satisfactorily control of (his) Reality. The IN’s know a kind of happiness that escapes the UN’s entirely. Yet, the UN’s may feel themselves happy ('Not happy is he who thinks himself not so' Seneca Lett.9), but it is an empty happiness, a fickle one
too, dependable on chance (and hawsers)."

64  Tao Stoic 64

"Master, I am uncertain of the Way with regard to hypnodynamics."
"What is it about?"
"It is autism. Cancer and asthma, diabetes and phobiacs, I know the Way about, but autism, ..."
"First of all else is to answer the question: 'is the person unhappy?’. If it is only the parents that are unhappy, start with them. Naturally, when one is continually banging his head against the wall, there certainly is a need for help."
"But autism, ... there is no contact possible to induce the required restful state, hypnosis, to make forceful suggestions!"
"It is because our physicians live before Herodotus that makes you say that. There are MOST natural Ways in for instance sleep conversion methods. The Natural hypnotist, the mother, should be expert Mind-Scientist, as all parents ought to be. Making a child is insignificant work when compared with the need for study, for extensive knowledge about the new citizen’s Rights & Duties. Even when sleep conversion does not work, there is electrohypnosis. The only problem with us is that these things will not be tried, or read about in the publications, until AFTER Herodotus-Think. May be 200 years hence."

65  Tao Stoic 65

"Master, there are plenty of people who have these popbastards croaking from their loudspeakers at home all day long, day in, day out."
"This population, indeed is over-ripe for total destruction. Learning a language is the most difficult task for the child."
"I do not see the point."
"Certainly, a newborn has the most utter difficult task before it’s Mind. It has to make head or tail out of all the sounds that are daily business. It must discern ‘MEANING’ to all that, form idea atoms. There is the vacuum-cleaner, traffic noise, the ticking of the clock, banging doors, telephone ringing, children at play, and, ... what should be most meaningful, human speech. It is now very important that meaningful sound should have clear and first place. But what if all day long, i.e. even during sleeping periods, there is this mental destructive noise, the pop-bastards’ sexual moanings going on and on? The child will be mentally mutilated even before it can say the first words. These stupid nervous wrecks that are called mothers, not being able to go along without this dirt, who cannot stand quiet, are afraid of their own thoughts, should be forbidden to come near children at all. That they should have this trash on their ears continuously, is only a stupid matter for themselves, Mind-sickness, Insanity. They are beyond reason anyway, their children without rights. Vae Victis!"
"Have you ever heard of such a word as 'euthanasia' Master?"
"I have and I abhor of it."
"Yet it is nowadays even a point of discussion, officially I mean!"
"It is caused through ignorance in the patients, persistent refusal to learn in the doctors, and a total incompetence of the judicature."
"Please explain that Master."
"Ignorance in the patients because they do not know that, as has been proven so many times (Erickson etc. etc.), they can remain alive, entirely without pain, and not narcotised, and that, by simple verbal means (hypnoanalgesis). Refusal in the doctors to study Mind-Science, hypnodynamics and Human Dignified means of conduct towards their patients. You see, the poor patients do not know that there is another Way, a Humane Way out of their misery. They have been told a deliberate lie. The lie that they have either to suffer unbearable pain, or be killed. The doctors, of course, do not tell them that some other doctors could relieve the pain without killing. When judges and doctors learn True Words, the Way of Nature, euthanasia can be scrapped from their dictionaries. It does not fit in with the Way, certainly not with Human Dignity."

"The other day, Master, I tried to convince Ge B Es of the necessity to make the World-Language phonetic, in a phanatic manner. I told him that if it wasn’t for his children, who are native speakers, then at least for the benefit of the foreigners, adults and children all over the globe, who have to learn from scratch and out of books. I could not convince him."
"Did you not tell him that many ENGLISH children first pronounce 'truth' as 'troof', 'clothes' as 'kloves' and so forth, just because they have not yet learned to read? When they start reading, they have already mastered the 'th' and, used to the general stupidity of hearing 'khet' but written 'cat' yet this with the 'a' of 'Cate' (khate), they see nothing unusual in the writing of 'th' for that sound, nor in always writing 'wh' when hearing 'hw' (hweel, hwen, hwich, etc.). Tell him then, that it is ONLY after foreigners start believing their teachers who advise to use the unvoiced 'f', or the voiced 'v', when 'th' is too difficult (kloves, klofs etc.), only after that, it is, that they begin to sound intelligible. Tell him that it is only the manner of writing that make Italians pronounce 'think' as 'teenk', that Dutch Diplomats speak of 'udder' and 'turd' for 'other' and 'third'. Both cases would sound clearer was the 'f' or 'v' normally writ. Thus, 'fink': Feenk, Fuld, and Uvver, not over (like cover, clover or mover or ore, o re, res ...). Why not have an f with two curls instead of the th? Certainly there is no t sound in the th."
"This 'charwoman syndrome' Master, is it not the very top of stupidity? All these people, unconsciously tucking-up their sleeves against all Natural feelings of comfort, in order to obey the commands of some television yokel! It beats me flat."

"Indeed, stupidity is limitless and of all variety. We know from Spencer (Essays) how the need to control others replaced the more Natural need of the belly, once farming, co-ordinated hunting and fishing, relieved us from the latter. It was then, that stupidity made real progress. Then is was that decor, the obeying of what others command you, replaced usefulness and rationality, i.e. the definition of stupidity. Not the useful, the logical, the rational, but the applause promoting, the 'what others think', the belonging to the flock, that became the drive behind conduct. One must be mad as a hatter to live-up to that sort of standard. All Stoics and Taoists stress the low standard of the mob. Putting on one's shoes backwards may well be the next gimmick. In this, son, there it no top."

"Master, a man has been accused of blasphemy, but in the country there is only a blasphemy law with regard to a christian god, not a muslem god."

"A blasphemy accusation is by far the simplest and easiest case any judge in the world will ever meet with."

"I do not understand."

"Of course you do. The accuser must first prove the very existence of the victim, the blasphemerised god, and that, beyond reasonable doubt. One cannot act anti-socially or criminally with regard to a non-existent person, a non-person. Imagine you going to court and accuse Mr.Zombo. of slander against Mr.Xenopaxis. You have Mr.A as witness, who swears that he knows that Mr.Xenopaxis exists. When asking how he knows, he answered that he heard it from Mr. B, who in turn had it from C, told by mr.D, who in turn, E, and the whole alphabet, in the case of christianity, even an alphabet of \( \frac{2000}{20} = 100 \) letters or generations. The judge would laugh you out of court! He would say that the victim's existence is not provable on these grounds. It is hearsay upon hearsay a 100 times. Let the god turn up in court, identify himself (itself, herself), and speak for himself! It is not very scientific too, not proof, but only emphasis 'AS' proof. Emphasis by a hundred hearsays, and resting on further emphasis through repetition and large numbers of shouters. It would be ridiculous as justice goes. But then, I mean a rational Judicature. Not one in which one has to swear, being put under oath, calling a non-proven god as his witness."
The Master gave his pupils a puzzle, in order to learn.

"What is:

+ + + + + - + + - - - + + ?

Is it random, the flick of a coin, or has it any meaning, a message therefore?

"They are 10 plus and 5 minus, which is not very random, " said Ling.

"Good, but the total number is so small, it could be random still." Ven said:

"Let's make it into groups:


It seems far too regular for random."

"You are on the right track too Ven, but proceed."

"Well, another grouping would be in three's, that is:

( + + + )( + - - )( + - + )( + - - )( - + + )

makes no sense."

"Stop. Look at the first two, a little more closely."

"The second group is one digit more than the first, in the binary system."

"Excellent. Now what thoughts do you develop?"

"If I am correct, I could design the third group as being one digit more still.

That would be + - + then, and see, it tallies."

"You are home now. Indeed the fourth and fifth also tally with your system,
therefore it might represent the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in an 8-digital system that is
converted into a binary one. This is what I wanted to show: First you look
for a system, a pattern. Then you tackle a still puzzling problem with 'a'
system known to you, your own system, and third, you check the truth with
a 'prediction' you make inside the known factors. In our case, you then can
predict the 6, 7, 8., because of the complete control you have over the system,
or in groups:

( - + - )( - - + )( - - - ).

You observe that the end should be the reverse of the beginning.

What you actually did in this case is NOT a general recipe. It would not
work in other cases. But the method of ideation is a recipe."

"Master what about the choice between justice department and health depart-
ment, the priorities of them?"

"Ah, in order to know about them, just make the problem into a science
fiction. Let an outside influence give us Earthlings the choice between the
two from tomorrow on. Either all medical personnel, or all police (and army) personnel would disappear. We are left with the choice. Well, without the medics, how many of us would still exist after a year?"

"I cannot say."

"Very roughly, let us say 60% keeping force?"

"Again, I am not certain."

"Goodness me! Maybe a bare 5 or 0.5 percent will survive, next TWO MONTHS. It will develop into jungle conditions after a day or so, the hunting for food. When money and gold have no more value, nobody is doing anything but, in Wyndham’s words, hunting the ruins for food (Lichen). There will spring up gangs that are so ruthless as to kill-off, people for a morsel of food, will torture people suspected of having any. We, certainly will not survive, we are too gentle. This, now, is the priority: survival of 60%

72 Tao Stoic 72

"I have no truck with atheists Master."

"Indeed, why do you say that?"

"I found that atheists surpass the unsurpassable barrier of scientific thought of which you made us aware Master. No matter who passes this barrier deliberately, whether believer or unbeliever, he is then a crank."

"I cannot but agree with you. Explain further."

"Until the question: 'is/not-is', has been satisfactorily settled with regard to sperrits, gods etc., the barrier for further opinions is closed. Yet I found that atheists too, like the believers, purport to know a lot about why there is no god."

"It might be as you say, but I think there is a different reason for your dislike."

"Is there Master?"

"It is the fact that the typical atheist or humanist gets into a temper ONLY on encountering a superstitious sperritology, a theology or theogony, but not when encountering any other superstitions like Democracy and so forth. It would be far more consistent and Natural, of the Way, if he, like we do, had a measure of contempt for ALL stupidity. While we loathe passports, and nationalism, anthems, flags, the calendar and clock system, decimal calculation, the 360 digit geometry, AND superstitious sperrits, they accept all without protest, and only fire at the last. That is the cause of your dislike. No consistency! When you are a Free-Thinker, ou also protest against the stupid weekend, Democracy, Might = Right, etc. "

73 Tao Stoic 73

‘In one lifetime, a man knows many pleasures. His mother’s smile in waking hours, a young woman’s intimate touch, and the laughter of grandchildren in
the twilight years. To deny these in ourselves is to deny that what makes us one with Nature.

'Shall we then, seek to satisfy these needs?'

'Only acknowledge them, and satisfaction will follow. To suppress a truth is to give it force beyond endurance.' (Kung Fu 1).

'Is this a representation of a True Word Master, this discussion between Grasshopper and Master Po?'

'It is excellence in itself. It tells you that there is nothing wrong with pleasures, although they are not Happiness. That is the Way. It also tells you that it is a True Word not to run after pleasures like mad. Just let them come and go, as Nature dictates. On the other hand, there is absolutely no need to go and whip yourself, fast and starve, or, as Spencer describes (Sociology), to swing from hooks drawn through your muscles, go up a mountain-path on your knees, etc. in order to make up for sins, or to please some god. That is another Way of mishandling truth, of not controlling self or Reality.'

74 Tao Stoic 74

"There is a patient, Master, who is in coma for 15 years, what about that?"

"I bet that they have done everything to restore consciousness, except the only Way, the Naturally obvious."

"Unbelievable! Would that be possible Master?"

"Certainly. What would you do if somebody was found to be in a coma, being alive, animal-like though?"

"Since, like all life, it is in ideation, the fault therefore is ideational. I should therefore call out everything about ideation I know of."

"And how would you set about that?"

"Why, Master, there is only one Way for that, ... talk and talk."

"Good, that is what a father in Upton Sinclair did to his son, only, he was no expert. What would you actually do?"

"I would soothe, and invoke a thrust in MY control, assure success in the fight for consciousness, and bodily repairs, try to get even the slightest response in order to be able to 'demonstrate' success to the patient, and use it as a crowbar for further suggestions and so on. Hypnodynamics indeed."

"How long would you be talking?"

"For as many months as necessary."

"Then, you are a very worthy pupil of Nature, a humane actor of the Way."

75 Tao Stoic 75

"Certainly, Master, the knowledge of the Way, must be applicable to driving a car?"

"Of course it is. It leads to valuable advice for survival and avoidance of misery, such as the killing of a child or hare. One advice is entirely in line with
the one on eating. When in a hurry, do not drive (eat), and when driving (eating), do not hurry. There are others like: ‘Do not overtake’, although the latter has connections with the first.”

“I do not understand.”

“When you overtake, you demonstrate to yourself, thus you auto-suggest to yourself, to be in a hurry. If you weren’t yet, you are now. There never is a necessity to overtake, so this suggestion can be avoided. There is another that says: ‘Do not have things dangling from the rear-view mirror’. The constant random movement in the corner of your eye, will untrain-, or dis-train-, you for movements in the corner of your sight. It may be a child stepping on the road, a chick or dog. But you yourself can add a good many more of these rules, since you have ample knowledge of the Way in driving, in being calm, gentle, in control.”

76 Tao Stoic 76

”Did you think of the other basic rules, the three preceding the fourth one, as I advised you to do?”

”I did Master, but I am not certain. Naturally, the first rule should be: ‘That all R & D’s should be in accordance and harmony with Nature’. It was the easiest one.”

”Good. And the second one?”

”I first thought it to be that all planet’s riches are the property of all, but this really is Natural therefore already under the first rule. I rather thought of describing to whom ethics applies with the aim of fencing-in the sane-, fair-, happy-, society. Thus the rule would be: ‘Those R & D’s are valid only, that emerge from a socio’.”

”Excellent. How about the third?”

”That one is easy again Master. It must say that: ‘All R & D’s are personal and thus not dependable on circumstances, the acts of others, or emotional values.”

”Good. This latter says in so many words that when A has a grief with B, he should not punish C, or even the whole alphabet. A very, very, important one as you will see, and always violated by the law and the unions.”

77 Tao Stoic 77

”What about ‘materialism’ Master, could they accuse us of that?”

”Goodness no! Besides, most definitions of it are always contradictory and debatable, as with most -isms. Look, when you divide Reality in a material-, a Natural- part, and a god-like or supernatural part, sperrits thus, you just have to place us in the first. But the division is absolutely wrong when the second part does not exist as such a well-proven hard fact as the first part does. When therefore, only the first part, the Natural part, exists, then we
can make a division in it of the: (Purely) physical/(Purely) non-physical pair. We, as Mind-scientists, with an interesse for physics too, could not be regarded then as materialists or mechanists, because our main spring is in the (Natural) occurrence of Mind-, Life-, ideative- phenomena. Let us therefore be named after the only criterion for any scientist thinkable, i.e. as Free Thinkers. We are students of Nature, advocates of the Way, i.e. without sperrits."

78 Tao Stoic 78

"Do you know, Master, that practically all t.v. viewers and radio listeners have noticed that the sound-quality, the 'understandability', always gets very good when a telephone conversation is relayed. After that (and prior to it) the reporter or newsreader becomes again well-nigh un-understandable. Everybody notices it yet nobody complains."

"Indeed, these stations always have well-paid, so-called sound technicians employed, yet, they cannot leave well alone. They could easily be done away with when all radio signals were first telephoned to some place and only then put on the broadcasting system. All sets that now have to be booming, and blasting away at full power, in order to get a little understandability, could then be turned down to room-, social-, practical level. These technicians because they are paid, want to make the sound 'better'(?), warmer, i.e. with more bass in it which is: ununderstandable, yet loud. As schoolboys they learned that understandability depends on high frequencies, un-understandability on the masking effect of low frequencies. Decor over usefulness, then, leads to cutting out the high frequencies, pumping up the lower ones. Is it too much to ask for that they should learn a bit about the unvoiced consonants and frequencies? People do not complain, why ...? They just turn-up the knob a bit, and to hell with the neighbours."

79 Tao Stoic 79

"At some horse-race Master, even the public, who also promote this beastly business were angered because many horses broke their legs when jumping over the concrete rings, and had to be shot. Yet the chairman of the so-called International Hippic Association, declared that it was a normal course. Do you think that people can sink lower even than that?"

"Of course they can, and they are. There are the crabs and other shell-fish that are thrown in boiling water while alive, the fishes thrown back alive, in the water after their bellies have been slit, in order to get the caviar out, there are the mining-horses and ponies, robbed of their sight, because that works better underground, and, ... what do you say, ..., yes, mothers gauging-out their children's eyes because it is better for begging. Homer was blind, and Herodotus describes also that blinding bards made them unable to escape. Read Herodotus again, but then, with constantly in Mind, that exactly the same bestialities as
he reports, are going on still. Do you think that I, with my limited mental power, could ever hope to tell you where the limits of Man’s bastardy are to be found? I would not even try.”

80 Tao Stoic 80

“Master, whatsit, in order to become world-famous?”

“It is in a pair of opposites. One is for really great people to let it show, like Bach, Epictetus, Vel’zquez, Cicero, Wells, Newton, Aristotle, Spencer, Wyndham etc. , de happy results of genius, long study, hard work. The opposite is when a worm, a popbastard, that is not distinguishable from any other worm, forcefully induces ideas in the others that he is a top-ape. He’ll soon be famous among the other empty shells of society that will pay him well for it. As you see, the one is real greatness, only to be judged and understood by others who also strive towards goodness, the other is nothingness, to be judged by those who are not even acquainted with nothingness, let alone greatness. These latter are the people who do not know what to do with their lives, nor why they should live at all. The lower foreheads that are a millionfold more of a tax on Nature than the sane, yet, they, with their screaming tyres, their bleating radios at full blast, they will kill us all, everything alive on Earth, including you and me.”

81 Tao Stoic 81

“I had a bit of fun, Master, at a Laboratory for Pseudology of a real university. I heard a conversation there, about tests and definitions of ‘leadership’ in a group.”

“I can hardly wait to hear the story!”

“It came about after some particular piece of nonsense, that I could not refrain from grinning. They asked me about it, and, in order to gain time, I told them that I was a Mind-scientist. They took that to mean that I was one of them, a pseudologist. I had to think fast for an explanation of my hilarity, so I told them I was reminded of the case of this corporal, who had earned a very high distinction for bravery. There came of necessity the question of promoting him to sergeant. Yet, his superiors put it off because he lacked all qualities for leadership. One of these pseudologists supposed, sarcastically, that the man might have become a general. I then told them that this corporal attained a position in which he could make and break generals, fieldmarshals and so forth, from the Polar-circle to the south of Greece, at the flick of a thumb. They simply could not believe it.”

“I know. I too know the story of Hitler.”

82 Tao Stoic 82

“Master, many people are afraid of robots, what do you think of that?”
"I agree entirely with their views."
"But Master, I just do not recognise you! Afraid of physics?"
"I meant of course our generation, mens as robots, especially youth, that consists entirely of robots. I mean the people for whom, as Asimov said, 'life is a way of passing time until they die'. The mechanical robots, the purely physical, are Naturally harmless, mere tools like wrenches or screwdrivers. It is the robot made out of a living human, servility, that is lethally dangerous."
"Luckily you leave out the scientists Master."
"But I don't! Apart from the pop-bastards that have mutilated our generations mentally, there are scientists who, like the robot we sent to Mars, are only highly inventive exploration machines. They experiment with DNA exchange, so that it could kill all life on the planet in a day or two. A sane man, at this point, would resign and become a carpenter or hairdresser. Not so with Roboid humans! They cuddle and twiddle with disaster, AND they'll set it loose!"

83 Tao Stoic 83

"What is Money Master?"
"Money is a physical housing of a non-physical structure. It is therefore a physical representation of an idea."
"But my Mind cannot produce it, in spite of it being ONLY and all ideation."
"That is the part of 'Physical Housing'. Just as your Mind cannot but be housed in a body, the idea of value is housed in coins, banknotes, cheques, even plain numerals on a bankaccount. Can you make a wild horse submit to the plough, purely by ideas? You have to put your ideas at work in some physical control, so you catch and teach your control to the horse first. So it is with money. Your ideas would start controlling the physical Reality in such a way that people are induced to give you (their) money (barter, trade, begging), or you could swindle them out of it. You even can make your ideas to go and form physical discs so as to 'look' like the official money, as did Polycrates (Herodotus 3.57.), what we call counterfeiting. Be always on the watch out for, ... keeping physics and non-physics well distinguished. That is the Way."

84 Tao Stoic 84

"Today, Master, we have 23 hours instead of 24."
"I did not notice the Earth speeding up so much."
"No, but today, the public is commanded to switch the clock back for one hour. Between 02 hours and 03 hours there is no time."
"I knew of course that some days ago we passed an equinox, but somehow I can not get used to the absurd linkage with mishandling clocks. You got me there Ten Ga. People's stupidity is unlimited. How long will it be before they start protesting to their diverse governments, because they are treated as six year old infants by them?"
"But it actually saves energy Master!"

"So would the suggestion to start an hour earlier do, without fiddling about with clocks. People must be stark blind, not to see through it, not to see that they are regarded as six year old fools. But then, we know they are treated like that, because they want to be six year old fools."

85 Tao Stoic 85

"Master, is there never a Not-True Word, in say, the Kung Fu series?"

"Of course there is, and so is there in Confucius, the Tao Te Ching, in Socrates, Mencius, Epictetus, even, as we saw [12 in Wells. Masterpieces do not come without some flaw. But as it is, you know very well that sensible people only use that what is True and good in whatever they read. That is why there really are no books totally without value."

"Could you give an example of a flaw in Kung Fu?"

"We read in (15): 'Because our soul Mind does not count in time, it merely records growth!' Just the opposite is true. Our Mind digitalises, i.e. makes everything of the analog, the time, the process of adding and adding, into distinct steps, therefore counting. Besides, the recording of growth is by 'events', hence is in time, and in slices, counting. Growth = Change = Events = Countable = Time. You see, a flaw, but one that makes you think, therefore valuable."

86 Tao Stoic 86

"Master, the other day I thought myself lucky in finding a book called 'The Conquest of Happiness'. I thought it would be full of wisdom, True Words, full of the Way. On opening it, the first sentence showed it to be different. It said: 'Animals are happy so long as they have health and enough to eat', a monstrous statement. How can a writer, Russell here, write such utter nonsense? It is a justification for keeping birds and squirrels in cages, an insult against Man's Dignity and a curse against living Nature."

"Ah, but Russell was a mathematician and in that business there is little writing to do, so he turned to pseudology and philosophy. One cannot study Mind-Science without starting from the very basics, the drive for all ideation, which is CONTROL. Otherwise, it would be like studying the wheel without knowing it to be round. The most absurd statements and definitions, then, result. Russell should have gone to 'New Forest' and observe free living horses and compare these with all captive horses. Speak sparingly of happiness with ingoramoi Ling, it is too vague a concept for the unknowing person. Speak rather of Nature's Way, of Harmony, of Rights & Duties, Man's Dignity. The Man who keeps an animal enslaved without dire need, has no shred of right to freedom himself."

87 Tao Stoic 87

"What about science fiction Master?"

"The bad sort is so much trash, get rid of it. The good sort are real jewels of exercises in the True Words living in about society."

"How could that be, Master, as fictions only?"

"The good ones can only have been written by a clever man, very extensive study of Mankind, of sociology, of the true Way. They introduce a non-existent, untrue element but describe expertly the reactions of a real planetary socio. They deserve the first, nay the only, place in the booklists for sociology and Mind-Science students, if the usual ones that are required are not drastically altered. Read e.g.: Wells' Utopia, Passionate, Holy Terror, Joan, etc., then, Forester, Hoyle, Huxley and so on. But undoubtedly, the forefront has Wyndham. When you want to know about Man-Science, know about Man, you study Wyndham. When you only want to pass an examination in these fields, you, of course, have enough in the Gibberish books of the official curriculum. Wyndham, besides being very entertaining, is a must for those who want to play with insight in Man, in the Way, in Nature. And when you have digested Gulliver's, More's, Butler's, Huxley's, Plato's, and all the other Utopias, you'll find in Wells that, after Hiroshima, no Utopia can be writ that is not Mondial."

88 Tao Stoic 88

"Master, I read here of a professor who advocates an increase of world-population. People make wealth says he (Rea.Dig.April 1982)"

"The man is a complete fool, a criminal lunatic. Every child knows that when you put more marbles in a box than you draw from it per time unit, the box will in the end become full. This goes for a planet like Earth, even with all surface arable land, instead of seas, rivers, mountains, icecaps, just as much as for any box of marbles. As long as 'a' growth-factor is positive, in the end, the result will be S.R.O., Standing Room Only."

"The man also claims the value of more efficient farming techniques, not being aware that this stands entirely in line with the box example Master. When the marbles get smaller, the same endresult will be True. There is another lunatic who agrees with him and is determined that: 'The spectre of global famine is banished' (Same Read.Dig.)."

"Here you see a little bit in pratice of Mill's Paradox at work. In a fair and sane society, controlled by a worldgovernment, such lunatics would not be able to get into print at all, even as theory or fantasy, it is lethally dangerous. Forget these wind-bags at universities where they have nothing serious to say, therefore talk nonsense. Just study True Words, and one such Word is: 'No more kids', One-Pro-Mille!"
"Why, Master, have all these religions and ideologies so much in common, while we know that stupidity has infinite variety?"

"Is that a question for you Ling? They first share the superstitious element, the belief in things that, in terms of the Houyghms (Swift), 'Are Not'. But then, they also have something in common with all superstitions, religions, ideologies, like communism, fascism, democracy and so forth."

"What, then, is that Master?"

"Naturally the urge of fanaticism. The urge to 'convince' and/or enforce all other people of their creed. Like the animal in La Fontaine, they want others to be trapped too. It is an excuse, a justification for their stupidity. Therefore, they can not simply answer Nature's command of 'Let Go!', of 'Do not Disturb', they cannot let other people in peace.

Has it never occurred to you that WE never missionarise. We do not go out and teach others of the True Word by fire and sword, rape and devastation. We teach gladly, no task is too much for us, but ..., only upon request. For the rest, we let go. Such is the Way of Nature. It provides us with a happy Human Dignity."

"The 'Polluter Pays', what do you say about that Master?"

"It's just a slogan with all the qualities of that. Wholly true, totally untrue, dependable on the point of view."

"I do not understand."

"It is exactly as in the case of advertisement. Who pays for the advertising of say, shaving cream?"

"The company who makes it naturally."

"Good. It is true. With what money is it paid then?"

"With the income from the sales of these products."

"Where does that income comes from?"

"From the customer, the buyer, of course."

"Remember this very well, because many people seem to think that it all comes out of the pocket of the boss, the manager or the shareholders. The factory, energy, tax, raw materials, and advertising, salaries, shoplifting, security guards, parking tickets, the holiday of the cleaner, even a claim for damages, the very water in the swimming pool of the manager, it is all paid for by the customer. The polluter pays, i.e. ... the customer, i.e. ... you. If you want less pollution, there must be fewer of 'You's'."

"They asked me to sign a petition as protest against the hunting of seals. What should I do Master?"
"Just ignore it. It is not by people who really are concerned with animal welfare, or Man’s dignity."

"I do not see."

"In a purely physical problem, the correction of a tiny detail 'must' have an advantageous effect on the whole. Not so with ideational, life-typical problems. Often, the attack on a tiny detail cause a confirmation if not increase of the whole problem. I heard a man, in all seriousness (B.B.C. 1989.04.12.10.20. G.M.T.) advocating the keeping and breeding of birds in captivity. The man himself was a member of the R.S.P.B. (the Royal(???) Society, Protection, Birds). Is a better example possible? Do we really need such people to take care of our bird-friends? A man may protest against the live cooking of crabs, but sees no harm in his hobby of hunting a buffalo herd, and just shoot them from the saddle, solely for the fun of seeing them buckle under. What effect has his protests? Exactly the opposite of our protests. Whether heard or not, a protest that is lodged logically, consistent, in Dignity, may diminish the problem somewhat, a stupid, wind-baggery protest only makes the problem worse. The stupidity shows too easy. Look at those so-called Green parties. They all want to remain nationalist, democracy, violaters of R&D’s, they solely speak of the problems, never of the solutions that are right before their very noses: de-population, One-Pro-Mille, world-government, anti-stupidity education, and so on. They too, although sounding green, will add to the problem, will participate in our final destruction."

92 Tao Stoic 92

"Today, Master (1989.04.14.), it is thought that the Chinese have reached the 1.1 milliard of inhabitants. Leaving out the mere hundred million, it is a one followed by nine zero’s, ten digits in toto. How much better off would they be with our theorem of One-Pro-Mille, Pro-Po-Sal, a thousand’s part! Plenty of food for everybody, plenty of space for planting huge forests, then, no droughts, no floods, and so on."

"But this One-Pro-Mille goes for the whole planet too, for the 5 milliard. And then it solves all the problems in whatever part of the planet. Think of the Lebanon with 0.001 of the population. Not a shot being fired. And Northern Ireland in such-like conditions. No freedom fighters in Corsica, Wales, the Basks, the Frisians and so forth. And take Uganda, Eretrea, with a 0.001 rate. Then, think of these huge cities and shanty towns, the people living from the garbage heaps, from thieving, prostitution. They all would have regular work and plenty of food. Singapore, Cairo, New York, Tokio, San Francisco, you name them, their problems, when the pressure on the kettle be dropped three zero’s less, ... are gone!"
93 Tao Stoic 93

"Could you give us a good example of Mill's Paradox [51 or Democrazy's principles Master?"

"Certainly I can. There is the Ku Klux Klan in the U.S.A. to start with, and what was the very first thing that Luther achieved? Can not everybody teach his children whatever nonsense or superstition he likes, mutilate them for life?"

"The chopping-off of heads, Master, that was Luther, just like the French so-called revolution, the revolution that devoured its own children."

"Good. But de facto, democracy has nothing to do with free speech, the freedom to lie and swindle, and mutilate your children's Minds. It means ALL people govern, therefore ALWAYS, EVERY minority, whether scientists, experts or not, will lose in EVERY case. The majority rules. You do not want your children mentally crippled (Mill's Paradox), but the majority (democracy) decides that you have to put up with it. Spencer (Essays) asked: 'What if the majority decides that nobody lives beyond 60?' It is not unthinkable at all that, seeing the explosive development of our problems, the tumble of food production, the Breeding Storm, this question may come up soon. Mill's Paradox now, is something on its own. When you accept BOTH of the mutually incommensurates, you can go on bickering and bickering for generations. By then, we all are extinguished like a flea in a furnace.' Mill's Paradox consists of these two incompatibles: a) Man has the right to form his own ideas freely, b) Man has the right to express ideas freely.

94 Tao Stoic 94

"Master, what about clothes?"

"Clothes, as Wells (Wealth) says, reflect how people wish to be treated. It is rather that all measures for appearance in man serves that goal, to be regarded as ...' When you want to appear crazy before others, you really want to be treated as crazy, hence you dress and behave like a nut. Yet, you must bear in Mind that there is a difference between just absurdity in following fashions, like the servile, the born slave, and the stark crazyness, stupidity, of retarding voluntary to primitive standards."

"I do not understand."

"Well, a higher or lower hem, a so and so waist, the military look, the parrot look, the whatsis look and so forth, they will go away some time, at the whim of some yokel in Paris. Not so with the craze for dirtiness, ragged, bleached, torn and worn workman's clothes. Certainly they 'look' crazy, and you 'want' to be regarded as crazy when wearing them, while you would not dream of doing the actual work for which they are developed, cleaning a sewer or whatever. The dirty craze is therefore different from the fashions that go away sometime, in that it is a retardation from a difficult, slogging, progress in mankind, some millenia old. A progress towards greater Human Dignity, towards finer and..."
higher levels, standards. A throwing away of all that precious effort since the
cave-men, who at first could not even think of throwing out the very bones
they had used up, is a social relapse, an un-learning of civilisation that, unlike
fashion, will not go away. It would have to be re-learned, in, ... millennia."

95 Tao Stoic 95

"You fill these bottles with water and leaves and sell them as medicine?"
'I can’t be free without money.'
'Can you be free without truth?' (Kung Fu 26)(See also [97])
"Freedom, for many people, seem to represent a problem Master. They
would even think one has to fight for it."
"Wells, in "The Holy Terror" has it: 'Guarding one’s freedom isn’t freedom at
all'. Indeed, one should be careful with the term or rather the idea of freedom.
In physics, when you fit a loose object to another by means of a hinge, it has ‘a
degree of freedom’. It is perhaps best to also speak of degrees of freedom in a
person. He is free, who can accept the necessary restrictions, freely."

96 Tao Stoic 96

"The Montgolfier syndrome, what is it Master?"
"It is in the knowledge about wind-baggery that we find an answer. Andreski
noted, studied and explained how the wind-bags in society, in practically all
organisations, especially in our universities, rise to the top because they are
lightest. Just hot air. Everybody can see it all about him, yet, when Parkinson
first showed it, (and dr. Peter etc. ) he was laughed at. They forgot that a crack
in 'History' as Parkinson is, just could be very observant in sociological issues.
Andreski, now, proves the same wind-bag syndrome again, hence, he is simply
not read, not discussed, not propagated."
"But when it is so important, I mean in order to avoid it, to organise things
better, why was it not publicised, splashed all over the newspapers, day in day
out?"
"But don’t you see? The persons responsible for the study and publication,
for the daily splashing in newspapers, they just are the very wind-bags too, they
are the tops. An underling may be allowed to splash a particular stupidity when
there is sensation in it, but under no circumstances is he allowed to touch on a
solution, killing the hen with the golden eggs by it."

97 Tao Stoic 97

'You’ll fill these bottles with water and leaves, and sell them as medicine?'
'I can’t be free without money.'
'Can you be free without truth?' (Kung Fu 26)(See also [95], [144])
"Master, is this not all about life? Are we not sold rubbish and sham, all
day long?"

"Indeed, we have teachers that cannot teach, barely write, scientists that
under the pressure of: 'publicate or perish', either cook or crook their data, or
ramble off sophisticated looking articles that mean exactly nothing. We have
street planners that plan, so that no plan would be better, traffic rules that
are worse than no rules, and in all layers of the population an acceptance of
sham and emptiness. It is because of dr. Peter’s principle that says: 'people get
promoted until they have reached their level of incompetence'. It means that
they are stuck there, and also, that we are stuck with them. It is sad because
they make the decisions. Yet, nothing describes the awful plight we are in so
clear as the fact, stressed by Spencer (Wells etc.) of us, needing diplomas
and certificates for everything thinkable except the most difficult and crucial
job. Indeed, you need them for selling newspapers, piloting a yacht or a Boeing
707. Yet the job of bringing up a new world-citizen, far more important than a
hundred 707’s, is free to every yokel."

98  Tao Stoic 98

"Master, our so-called justice is entirely based on revenge. The measure of
punishment or revenge depends on the size of the deed, or the person of the
victim, one can buy his way out by having the best defence, in fact, the pair of
scales and the sword on the goddess Justitia, speak much clearer language. It
is a deliberate insult to mankind, don’t you think?

"How right you are. We can see from Kung Fu (4) that: 'Vengeance is a
watervessel with a hole in it, it carries nothing but the promise of emptiness.'
Indeed, it is Mankind that is hoodwinked, blindfolded, no need for the goddess
to be so. Her blindfold is absolutely superfluous because she was born-blind for
Human Dignity from the start. The Romans had the executed flogged, Hypatia’s
flesh was scraped from her bones, a pope had bones dug up after ten years and
burned, and all methods of legal(!) execution like the gallows, the garrotte, the
quillotine, electric chair, firing squad were as beastly as possible, while we have
gentle ways of despaching animals hence also men, by ether and so forth. It is
our blind(folded)ness that makes us think that we live in a civilised world."

99  Tao Stoic 99

"What we are doing here," said the Master, "is best described by Wyndham
in his book 'Web'.

'The ideal start would consist of a clean slate inscribed with just two words:
Knowledge and Reason. Unfortunately that is a long way from being practicable.
The best that can be done is to provide a place where there is freedom to
question the axioms, the prejudices, traditions, loyalties and all those attitudes
implanted in us before we could think, which together make us citizens of the
world as it is, instead of becoming citizens of the world as it might be.'

"Would that not be precisely the task, the vocation of our learned institutes, our universities Master?"

"Indeed, they should but they didn't, and still don't. There is no such place in this religion-ridden world other than our's here. Knowledge and Reason, is not that 'the Way', and 'True Words', as written on everything here? From this, does there not follow an idea of a well-organised world-citizenship, world-government, and unavoidably, a NON-CHOSEN but lottocratical government?"

100 Tao Stoic 100

"What is eating you Ling, is not the day beautiful enough?"

"No Master, it is rather that I am stuck for a subject. I am in search for a 'think subject' to rack my brains on. Something very difficult."

"Let me supply you with one. Often, one's thoughts tend to run in very large circles, loops, very varied but all the same, the same.

Think that somebody comes to you saying that there has been a communication from a nearby star, say 10 years distant. Now this is so different from the daily stuff that there is ample scope for you. Naturally, the Way, Nature, Common sense and so on are basic, but so is the staking out of the fields of 'universal' and 'mondial' truths. Many a writer, even scientist, misuses the word, meaning 'mondial', yet call it universal. On the other hand, the laws of physics may well be thought to be valid throughout the universe, are therefore really universal. But just take some days or weeks to think things over. Let me then hear from you."

101 Tao Stoic 101

"Pseudologists, " said the Master, "revel in statistics and chance in order to, at least, look scientific. These methods though, are superbly fit for describing the non-living-, i.e. purely physical world. When a python is fed on live mice, how much chance is there of the mouse killing the python?"

"I would say absolutely nil Master."

"Yet, it happened. The mouse then was spared and became the pet of a police squad. Remaining with the messes, how much chance is there of mice deciding a battle? Yet we read about it in Herodotus, and it happened in the second world war. (See also Spencer's 'Sociology' for unpredictability) But sometimes, even pseudologists experience the interocular trauma, the truth hits them between the eyes. When students got the same rats for experiments, yet some group was told they had a clever strain, the other group that they had a dumb strain, it showed in the results. The so-called dumb rats even had to be poked and pushed, in order to get them to run the maze at all (Sc.Am. April. 1968). But instead of therefore abandoning the sliderulisation and starting on the study of Mind-Science, they just gave it a name and went about their (other)
business (See also Sc. Am. Sept. 1968). Never think of chance, or predictions, when life is involved. It is against the Way."

102  Tao Stoic 102

"Master, it is great fun indeed, to read how Herodotus laughed at historians, scientists, and their theories."

"So would Lucretius, could he read our astronomers and physicians."

"I do not understand."

"He would think that he already had told them all that. The scientists of today reveal a tremendous lot of details but the main issues, Lucretius had already grasped. Read his explanation of our experiencing time [24], read his: 'many elements are common to many things, as letters are to words, rather than to the theory that anything can come into existence without atoms'. Is that not pure gold as True Words? Take his: 'All these facts point to the conclusion that nothing is really solid.' Beautiful is also: 'There is therefore a limitless abyss of space, such that even the dazzling flashes of lightning 300,000 km/sec cannot traverse it in their course, racing through an interminable tract of time, nor can they even shorten the distance still to be covered.' The study of Lucretius by physicists, would be excellent against the temptations for arrogance."

103  Tao Stoic 103

"Master, why are we always using the (binary) pair: X/not-X, and not the pair: X/Y?"

"Why, Ling, X and Y have nothing in common. On the other hand 'X' and 'Everything except X' both have the X in common. It may look like mere word-play, but I assure you that it is not. What do you like best: travel or blue?"

"I cannot say."

"But in all sorts of situations you can easily choose between either travel or not travel, either blue or not blue. Yet, as Wells admirably shows, we must be careful with the tricks our subconscious could play. Not blue, we are tempted to think, would be some other colour, while e.g. honesty or yesterday or thunder also belong to the class 'Not blue' (First and Last Things). But think of the binary coding. X, could be a simple idea consisting of not more than say, 1000 bits of +/-, and to negate it (Not-X), would only mean some + changed into a - (the one for I, or for exist, for like etc.). The process of changing X into Y, would mean change all 1000 bits if not very many more."

104  Tao Stoic 104

The Master said: "The by far largest international organisation, the United Nations, is anti-organised just because it is international."
"How is that Master?"

"The simplest form of organisation, of Structure-, Ordening-, in behaviour is Naturally: 'Standardisation'. It is by bits of standardised behaviour (or thought, which is the same thing), that people swear to be of some church, creed, race, trade, nation etc. If you wanted, for instance to organise Belgium with its three languages, it would simply suffice to enforce them to one standard of language, say the world-language. Not unification, but integration! The United Nations, (exactly like its forerunner the League of Nations), with its armies of interpreters, its legions of translators, simply lack this most simple criterion for sane organisation: 'Standard Speak'. Trying to organise without the basic criterion for organisation, is madness, insanity, is utter stupidity, meaning that: 'one knows what one should do, yet one does the opposite'. To organise several societies, is to integrate them into a whole, into an ORDER, i.e. sanity."

105 Tao Stoic 105

Ven asked the Master about this 'prediction' in ideation [70.

"Does one first develop a theory and predicts afterwards Master. I cannot find predictions in Lucretius."

"Cannot you find theories in Lucretius?"

"Indeed, plenty of them Master."

"What else is a theory than a prediction of how matter will behave because it is thought to be such and so Ordened?"

"But is this not a prediction AFTER the theory has been formulated?"

"Very true, indeed, but do not forget that the theory itself IS a prediction of how Truth will be found to be, once our knowledge has become sufficiently developed. We speak of a wrong prediction when it turned out to be not true, we speak of a wrong theory when (later) it is overcome by a more correct one, a better one. All of Lucretius’ theories were predictions of how truth would turn out to be in the end. That end, Ven, total knowledge of Reality, is fortunately not yet near."

106 Tao Stoic 106

"Ling, what do you think of 'Anorexia Ideata'?"

"I think it a most perfect example of how name-giving, is defining, is solution formation/finding."

"Why do you think that so special?"

"I mean rather the pseudological bungling Master. They call it Anorexia Nervosa, an Un-True name. They then go and search along the nerves, yet they cannot find anything to do, except forcefeeding. When one gives it the proper name, the correct definition, i.e. Anorexia Ideata, one knows immediately what is wrong and how to solve it."

"Excellent. How would you set about it?"
"Just the standard method, a hypnodynamic technique, and a change from the idea: 'I, not Eat', into 'I, yes Eat'.

"And when this method is not accepted?"

"Then, there is no complaint, and nobody would start helping one against one's wishes. An ideational change like that, should be a matter of an hour's time at the most."

"You are entirely right Ling."

107 Tao Stoic 107

"Master, a man with AIDS who just goes on infecting females without even telling them, what do you call him?"

"Exactly what he is, a murderer first degree."

"But a judge condemned a man who did just that, calling him a murderer."

"The vagaries of the judicature, just because it is based upon stupidity, are therefore unlimited too."

"How then, would you define murder, Master?"

"On the spur of the moment, it is: 'Any action OR inaction of which the actor knows that it causes death, and is incited for the advantage of the perpetrator'. When such a person is not effectively insulated from future victims by law, it is everybody's duty to put him to an end humanely. That is fundamental ethics. There was a man who made 40 victims in 1.5 years in that way. Would not, then, these victims have Rights?"

"But the man acted, though he did not primarily wanted the victims dead."

"Very few murderers want their victims dead (lust murders), but only out of the way. When you really want another person dead, there are only two possibilities. One is self-defence and is a legal duty, the other is by loss of temper in a quarrel, which is most illegal. If you want somebody dead in order to cash in on the insurance, it is really the money you want, the killing is a last resort. To willfully infect one in order to cash in on sexual pleasure, is precisely the same, murder as by-product, yet, murder."

108 Tao Stoic 108

"Master, what about 'civilisation', its cause, genesis?"

"Early men lived exactly like the animals, i.e. they behaved also in harmony with Nature. It was with the advent and the development of 'Think' that, living together, socio, needed control over the individual members of the still growing groups. Food became a-plenty with the use of weapons, fishing techniques, agriculture. Man, now, needed some handle-bars to hold on to and that told them what to do. Read in Wyndham's 'The Midwich Cuckoos': 'It is because Nature is ruthless, hideous, and cruel beyond belief that is was necessary to invent civilisation'. Civilisation was a necessity for survival in large groups, family conglomerates. Of course it came long after the 'Standardisation' of
sounds for ideas (language), yet, it too was a further step towards Control of Reality. Many animals live, hunt, feed, and care for the young, in co-operation. Man’s civilisation is a far greater step upwards, as is fit for the extra degree of freedom, the freedom in ‘Think’.

109 Tao Stoic 109

"Master, I spoke with physical scientists, and they often were so surprised with the logical ordering they found in physics, that they assumed a god, a creator who ordained it all."

"It usually happens that when one is in trouble, i.e. has a question or surprise (after all, all ideation is problemsolving), one reaches out for the first thing of explanation that comes to mind and that is a ‘spirit’, a god. It is childish, that is to say, ontogenetically primitive. Because Phylo = Onto, it is also phylogenetically primitive."

When you are a true scientist, you observe and wonder about the perfect (?) order of things and then, you study its cause(s). You, then, get to know Spencer’s theorem that says: ‘Because a) all causes have more than one effect, and b) all effects are causes, evolution is the result’. Evolution, the steady increase in complexity during time, thus, need not be caused by a god. Complexity in events, just increases and the later one looks, the more flabbergasting it seems. Then, there is the ordering of (by) living molecules. Here, pure physics suddenly acquired ‘activity’, ‘Mind’ (that is: ideation, emotion, ego, well-being etc.), on top of its passivity. It meant that now life itself could see to a (beneficial) increase in complexity and literally race through evolution, by reproduction and beneficial mutation. It caused an increase in complexity of a totally different order of ‘Order’.

Another scientific principle is Occam’s razor, the Law of Parsimony. It says that: ‘No more causes be assumed than are necessary to explain the phenomenon. Thus, you need no god to explain the facts of life, so leave it (him, her, them) out.”

110 Tao Stoic 110

"I once visited Yup Py in his home, Master, and this afternoon after meeting him again he asked me to come and have tea at his house. I excused myself, saying that I loved animals too much to enter his house ever again. He keeps birds in cages Master. He could not understand the pain it causes me to see, nor could he grasp my definite statement that he who keeps captive animals without need, is not himself entitled to a SHRED of freedom."

"Indeed, he should not be free to leave his house. He could have all possible comforts, yet, no freedom."

"What can one do to convince such a man Master?”
"Not much I should think. He may barely be able to understand the logic of multiplication, certainly not the logic of ethics, or again, of Human Dignity. But hatred, of course should be far from you. It is, as Grasshopper once said: 'Like drinking salt water that increases your thirst' (Kung Fu 4)."

111 Tao Stoic 111

"Master, what was it you said about hawsers [63], what's its meaning?"

"Just a word, dropped for those who recognise it. It then would give them pleasure. When a Spartan heard a trader boasting of his wealth, he commented: 'Your fortunes depend on hawsers; and that's an unenviable situation' (Cicero, Good). Naturally, the Spartan meant that it is far better to depend on your own control for well-being, happiness. In terms of the trader: 'When all your ships have sunk, all your warehouses burnt, family destroyed, you still can decide to be happy or not, entirely by yourself. This is not just a theory (Tao-Stoic), but cold fact. Yet, the trader would not have grasped it, as many people today don't. Thus, their own happiness, they themselves have not under control. They think that it is dependent upon outside circumstances, that it is in the 'that', the hawsers, not in the 'this', as the Taoists would call it."

"I will go and study Stoicism again Master."

"Good. Epictetus, the Tao Te Ching, Cicero or Confucius, it is all the same, all about the Nature of things, about the Way."

112 Tao Stoic 112

"When I was making a mathematical calculation, just like Ven, Master, he came out on the square root of 6 divided by 2, but I got 3 divided by the square root of 6. Naturally we checked and compared, but to no avail. It was only much later, that I got the idea that the two answers might be the same. I checked that and it was correct. How come such a belated solution Master? It should have been clear from the onset."

"It was partly a superstitious belief. The two looked so different that you did not test it against Reality. You put the problem it evoked aside as insoluble, yet, the subconscious went on thinking about it. This was 'Lateral Thinking', and it led to a solution that forced itself into your conscious mind. A sudden fit of ideas into a much bigger one, emotive too, that triggered off a Eureka or Aha experience. A number of ideas might come to fit into one new whole idea that has a much larger emotional dimension than the sum of the constituents. It then forces itself into attention, into consciousness, from subliminal into liminal. Thus, you can see that there is no harm in letting the subconscious work for you. For this, let it just free-wheel, just let go, be quiet, no effort. That is the Way with subconscious ideation."
113  Tao Stoic 113

"Master, in the country of the Dutch, the Batavii, they call the study of Law, the 'science of rights', as it is in Germany and Spain. When such a student once told me he studied Rights, I said that this was impossible since it would imply fundamental ethics, of which there is no sign in the whole University. I told him: 'You study the laws and they have nothing whatever to do with Rights and Duties'. He could not understand."

"Indeed he would not, nor the obvious fact that his Rights, his very Rights, are violated every second of his life."

"I do not understand."

"Is it not his Right, like everybody's, that he be governed in an absolute fair and sane way? Does this not 'de facto' imply a World-Government instead of the pre-Herodotean 'Nationalist', sovereign, state, the voted government of six year old kids? The student, lacking commonsense, lacking insight in Nature, in the Way, is beyond that. Better avoid discussions with an unwilling participant, Ling."

114  Tao Stoic 114

"The B.B.C., Master, have now modernised their jangles. They are more in line with the pop-syndicate now."

"Aye, but have you noticed also that they interrupt, without the least necessity, their commentary programs in order to tell you that you are listening to the B.B.C. and follow it up by such a hideous jangle, the sound of machines. It is typical for children's stupidity that for every program, one first has to listen to absurd noises, neither music, nor informative. Knowing the yearly cost of operation, divide it by the 31 million seconds, one can guess at the colossal waste per day. Then, take the reeling-off of names in their music request programs. Over the whole world, there may be 15 or 20 persons who know the mentioned, yet millions of persons have to listen to it, in order to satisfy the absurd feeling of control it gives the requester (Applause Paradox). Certainly, a 'Real', sane and fair WorldGovernment, would take a hand in this insanity. Women and Children first, should be the rule in the fight against polluting the ether, through self-imposed, rights-taking yokels. It is crucial for aesthetics, i.e. for the intelligent development of everybody, women and children first."

115  Tao Stoic 115

"It is always well to learn about what is subtractable from the taxes."

"But Master", said Ven, "we are so poor that we can never subtract anything!"

"True enough, yet you are a tax-payer all the same. When you ever buy anything, you pay tax. This means that you also pay for that what others subtract from it. Learning about it makes you aware of the facts, the Way,
of your purse. See the man on the stage. He’s an empty head as ever there was one, excepting the very sparse ‘real’ artists. When he is dressed in a white tuxedo with glitterings on it, who paid for it?"

"Is not it himself Master?"

"Naturally it is, but then, half of it is paid for by the taxpayer, i.e. you, the other half by those who buy a ticket for the performance, part of which, again, is tax. So you see, often it is throwing good money after bad, very bad, one might say."

"But then, Master, people who leave doors open, letting KWH’s out, who leave taps running in toilets, who litter the streets, they ... ?"

"Yes, they all pay for it themselves and the salary of the policeman who gives them a ticket for it. That is the Way."

116  Tao Stoic 116

"What about ‘metaphysics’ Master, is not that a cramped word?"

"Certainly. It is the weapon that should cover one’s indecisiveness."

"I am not sure that I understand."

"Is it not clear that the word is admirably suited to indicate something utterly vague? It has the comfortable ring of physics, meaning laboratories, calculators, dissecting tables, energy units, balances, yet, it points to a thing, not precisely physical. It is far easier to divide Reality in a non-physical part and a physical part. In that way, one cannot speak about things he is not thinking about. Words like metaphysics, perception, psychosomatic and so on, make it possible to chatter about Mind, ‘as if’ it was physics BUT alive. In this way too, one can go and explain the most intricate processes in a cell, without touching upon Mind, ideation, the non-physicum that causes such processes. One can confuse everything in that way, yet be taken seriously as expert scientist. It was perhaps unavoidable in Aristotle’s time, some 2500 years ago, we, today, should keep the two parts of Reality well separated, not as likes and likes, but as incommensurates."

117  Tao Stoic 117

"Lin Yutang in his introduction to a book on Laotse and Chuangtse says the following as a True Word of strategy in a stupid situation: ‘If compelled to indicate my religion on an immigration blank, I might be tempted to put down the word ‘Taoist’, to the amazement of the customs officer who probably never heard of it.’ (Wisdom). Do you recognise this problem Ling?"

"Yes, Master, only we would use the same Taoist, but in different words. We would write: ‘Church of the True Word’."

"Indeed. But it would all depend on the Way of the questionnaire. When it asks: ‘Have you any religion, if so, which?’ one can answer with a simple: No. Unfortunately, often these forms are not made to question at all, that there are
Free Thinking people. They simply assume that EVERYBODY is superstitious. It is just like nationality. It does not exist, yet, everybody is taken to have one. Therefore, one has to fill in after: 'Nationality', that illegal government that has you in its files and provided the passport. They simply would not be able to understand that the bare FACT of a passport, shows the very illegality. A WorldGovernment would not need passports only identifications. Under no circumstances is one allowed to speak the truth, saying that one is a World-Citizen, although Socrates would have done so a 2500 years ago.”

118 Tao Stoic 118

"Is it not utterly stupid Master, that radio reporters, programmers, showmasters on t.v. and so on, 'NEVER' seem to look and listen to themselves via tapes? It would be the very first thought one would get in that business.”

"Indeed, they never do so. A simple carpenter does better. He tries to make his work as good as possible, and would make improvements on the comments of a user. Not so with presentators. The carpenter is too small for being a wind-bag. The presentator would not see or hear himself because it would make clear to him that he'd better become a farmhand. Imagine the B.B.C., getting rid of bad speakers, gutter accents, lisps as in thienthe or Tomthon, ditheatheth, let alone the arms people.”

"I do not understand, ... arms people?"

"The persons who speak like: 'Arm, when you put the, arm, cat on the fire-arm, or the, arm, fat, you, arm etc.' The arms vary from uhms, ers, to Amin, Yuno, or 'sort-of's. Such a WorldService that should be serving the people, of which, as is known, 75 make clean, clear, 'R.P. Speak' popular. They could easily transcribe the arms texts and have them read out by a calm, clear, R.P. reader, yet, they care not a rap.”

119 Tao Stoic 119

"What wind-baggery in our universities Master!”

"What particular stupidity have you in Mind?"

"It is the theorising about things, making definite statements even without having read up on the subject at all. One can meet a pseudologist who chatters about, say, Nazism, yet, it appears he has not even read Mein Kampf or old copies of the Voelkischer Beobachter.”

"This is more or less the normal procedure, theorising from double or treble hearsay. In our universities, they teach what others said (Aristotle, Cicero, Tacitus, Montaigne etc. ), or are thought too have said, yet, the necessity of studying the authors themselves is not required or recommended. Pupils may find misconceptions. Thus, one can observe a vehement abuse and invective against, say, Malthus, or Spencer, while even their very words indicate that they have not read a scrap of the victims. It all is amply explained in Andreski."
He shows how e.g. a professor is in a position of power. He has academic positions, budgets to give away. In the mean time, he abhors 'New Think', new ideas. He therefore attracts flatterers and 'yes sayers', the noncreatives, like flies to a candle. BUT..., these inferiors, in the end, become professors in turn, that is the Way, therefore: generations after generations of wind-baggery."

"Many people, Master, who do not seem to have (found ??) a goal in life, who do not know what to do with their lives, are always heard to ask after the 'deeper meaning or purpose' of life. Is not that an unnecessary search for non-existences?"

"Certainly. They ask this silly questions in the hope of being told about some better sort of god or sperrit. They always are nudged by an emptiness, thus they wonder whether there is not something more between 'heaven and Earth', than we can see and deduct. Like every plant and worm, there is but one Way for the human animal. Nothing mysterious nothing mystical, just: 'I, to live, to survive, to be well', in other words, CONTROL. Says not Chuangtse as perfect definition of necessities for life: 'To start out with the business of daily living, whose principal occupations are food and clothing, to grow and to multiply and save, so that the old and the young and the widow and the orphan shall be well provided for - these are the fundamental needs of the people' (Lin Yutang, Laotse 25). It answers the question after Seneca's explanation of 'the necessary and the enough'. There simply is no more to it. No sperrits, no after-life in heaven, no critical observations from the here-after by your dad or granny. Naturally, there is another need, a non-fundamental one, and that is: the gathering of wisdom, and thus attaining the highest form of happiness, the True Word, i.e. Tao, i.e. to know and live-out the harmony with Nature."

"There was a slogan Master, that pseudologists used to make a pseudology of. It said: 'the whole is more than the sum of the parts'. They made it into the 'Gestalt Pseudology' [147]."

"Indeed, pseudologists make 'Much ado about nothing'. The slogan is nothing more than the definition of: Structure, of Ordening. When you have a chair, and take away, subtract, all physical aspects of it, what remains is the structure of this particular chair, which is amazingly similar to the likewise structures of other, similar chairs. It is thus an abstraction, is IDEA. But when subtracting all physics, it means in fact that what is left is NON-Physics, is, therefore, Mind or idea, the only nonphysicum known. It shows clearly that no matter how structure, ordening, SEEMS to be attached to the object in hand, yet, it remains solely an aspect in our Minds. 'The universe and I came into being together; the myriad things of the creation and I are One', says Chuangtse.
This is absolutely correct. The Order, Structure, IS idea, is therefore nowhere else but in my (your) Mind. We can communicate just because both of us have them.”

122  Tao Stoic 122

"How should we understand the statement that the buyer causes the production Master? Often, the buyer is not known to the producer, nay he does not yet think of buying.”

"Naturally, the producer, the manufacturer is the direct cause of the production and sale of goods, yet, he ONLY does so because, (i.e. he is caused to cause ), of his knowledge and expectation of potential buyers. Without that, he would not produce. I, on the other hand, would not dream, ever, to buy a chainsaw, a rocket-launcher, yet, my existence, statistically, is roped-in in a total, in percentages even, and so, may well be part of the cause of their production. But bear in Mind, the distinction between cause and 'being responsible for'. In general, it can be said that every individual on the planet, upon his appearance on the planet, CAUSES so many cubic meters of wood, or acres of forest to be destroyed during his life, so many KWH's being converted in powerstations and spilled as heat into the environment, but also, so many radios, bicycles, motorcars being produced, and typewriters, whiskey bottles, towels, handbooks, air advertisements, bar-stools etc. etc. When we buy, we act, we act in causing the production of the product. Our responsibility, then, is to be sparse with all this, AND to limit our NUMBERS.”

123  Tao Stoic 123

"What about a sane World of Peace Master. Would there be a World-Government necessary at all?”

"It would be necessary at first and complementary later, a resting one. 'As the top of a tree, unconsciously there' (Chuangtse). It is all about the difference between insane apes, forced to live together, 1000 times too dense, therefore needing strict laws and sanctions, thus war, rape, devastation, and, ... sane Humans, living together but brought up, formed, taught, having a Code for living together. Such a world is best described by Chuangtse (Lin Yutang, Laotse) It shows the automatic correct behaviour, just a Natural Code. 'Doing right, they did not know that it was called justice. Kind to one another, they did not know that it was called humanity. They were straight and did not know it was called faithfulness. They were proper and did not know it was called honesty. They moved about and called to one another for help, and did not call it favour'. This, now, is all about the correct Natural Code for living together, the Way of Human Dignity. No pressure of law and overcrowding, but just being right by nature.”
"It is very well to think about a definition of 'Reality'," said the Master. "The reasons for this are above all to understand 'control', and the various divisions of it. Then, also, in order to classify the whole and its parts, since ideation is classification."

"Is not the nature of Reality absolutely clear then, Master?"

"It is, to each of us, yet in a feeling way, not as scientific classification. Now, Ling, what is the 'Universe'?"

"The Universe is the ALL, the perceivable and unperceivable that exists at this moment."

"A good definition indeed. You know, of course, that perception = idea + reception. Yet, in speaking of 'exist', you implied TIME unobtrusively. Was there no Time, the Universe would stop being, in a flash. There would not even be a bang, big or small. Thus Reality seems to be (your) Universe, going on, to be-, in Time. Reality, therefore, is a structure (the universe) during a time. It is not surprising that the same definition goes for Mind and Idea, because everything in the universe is so definable. The universe is a structure in time, making up the Reality. Clearly too, all Realities for different persons are slightly different, though not in this BEING aspect."

"Why is this Master?"

"The Reality of A, excludes A himself, the Reality of B excludes B, yet includes A. We may call each Reality as the 'Outside' of each person('s Mind), the Taoist 'that'. Each Mind (Ego) thus is a different 'Inside', a different 'this', and each Outside is different in that it includes different Minds (Insides)."

"Master, I have been thinking of this 'One-Pro-Mille concept for the planetary population. How is it calculated?'"

"There is no question of calculation only of guessing. We could easily redesign this number when well on the way to attain it. But, first, imagine very primitive man, no fire, only spears and clubs, no agriculture. At one tenth of the number of today, 500 million, he would still be overabundant. All the forests on Earth unscathed, yet, these 500 million could not survive. There would not remain a single fish in the waters, a bird in the skies, a mammal in the bush. But above all, there would be wars and wars, fierce extermination. Now, try out a hundredth part of today, 50 million, but living as the Greeks in Homer's time. Metals, fire, axes and spades, devastating wars, fleets of triremenes, in short, it would not take them long to graze Earth's forests clean off the planet. One tenth, and one hundredth of today both inviting disaster, there is nothing for it but to estimate for such a perfect waster as 1990's people, to be able to avert catastrophe only when he is a thousandth of today's 5 milliard. Now, take Lebanon, N.Ireland etc. etc. and what do you see at One-Pro-Mille? Not a shot will be fired, the population too busy living a rich and happy life. But
note, that in these numbers of today, 5 milliard, 5,000,000,000. a large part
lives roughly as the Greeks, a large part even as primitive man, and a large part
as professional wasters (six or seven cars per lifetime, ten radios, four washing
machines, six television sets, five videos, watches, pocketcalculators, yearly va­
cations of 1000 kilometers, electric toolsets, etc. per person per lifetime). And
the whole population wants to belong to this latter group too.”

126  Tao Stoic 126

“What about the science of mathematics Master?”

“I did not know you’d promoted mathematics to a science. Mathematics is
a system of rules for Order, and that’s ‘inside’ Mind. It all depends on names
and definitions, of course, but really, mathematics is only developed by man
himself, it therefore IS not in Reality itself, can hardly be studied other than as
‘man-made’ tool. Indeed, only a tool, just like a wrench or screwdriver, or, an
ideational tool only, like ‘red’ or ‘large’. Lin Yutang says it admirably: ‘Math­
ematics is a tool of the human Mind and a way of expressing what the Mind
can see and reason about physical phenomena, and nothing more’. Well-spoken,
yet, he then goes on with ‘mathematical knowledge’ and ‘intuitive knowledge’,
and that, you’d better forget. It is confusion. It shows that he cannot clearly
distinguish the idea of A and A itself. Mind-scientifically, the two have nothing
in common, not even ‘Structure/Ordening’. Again, it all comes down to a strict
recognition of-, and distinction in-, : Physics/NON-Physics, in Outside Mind
and Inside Mind. Needless to say that Lin Yutang arrives at some god or other,
BECAUSE our world appears to be so well-Ordened, while ideationally, it is
WE that Orden. It is a piece of throwing good ideas after bad-uns. Certainly,
one can study a tool in order to improve it, but can one study it in order to see
whatsit, what is behind it?”

127  Tao Stoic 127

“People that do not take life as Sacred, as we do, especially human life, Master.
They are always debating about the point where a person is a real person.
Before that, they say one might kill it, after that point, it is murder. What are
we to say to that Master?”

“First of all, our rule for behaviour IN SOCIO, the R&D’s, the fourth set of
fundamental ethics. Second is of course the indubitable fact that appearance,
the form displayed, has absolutely nothing to do whatsoever, with the criterion
of it being a human person or not. A perfect statue or wax copy of a person
NEVER has the person’s specific-, unique-, characteristics i.e. his Ego. (‘A
wax figure could have all that and he’d still be a wax figure, wouldn’t he?’
Wyndham, Chrysalids 79.) Nor has an invalid less R&D’s because he does not
meet the requirements of bodily-, mental-, or motility-, forms. After all, Ego
exists right after, nay, right AT conception. Once one starts questioning this,
the Way is open to what we see, namely slavery, Untermenschen ideas, killing off of daughters, blinding one's children for beggary, or, as in our modern hospitals, behind one door three people are fighting for the life of one baby, next door, a baby is murdered the remains disposed of as a cancerous tumor. Perhaps, there is nothing to say, really, to murderous bastards. Only silence will do.”

"Master, those pseudologists!"
"What is it Ven?"
"I heard them speak at the university. Apparently they had a research program investigating 'Jealousy'. They uttered the most absurd pieces of nonsense."
"Indeed, I can imagine that. How can they study a Mind-scientific subject without a shred of Mind-scientific knowledge? Do they know of the very basic and ONLY drive behind Mind, ideation, behind ALL ideas and ALL ideation?"
"No Master, they haven't the foggiest idea of that. They proceed to ask questions like: 'What would you do when somebody started a relation with your friend?' (Friend, then, is another word for copulatory mate, and relation means copulation). They do not even grasp what bearing the-, an-, any-, answer has on Reality."
"Certainly, knowledge should not only explain, but enable one to predict. Try the 'million experiment' on them, and they will see their failure, although they will not understand it. Their so-called science is but playing scientists, tavern science, is barber-shop talk, not science."

"I see here, Master, that the Dutch Asthma Fund is still using the 'Big-Lie' in order to get funds. They still advertise that asthma is not (yet) curable, and this in 1989, almost 175 years after Waterloo, the year that Brandis' book appeared."
"It is all for the glory of the incompetent, and to hell with the sufferers. Is it not a True Word, as Aristotle once remarked, that 'what has happened is therefore possible'? It is indeed so that all physicians should engrave on their brass plates: 'not for Asthma', followed by a whole range of other complaints that are clearly beyond them. It is indeed not the impossibility of curation, since that has proved to be an entirely false concept, but the inability of the physicists to do it, that counts. They would be required to go and study 'NON-physics, Mind-Science, before they can think of helping people, and this, it is true, they will not do. Still, the Big-Lie works well. Let nobody tell you the Asthma Fund does not know it is a lie. They still should have my letters from, ... 10 years ago in which I also said that doctors nowadays, need not do very different from
what a regiment of doctors did a 100 years ago, asthma then, like 100 years ago, would be un-necessary."

130  Tao Stoic 130

"Master, why cannot they cut out criminality [72]?

"To be honest, I don’t know."

"Master, you surprise me. You know so much!"

"Indeed, I know a little about stupidology, yet, many things I do not know. Look, let’s not speak ‘science’ but just common sense. Let it be the grocer, the butcher. Give him something absolutely unknown, and what do you see? He will first of all look and look, turn it around, look and observe etc. Then, a point comes at which any further looking, further waiting for a 'theory' is senseless. He’s seen it all. Then he starts making 'changes' in it, he 'does' something. Now mark this carefully. The thing gets e.g. hotter and hotter yet, he may find a knob or string that slows down the process somewhat BUT not enough. What is the normal next step then? He doubles or trebles the operation. When you turn a knob, but the result is small, you double the amount naturally. If still not enough, temperature going up still, DOUBLE efforts again until the temperature actually goes down. This strategy, so much is clear, is beyond those whose task it would be to MAKE criminality less each year. So it is that criminality actually INcreases each year until we all are criminals, a full 100 only certainty we have."

131  Tao Stoic 131

"Mind is the sole ruler of the body Master. Are not the physical laws ruling it too?"

"One may think it so, but ruling implies more or less a 'purpose', control. The True Word about physics and physical, ... say, laws, is that it all happens 'purposeless', ‘passive’, 'automatic'. We might say that the Sun’s gravitation 'rules' the planets but the fact is that it is all utterly passive. Does the vessel rules the water inside? Rather is the water being kept in, and the vessel is just (being) as passive itself. Your’d better state: The Mind (actively) rules the body, the body is (passively) subject to physical laws. Active (i.e. purpose, control, ruling, emotion, ideation, Life, Mind, etc. etc. ) is incommensurate with passive physics (gravitation, electrics, force, magnetics etc. etc. ). Yet, the knowledge of physical Reality enables a mind to play about with physical rules, matching and conquering one against the other. The subject(ed) remains passive, physics, but the Mind controls it and benefits. Keep the two well apart in your Think then."
"I thought, Ling, that you had a hobby of collecting odd coins. Tell me True Words about them."
"Yes Master, I am an occasional collector. I do not buy, I would not have expensive things, I just gather the foreign coins that come my Way."
"What about True Words?"
"There are the U.S.A coins that say: 'In god we trust'. It may be true, they may do so, but it is a disastrous Way of organising one's life, let alone, govern a people by."
"Very good, Ling, go on.
"Dutch coins have something similar, it then says: 'god be with us' and it smells after what the German soldiers in W.W.2 had on their belt-buckles, 'Gott mit Uns'. They could perform atrocities under it and were the real barbarians. Then, of course, there are the French coins that cry out the 'French Malady': 'Equality, Liberty, Brotherhood', none of which principles actually exist as long as 'Nationalism' and 'Sperritology' rule the globe. The French Malady is the crying out of A, and doing the opposite. Equality would mean giving up being French. Liberty would mean giving up being French. Brotherhood would mean giving up being French. I think Master, on a well-governed, Lottocratically organised world, Equality is fundamentally impossible, therefore should not be tried, Liberty is only in the self-disciplined giving-up of freedoms, voluntary restrictions, and Brotherhood, we all should be after, but in harmony with Nature, in the Way."
"Excellent Ling. You are a worthy pupil now, but it is: Gott mit 'the UN's.'"

The Master sits in the Laboratory for Pseudology of a real university. He is quiet, at peace with the world, all the while studying Mind-Science. He studies books, makes extractions, thinks and puts thoughts and observations, deductions, theories, on paper, he sees and recognises stupidity. Very restful, tranquil. All the so-called-, self-called-, psychologists who never in their lives studied a stitch of Mind-Science, these professors, doctors, lectors, assistants, all these nervous wrecks, child-mentalities, well-paid, anti-science, professional stupids, they all know the Master, and they think him a nought. He could be put in front of them all in a lecture hall, filled to capacity, and teach Mind-Science to them for years and years, teach that, what should be their science. Never in all these years would they think of asking him a Mind-Scientific question. Never would they think of even speaking to him, a nought, and that, ... for 15 years! What university! What science! What progress! Yet, the Master is smooth, even, amused even.
"Show one a photograph of a chair, and ask him 'whatsit?', he will say: 'a chair' [121. For daily use, this sort of communicating is quite sufficient. For science, though, it is not sufficient at all."

"Why not Master?" said Tan.

"Because it IS only a photograph of a chair. Scientists would draw the wrong conclusions from such slap-dash statements. One would think that a chair can easily become lost among papers on a desk. Is it an idea of a chair then Ling?"

"Certainly not Master. An idea can only BE in a Mind, nowhere else."

"You are home to a peg Ling, yet, this sort of child-talk goes on continuously in the so-called social sciences AND philosophy. The truth is that the picture is a physical construct that, on reception by the visual senses, MAY trigger-off the idea of a chair."

"What about vegetarism Master?"

"What do you mean by 'what about'? Is it not personal of concern?"

"But there is a difference between killing an animal and killing a plant. Might we not be intended to a 'no killing of animals' i.e. vegetarianism?"

"We must learn to live with the fact that we are not autotrophe, therefore we must live from other living things. Water and Oxygen are the few non-living essentials as basic necessities, but we cannot do without basic food-stufs of the infinite higher complexity, the seeds and fruits, or whole plants. Only an idea is added to the killing, and that is pain and terror for animals. That, we can easily overcome by our humane techniques."

"But do you understand those who do not eat meat out of principle, for this reason?"

"Of course I do, although it seems not altogether wise. If it is true that children from vegetarian families are somewhat retarded in development when compared with others, it indicates a necessity to eat 'some' meat. But the quantity, as will be found, can be small. Overdoing never has a favourable effect in Nature."

The Master was teaching young pupils in the essences of basic ethics. "First, " he said, " comes the rule-over-all, the number one rule for all and everything. It is that the R&D's should be in harmoy with Nature. From this we can deduct that Earth is the possession and responsibility of every Human. Second is that R&D's exist only when part of Reality is shared, in other words: 'in socio'. Third is that actions are 'Right' or 'Wrong' IN THEMSELVES, not by the number of doers or other circumstances. Thus, action of others or circumstances cannot
alter the R&D’s of any person. Fourth is the definition of R&D’s, which says: ‘man, the other man, is the measure, not the self.’"

“But, ” said Wan, “it would mean that associations, institutions, trade unions, have/give, no special rights!”

"Precisely. You are on the Way, Wan. It would be absurd when one could 'gain' in rights upon joining some congregation. Then, when A is wronged by B, it gives A not the right to punish C-Z, as happens in strikes, blockades of roads and waterways, leaving garbage uncollected on the streets, shut-off electricity etc. etc. Fundamental is therefore fundamental because it has no exceptions.”

137  Tao Stoic 137

"Mr. Walker in his 'Meaning and Purpose', said: ‘Western systems of psychology and philosophy show but little interest in the particular quality of mind which distinguishes a man from animals, the quality of consciousness’ (Walker 19). Now why should he be not call them with the proper expression, namely: 'pseudologists'? Is it not what they are when they purport to go and study Mind, yet not that Mind-aspect that distinguishes Man from animals Master?”

"Indeed, but Walker too, must be dependable on these pseudologists. They would not read (buy) him otherwise. Then, does he mention the correct distinction himself? Is it then truly the quality of consciousness, that what we find in animals as well, or, an ideational freedom NOT to be found in animals?”

138  Tao Stoic 138

"They have invented an extra word for chaos, for un-structure, un-Order, Master. They call is 'entropy' and they say that it increases in the Universe.”

"They should study Spencer and Bok, then they would know that it is not a True Word. Is not the Universe constantly cooling down? It is clear that cooling means INcrease of Order. On the Sun, no watermolecules or even DNA can possibly exist, yet on the cooler Earth, they do.”

"But the Sun will engulf the Earth in a while Master, then, ...?”

"Indeed, it is only a localised part of the Universe AND an open system. This is the very mistake: The Universe, too, is an open system, Time is added to it continuously. Spencer’s law of Evolution says that because all causes have more than one effect, and all effects are causes, therefore, in Time, all structures must INcrease in complexity, in Order. Our dire absence of a measurement for complexity that causes the entropy falsehood too.”

139  Tao Stoic 139

"There are many crazy definitions about of democrazy (democracy) Ling,” said the Master.
"Indeed Master. Some say it means that one can say what one likes, others think it is the right to choose a 'representative' to govern, still others mean it to be when a state is for the people instead of the people for the state, plenty of nonsense. No one seems to mention that, what exposes the very inhumanity of it, namely that ALL citizens decide on ALL matters of government, i.e. an arithmetic division in Majority and Minority."

"You are right Ling. The latter means that wisdom never even gets the chance of a flea in a furnace, always being in the minority. But there is also the clearest fact that these 'representatives', these 'chosen one's', heartily 'WANT' to be at the helm."

"Indeed Master, and that means in clear speak: they get something (satisfaction) out of it. ERGO, their decisions are based on the impression of the public, NOT on the need for the emergency."

"Ling, you know your Way."

The Master had one of his famous riddles. He said: "Suppose you get into the middle of a Morse Code message, only, the pauses have all been left out, making it not a trinary, but a binary Way. Something like:

- - + + + + - - - - + + + + + + - + + - - +."

How do you set about it?"

Ven said: "It is no good going for the 'e's, the +, when there are no pauses."

"Indeed, you are on the right track Ven. We must then take a more complex one, just an ideal is the 'the', therefore: - + + + + +. But it is the mechanism I want to show you. What'll you do?"

Ling said: "Count the large groups of +'s."

"Very good, but these five +'s are only accidental, they might have been - - - - - - -. Now, what you do is write it down on a slip of paper and move it along the line, one step at the time. The subconscious then blinks alternatively at the pair, for each step. It is easy then to see a match. Now, this is probably how ideation operates too. Why? Because it is the simplest Way, this 'Blinker-Principle', and Nature always favours the simplest Ways."

This, " said the Master, "is what Spencer showed as the genesis of stupidity, Stupidogenesis (Essay, Educ. first sentence), but spoken by Chuangtse: 'those people who regard as good whatever the world acclaims as good, and regard as right whatever the world acclaims as right.'...’ They know how to give a good speech and tell appropriate anecdotes in order to attract the crowd, but from the very beginning to the very end, they do not know what it is all about. They put on the proper garb and dress in the proper colours and put on decorous appearance in order to make themselves popular, but refuse to admit that they are
hypocrites. They mingle with the crowd, and declare themselves in agreement with what the public likes and dislikes, at the same time claiming that they are better than the common men'. (Lin Yutang, Wisdom, 129.) What now, is the main secret? It is that it all goes for ALL members of the crowd, it all is decor over the useful, hence their very cohesion.”

142 Tao Stoic 142

"The other day (19890415) Master, while relaxing and contemplating in the sun along the Maas/Waal canal, I came to speak with a young student from Senegal. It so happened that we spoke in the World-Language, so the Dutchman and the Senegalese, could converse freely about everything of interest."

"Why do you tell me this Ling?"

"Because this boy wanted to study medicine and tropical medicine, but, as yet, he could not start. He first has to waste a year or so learning Dutch, the Boer language. I told him that in my view, all universities on Earth should be forced to give all their lectures in English. It would save him a year."

"Indeed, this is the normal stupidity of the Dutch, Belgian, German, French etc. etc. so-called science. A tavernal science. How necessary it is to have a sane World-Government! I mean, one without interpreters or translators."

143 Tao Stoic 143

"What about sanctions Master. Are they not a form of revenge, the most abhorred by Human Dignity?"

"Sometimes they are, sometimes not. Disturb a snake and it will attack, yet, animals know not of revenge, so it is sanction. It is only unfortunate that we need it as long as Mankind is not based upon a Natural Code. In any case, its absence caused 60.000.000. lives to be lost."

"I do not understand."

"Don't you know? The organisation that was to make the world safe, the League of Nations, failed entirely because it just had no sanction power (Schwarzschild). This caused W.W.2., and the kill of 60 million, just as much as the so-called peace movements that were in reality dis-(re-)armament movements. Indeed, W.W.2. was 'started' by Hitler, 'caused' by the disarmers and made possible by the lack of sanctions in the organisation of the League, a NON-organisation."

144 Tao Stoic 144

"People 'like' representative government because they think it is democracy, Master. They like democrazy because they think it differs favourably from a dictatorship. They do not see that it all is exactly the same, yet some think
they are better off under a dictatorship of a 'chosen' club of men, some by a dictatorship of the majority."

"This is the Way to swindle people into-, while regarding them as six-year old kids (what they are), into the impression of regarding them as grown-ups. It is the 'Three in the Morning' principle of Chuangtse (Lin Yutang, Wisdom, 244)."

"I do not understand."

"It is like the monkey keeper who proposes to give each monkey three nuts in the morning and four at night. The monkeys are furious, so he gives them four in the morning and three at night. Then they are at peace. This is diddling, Ling. The same is the same is the same, yet, you make them they all 'look' different."

145 Tao Stoic 145

"What do you say about the distinction between 'mistake' and 'stupidity', Ling?"

"A mistake is a correct action upon a wrong idea, whereas stupidity is the opposite action to what is logical upon any idea, correct or wrong."

"That is mere description or definition [12]. I did not mean that. Don't you realise that in the case of mistakes, everybody is aware of that they occur, everybody knows that everybody makes them, therefore they take them into account, they develop forms and ways of checking and, ... they are forgiven. Not so with stupidity! Nobody admits them or take them into account. No ways of checking up, denial that they EVER occur, and when one shows up unmistakingly, it is unforgivable. Thus, nobody is on the lookout for them, yet we find them everywhere." [12]

146 Tao Stoic 146

"Master, what did you mean by the 'million experiment' [128]?"

"Oh that is just the finding out of the relation between a statement and Reality. When one gives an answer to a question like: 'what would you do if ... ?', it is absolutely and totally determined by one's knowledge of Reality, the Reality test. Asked about a million dollars, what would you do etc. there is so much real and valid knowledge in the man that the situation will not occur. The test is of course to: a) ask the question, b) write down the answer, c) GIVE him the million dollars. Now, see what happens and ten to one, the actual result is NOT what he had given as answer to the question. It is thus that we need not ask questions like that at all, they reveal nothing." [128]"
147  Tao Stoic 147

"When Ideation is digitalising the (analog) process of Reality, Master, then we know nothing."

"Indeed, what is behind it Ven?"

"When you take slices from a process 'as if' they are wholes, 'as if' there is nothing inbetween, then you lose information. In the end, by repetition, with still larger ideas, the loss is absolute."

"You are absolutely right Ven, and very clever too. But fortunately there is also a process going on that ADDS information continuously. You lose only unnecessary information, (often the 'no change') and gain 'meaning'(-ful) information. This by: 'analogisation', by making-up groups of digits into one whole. Then, ... 'The Whole is More than the Sum of its Parts', the definition of structure, of idea, (meaning) gets hold of it. A long operation of alternating this digitalising and analogising, rids one of unnecessary information, yet adds meaning. In that Way, the clay-molecules, their names, social positions, age and so forth, that you do not want to know, you lose, but you know it is a watervessel all right. Ideation is exactly that. A cutting up in digits, assemble the cuts into wholes, cut again etc. etc."

148  Tao Stoic 148

"There are always plenty words about, with regard to the unity of mind and body Master. Most of them bark against the very wrong tree. Why don't they know of Brandis' work in the days of Waterloo?"

"Indeed, we even do not know whether to speak of a mere 'union' or of an 'integrate' ourselves. We know only that when the Mind is in power, in control, it goes well with us but when the body is in control it goes very bad indeed. Brandis, who said that by ideational (verbal) means we, ourselves, can change all our organs and their functions, shapes, was far in advance of HIS time. As it becomes known to us every day, of OUR time as well. Imagine a pseudologist in a wheelchair for years WITHOUT ever studying and trying to get out of it. Even in Baudouin we find an example of such a one who took to a wheelchair for years, wholly unnecessary, and Baudouin is from, ... 60 years ago. One would expect that one would study night and day on the subject of MindScience in order to get out of that chair." [165], [194]

149  Tao Stoic 149

"I have been studying the Nuremberg trials again, Master, in order to understand."

"You'll understand of course that it was just the Way of the victors over the vanquished, Vae Victis. It was therefore a farce."

"Was it really Master?"
"Certainly it was. Why was not Stalin in the docks? Before Hitler began, Stalin had already killed more than ten million of his own people. And where was the Japanese Emperor? Besides the French where there."

"I do not understand."

"Is it not in France (still) that Napoleon is revered, his tomb still necessitates a decent man to lift his hat, and that for a dirtier bastard than Hitler even. I must object against capital punishment, for obvious reasons, but I would be greatly in favour of a proper-, Mondial-, criminal court. Then there could have been the cases of 'The People versus Idi Amin, Khadaffi, Khomeini' and so on. We as yet, have not progressed towards a good and humane World-Clean-Up in all these decades. A sorry State of affairs."

150 Tao Stoic 150

"Some Minister, Master, said that the drug problem was becoming comparable to the Plague. What Nonsense!"

"All right, tell me why it is such nonsense, Ling."

"But Master, the Plague was a contagious disease and not very selective, while drug use is highly selective for the weak minded, and not contagious itself, although the habit may be socially contagious. One can not be free not to be infected, but one IS free not to ape the suicidal habits of mental-cripples."

"You are wholly correct. The comparison is not valid in any Way. The twit only took numbers or percentages in consideration, not the problem-typical dimensions. That is statistics, Ling, that looks scientific. I for one, am in favour of letting drug users go their Way, pass away. That is the selectivity for you. It, then, only picks out the weak-minded. Yet, sorry to say, it does not seem to solve the planet’s problem, the thousandfold overpopulation. Even the Plague took-off not more than halves or quarts, not 999 pro-mille."

151 Tao Stoic 151

"Master, I regard the so-called proofs of the superstitious men, about the gods, sperrits, para-pseudology, after-life and other folk-lore, as rainmakers proofs."

"Now, I am afraid you have to enlighten me, Ling."

"Well, if you pray for rain everyday in this country, you have probably as many days with success as without. But when you do it ONLY when you can see heavy dark clouds gathering, and you use your success of prediction as proof that praying works, your experiment is totally wrong is not it?"

"I see what you mean. Yet it is still done today (1989) and even sillier. Still, there are soldiers going to their deaths gladly because it is pleasing to their god(s). Other soldiers are even convinced (commanded to be convinced) that the stones they throw will turn into grenades, that they are inviolate for bullets and so forth. By all this ideational diddling, one can make men into morons, believing everything wrong about the Way to be True Words."
"Master, how I HATE these people who speak and/or write about all sorts of our problems without touching upon the basic solutions!"

"Hate, must be a manner of speaking."

"Indeed I really laugh. Why cannot they act as human beings and draw the conclusions that a six-year old kid can draw AND keep repeating them? Every such kid knows that all our problems are 'Number Dependent', therefore, ... NO MORE kids! One-Pro-Mille! World-Government! BE A World-Citizen! Refuse Nationalism! LEARN English! Accept PROOF only instead of EMPHASIS! You see, I would SHOUT it, that is emphasis, Master."

"All Right, for once, you are forgiven."

"Yesterday, Master, I spoke with Wat Sun. He denied that it is necessary to study the difference in Mind between animals and Man. He explained it by saying that one could look at rats and pigeons and find the same in Man."

"This man was a nurd."

"A what? Master."

"A nurd is a compilation of nitwit and turd. Did not you show him that one can say a million times to a million of Pavlov’s dogs: ‘your mother is a slut’, without any agression, whereas in 999 out of 1000, a man would bash your teeth in?"

"I did Master, but he said that it was because dogs do not understand language."

"Behold, it is always a stroke of genius in stupidity, to use the ‘manifestation’ of a cause as proof against the cause. Russell, too was such a nurd. He said that dog did not speak because he had not the proper physics for it (Human Knowledge). He did not even understand that dog, with 5 different sounds, could easily have developed a language, sufficient to communicate ‘your mother etc.’. Only, Mind-Scientifically, dog and other animal, HAVE not the necessary freedom over ideas, freedom in Think, to have a need for such a language. No freedom in Think, i.e. fundamental, no language is the manifestation of the no freedom in Think."

"Will people EVER start listening to us Master?"

"No, not unless."

"But there have been plenty of man-made disasters! Seveso, Bhopal, Chernobyl! The latter even was unequalled in showing the anti-national aspect of our problems. From far over the Polar circle to deep into Turkey, the effect was telling."
"Yet, these disasters were too small. If it should so happen, and the time for that is near, that farmers in the large grain areas get only 24 bags of grain out of every 25 sown, then, may be, scientists might start to wonder. They might start being REAL scientists even. They might wonder whether there is not some literature about: 'The World-Solutions for World-Problems'. That is my book (ISBN 90-9002592-8)."

"Why scientists, why not the common man?"

"Because many of the common men, I heard in 1985, already were aware of the largest non-national catastrophe. They could hear the world news and deduce FOR THEMSELVES that the whole climate was at the blink. Increasing size of Icebergs, waves, Wind-force, Floods, Droughts etc. etc. and they did nothing. My advice of Learning English, No more kids etc. was laughed away."

155 Tao Stoic 155

"When I was in primary school, Ling, they taught us (in Dutch) how (Dutch) laws are made."

"Yes Master."

"It appeared not all to be True Words, many a law is made by the judges. I'll tell you of one. Our car-license plates, by law, are very dark blue with the number in white. You know of course of the 'Applause Paradox', people wanting to be exactly like others, yet, absolutely different (see Wyndham's 'Chocky'), Now, some twit provided his new car with yellow plates with the number in black, because he wanted it to reflect, and dark blue does not reflect very much. Probably he had seen an English car, i.e. only its tail end. Of course he broke the law and got fined. He did not pay, hence a court case. The judge apparently was, ... enfin, he was put in the right. From then on all car owners wanted such yellow plates and in a year's time they will be the law. And you know what? Most of them do not reflect at all. Yokels and judges often make the laws, not the state."

156 Tao Stoic 156

"What sham display are our universities Master. Playing at Mind-Science, for costly taxpayer's money!"

"They play not Mind-Science, but they play scientists, just as children play grown-ups or parents. But what caught your eye?"

"I asked one what would happen if a man came for help with his sleeping problem. He would have observed that his dog would just curl up and sleep. He wanted to be the same. Yet there was not one professor about who could do it, although they earn a hundred thousand per year."

"Indeed, so easy it is to teach sleep, that it would be the work for a freshman at a real Mind-Science department of real university. The sufferer should be cured in one or two sittings. Afterwards he'd NEVER need a pseudologist in
his life again. As I said, not playing science, but playing scientist, that’s what it is.”

157  Tao Stoic 157

”Auto-Mutilation, Master, what do you say of that? They cut holes in ears or noses, tattooing, or, like in the Old China, prevent the growth of feet, even deform the babies’ heads.”

”It only occurs in UN’s, not in IN’s. In those who ‘are being lived’ by others, who are UNder control, have no Free Control, not in those of the select group of IN’s that are properly IN control of their thoughts, hence their conduct, their own behaviour. When one of the UN’s speak to you, it would be in vain to try and teach him freedom, happiness, even science. You’d better not try.”

”Are they beyond help then?”

”They do not want your help. Besides, when they drill holes in their own body, or willfully damage thousands of their own skin cells, how easy would they take to drill a hole in your skull, just to please some ideology, or sperrit. READ a man first before you speak out freely to him.”

158  Tao Stoic 158

”Master, these silly copyrights! If I have to explain Pythagoras’ theorems, I must have an authorisation from his descendants, and how about Darwin, Semmelweiss and so forth?”

”Indeed, the world is topsy-turvy in all respects. Copyrights are plain murder of all science. The stupidity is caused by the thinking that an idea is a physical entity, therefore can be given away, sold, or stolen. If some scientist has a (beneficial) good idea and he does not want others to know, he can keep silent, can’t he? If he decides to speak, why should someone else ask him permission to induce the same idea in others? All the while it is as plain as a pikestaff that one who gives (???)(away) an idea does not lose one, but gains just as the receiver. Then, an idea is only the triggered-off result of ALREADY existing ideas in the other, so, where is the possession? Is there anything at all more indicative of the Non-physical Nature of ideas?”

159  Tao Stoic 159

”Master what do you say about these ‘miss universe’ contests?”

”All people are stupid, or trying to be, but some manage to beat all the rest. The brainless dolls are rated only by that conglomerate of so-called judges. Every other mixture of ‘WindBags’ would give other ‘winners’. What stupid arrogance to think that they are the best cattle judges. Then, what about the other worlds in the universe? Even when there is only one per galaxy, there must be millions of them. Cannot these produce better lens ‘n screen cattle? These
might even be endowed with real brains, in say, Andromeda, the Sombrero or elsewhere. This is how everybody is stupid. A sane man would spit 'n shit on the lot. Then the prize money. What good, good for the world, could we do with that! Propagate World-Sanity for one thing.”

160 Tao Stoic 160

"Master, tell me more about this 'Blinker Principle' [140.]"

"It is not very difficult. When you have: 54638942586279813, now, is it the same as 54638942586249813, or not? You can do it, but it is tedious work. So I put them down again in this way: 43689425827981373 and I put the other one exactly underneath, 43689425824981373 and see, it is easy to check them. You follow both lines in vertical pairs, and notice the 'change', on which ideation is always so keen. The task is simpler than the ranges starting with 5, solely by their position in the field of sight. Now imagine a more difficult task, although we use the simpler binary code. Imagine: + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - + - and so forth. Imagine this over the whole page. Now you go out of the room and I change one bit, a + into a - or the other way round. Which one is changed? An impossible task since even I can not remember which one it was. Luckily I have a photograph made before the change, and we make one of after the change. If you now have an instrument that can show each one of the photographs alternatingly with some speed in the same field of sight, you will see that only one spot in the whole scene appears to be blinking. That now is the changed digit. You see it at a glance while without the system it was impossible. It is a shortcircuiting of memory. Even on these rows of cyphers, the vertical comparison, you use memory. Such too are the the principles of ideation (memory, pairing etc. )." [140], [166]

161 Tao Stoic 161

"Master, the Mind that rules the body [10], there is a difficulty here, with regard to ideas. Are not the ideas of others decisive, i.e. therefore ruling us?"

"Indeed, you are correct. Practically all ideas that we have stem from others, from the 'Outside'. What happens, what our behaviour will be, is decided by ideas ONLY, therefore, practically a-ruled by others. But do not forget that there is something besides the body that is ruled by Mind, by ideas."

"I know Master, it is the rest of the 'Outside' too."

"That, I did not mean. The Mind, the ideas, also rule, ... Mind itself. Hence there is no passivity or automation necessary. In other words, Mind can liberate itself [11] can decide what ideation (from others) to accept, what to reject. Control your Mind, your control over ideas. Accept only good, beneficient Standardisation, Ling and reject the enslaving ones, and for the rest, be free, Let
Go!” [10], [11], [20], [39], [131]

162 Tao Stoic 162

"You spoke of this diddling Master, in a democracy, this 'Three in the Morning' [143. But is not a lottocracy also the same, a dictatorship by a group?’"

"Naturally it is. But there simply is no other solution. First, absolute democracy, all citizens deciding all matters, is dictatorship anyway (of the Majority), and second it is 'in praxis' impossible. There remains the clearest fact that an 'Ideal', i.e. a good, beneficial dictator would be the best, though, alas, he does not exist. Thus the second best dictatorship is the ever changing group robbed of its pseudo-personality, without the group-proximities, consisting of lot-appointed citizens who: a) do not like it, b) do not know, therefore have to rely on expert advice. It is a sort of childish fairness, yet, the most fundamental. Scientists, then, do not decide, only advise, governors only decide, yet are not scientifically attached to the subject. Perfect integration of conscience and expert knowledge."

163 Tao Stoic 163

"Master, in your example of the experiment with regard to crime, [130], could it not be a six-year old kid, that you gave the 'unknown thing'?”

"Certainly not. It is the difference between the governing of a grown-up, grocer, and a kid. Read 'Lord of the Flies' again (W. Golding). The boy is not aware of any danger and he starts dismantling right away. He skips the first Natural step, i.e. looking and looking. In fact, when you do the experiment, you'll have to tell the grocer that it is quite harmless, otherwise he will go no further than this first step of observation. Now you can see how our governments are real six-year old kids. They even start SAVING on the budget instead of doubling it every year, until crime is decreased to the absolute minimum. Here, too, you see that grocers, farmers, typists, truckers, etc. would do a far better job in governing. They have the Natural common sense. Indeed, a Lottocracy, that is the Way for a fair Mondial government.” [71], [130]

164 Tao Stoic 164

"This man, Walker that we spoke about [137], I studied his book again and lo: 'science conserving its mechanistic explanation of the universe by ignoring all the discoveries of religion.' (Walker 42). There NEVER has been any discovery in religion. Otherwise it would be a proof of a god(s) existence*. Is not this man silly Master?’"

"Certainly, it would be an Eratosthenes proof. Yet, it is far worse with him. He is an un-person. He writes that he went shooting in Africa. Now, shooting is a very good pa­stime, exercise, education of the body in control, especially
by the bow and arrow or pistol. But this can be done perfectly on targets. When, only for degenerate pleasure, you up and kill animals, you are not quite a sane human, no dignity. You see, an un-person. This, though does not mean throwing his book away or burn it. Books, after all, may set you thinking, i.e. when you keep the Way, Nature, R & D’s, therefore Human Dignity before your Mind.” [137], [193] * It is obvious that, since the question: god is/god is not, cannot be * answered (no way of proving), one cannot discover things inreligion. One can make discoveries in religiousness, in religiology. These discoveries are then in social science, in Mind-Science, not of religion.

165 Tao Stoic 165

"You discussed a person in a wheelchair Master [148], but what if the nerves in the spinal column have been totally severed, should we then still try our powers of Mind and Mind-Science in order to improve things?"

"Certainly. You do not mean to say that in Mind-Science we should EVER be entitled to the defactism of: 'there is nothing we can do'? The concept of 'impossibility', will you always bear that in Mind, is one out of the world of pure physics. As such, it has no place where Mind is involved. If, ... I say if, there is no report in literature of a success in any matter, whether growing new limbs or fresh teeth, it ONLY indicates that, either it has not been tried, or, that we have not yet the proper knowledge of techniques to succeed. But certainly NOT impossibility. You see, it always returns to: ... 'to STUDY!!!'" [148], [195]

166 Tao Stoic 166

"I still don't see, Master, how this system of 'Blinker' [140], [160] can be of use in recognising things, ideation I mean."

"Don't you? When you look at a thing and you want to know whether it is precisely A or Not-A, or even 'more or less A', what do you do (ideationally)? You make-up the proper pattern of how A would be, put it in a blinker with the pattern you see, and let it blink. Thus, you can see immediately how many differences there are and where they are located. In other words, you can see how serious or unimportant the difference, if any, is compared with the pure A. Naturally, it opens the possibility to leave those unimportant points in the pattern, these digits entirely out, also, because of 'Learning', you can add new one's. After all, when you decide that two apples are virtually the same, a lot of precise knowledge of differences are superfluous. You are not interested in each 'uniqueness' but only in: 'the same' and 'good eat'. See what a woman does when she wants to buy wool that matches a particular colour. She takes a sample with her in order to, ... hold it near to the one in question (Spencer, Essay, ). You see, attention is never steady, it is a vibration between two positions." [140], [160]
"When I spoke of these people who emphasise on the World problems without mentioning the World-Solution, Master, I rather meant these so-called scientists. When they mention only one of the million mini-causes that are added to the main-cause, and let the main-cause alone, are they then, scientists?"

"Spencer said that every cause has more than one effect, and every effect is a cause (Essay, Progress). Scientists, now, do not like that. They can only work with one cause/one effect, otherwise: force during time, upon a mass equals acceleration, etc. become unworkable. But what do you consider the 'Main-Cause' to be?"

"Naturally, too many people, all of them too much of a crank."

"Ah, but is not that CAUSED by general stupidity, starting from pre-Neanderthal, or, to speak in Ontogenesis, the very baby in the cradle?"[152]

"I still do not see Master, why the Mind cannot just take the whole of Reality, in order to understand it, instead of this bother to digitalise/analogise/dig/an/ etc.?"

"But don't you see, it would mean having an exact-, perfect-, copy of Reality IN Mind. That is impossible. In its stead, one can only have a MODEL of Reality, an extract, a clumsy rough. Even then, COMPARISON remains impossible without cutting the model into parts. This an/dig/an makes the comparison possible, but also ATTENTION, being occupied with 'a' part of Reality, a choice phenomenon. It makes choice possible, and classification, and standardisation, symbolisation, all of which are only synonyms for Ideation. Without this basic trickery of an/dig/an/dig/ etc. we simply could not 'Think', therefore we would not even have a housing, a body for a Mind, we just would not BE alive."

"The first Atomic Bomb Master, was such a crucial point in history that they could well use it as basic reference. They could do away with these silly 'Before/After Christs' and replace them with Before/After Hiroshima."

"Why should this be more crucial than e.g. the invention of fire, of metals, of agriculture even, every one of which, when in league with stupidity will in the end be capable of killing all life on the planet."

"I do not understand."

"Fire led to metal smelting and forest destruction, but also to axes and chainsaws, that will kill us all through Saharisation. Agriculture unleashed the Natural check on population growth, leading to S.R.O., Standing Room Only. Yet remember, it is not the things themselves, but the stupid use of them. Even Atomic Bombs, like cannon, as Schwarzschild correctly pointed out, do not go off by themselves, nor are they invented, produced, and pointed in that Way."
The stupidity of the disarmers therefore, is like the child kicking the door that has hurt it. Naked man, is fully armed, without implements. War is NOT in the arms, but in the Mind(s). With regard to time-reckoning, if there is a need for a new starting point, then, have a zero when a True-, Fair-, Sane-, World-Government has been established."

170 Tao Stoic 170

"Master, is there a starting point in one’s life, at which stupidity begins?"

“It is right from the cradle that stupidity is induced. The logical Mind of the child keeps fighting against it, but in the end, the superiority of numbers prevail. The child then learns to know how it would be done, yet that the opposite is the NORMAL. A ten year old may ask: ‘Why has daddy to pay tax Mum?’ and is answered: ‘because everybody who earns money has to’. The kid then says: ‘But daddy is in the employment of the government himself’, thinking it stupid to pay somebody first and then get paid back. He realises that nobody sees anything stupid in it, so he accepts it. Perhaps, later, he might wonder how many departments and personnel could be saved by reducing the ‘to and fro’ business of money, but by then, he has other things to do.” [197]

171 Tao Stoic 171

"When the only difference between man and animal is the third degree of freedom, Master, does it mean that there is no fundamental difference in body, in the housing of the Mind, I mean?"

"Certainly there are differences, but if you look closer, you will see that they are not fundamental, but only results of-, manifestations of-, caused by-, this extra degree which is in itself fundamental. Look at the oestrus cycle and, ... man is perpetually on heat."

"I don’t understand."

"Animals ONLY get the (mostly chemical) signals for mating in seasons. In man, the signals are purely ideational, therefore 24 hours of every day extant. Did you ever see a male animal who wanted to mate because of a beautiful pair of legs, or a female because the male was famous for his wailing-out of his sexual needs over a microphone? That is not animal, it is man. Despicable man, continuously on heat."

172 Tao Stoic 172

"Did you hear of the Chinese Army who butchered the students in Peking Master?"

"They all knew exactly what was coming to them."

"I do not understand."
"Did they not repeatedly sing the ‘Internationale’? When you sing that, especially when as students i.e. being trained in logical thinking, you know up to a millimeter what is in store for you. Everybody who sings this war-cry, knows that he (wants to) belong(s) to a group that gives no quarter. The rights of man, of every individual will be trampled on for the sake of the group. A million students even, out of a total of a milliard people, are as one individual in a large group of thousand. The slaughter is the Way with such systems under the burden of the ‘Internationale’. When you know that Way, you do not provoke."

**Tao Stoic 173**

"The other night, Master, at the home of acquaintences, I saw a t.v. program about pain."

"I know exactly how and what you felt that night, although I did not see the program myself."

"Now, is that true Master?"

"A good guess perhaps. You had one thought that you even wanted to shout out loud: 'why cannot they put somebody there who really knows about what he is talking of?' is that not so?"

"It is absolutely correct Master. They had pseudologists and doctors (physicians (physicists)), patients who had years of experience with pain, but not one person who would be familiar with the word ‘Idea’ or the verb ‘to Ideate’. Thus, nobody could divide Reality in two parts AND put the phenomenon in the proper part. After the program, therefore, nobody was any the wiser on the subject. A waste of time really."

"So it is with the t.v., the media. They feast on the problems but will not allow a solution. They will give the word to everybody except to an expert hypodynamic, a Mind-Scientist like you and me. Everything but the truth, that is the Way with them."

**Tao Stoic 174**

"Master, may I teach to you?"

"Certainly. How old are you an what is your name?"

"I am El En Po Master, and I am 10."

"Ah, and you know already that teaching is one of the best Ways of learning."

"Yes, and Master Ling said that the better the students you teach to, the better you learn from teaching. Besides, as Seneca said, it is a joy."

"So that is why you choose me. Teach me what you know of ideation."

"It is the theoretical cell Master, if that is the smallest living unit. Some scientists think that the chromatine grains are alive. Haeckel discusses that."

"But you know too, that one should take Haeckel with a grain of, ... not chromatine, but salt, NaCl. I certainly look forward to lessons from you, young
Po. It’s clear that I shall learn much from them.” [198]

175 Tao Stoic 175

"I heard a professor say that Andreski’s theorema of the Windbaggery, the Hot-Air, the Montgolfier syndrome, was a downright insult to him in person, Master.”

"There is one thing that can never be insulting (though damaging), and that is Truth, True Words. Would we rather have Andreski distorting the truth in order not to be offensive? Besides, he explains the theory, he is not simply calling names. Then, the professor himself causes the maintenance of the phenomenon. He could try to be open to 'New Ideas', banish the publicatory compulsion, advocate interest in the subject, violate and sabotage copyrights rules, refuse administrative functions, kick out flatterers, and above all, ... get interested himself, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, not solely during office hours. Participation in a crazy system, means sustaining it. It also means carrying its name as crazy. What is the Way with things you don’t like? Don’t do them! Changing its name will not help.”

176 Tao Stoic 176

"How silly it is Master, of these pseudologists, to speak of the 'behavioural sciences'? It belongs to descriptive biology really. They can describe: 'when you do A to the animal, it then does K'. Why don’t they start with proper Mind-Science and stick to it?"

"It is simply the cutting off of corners. When you regard the manifestation of-, the effect of-, the result of-, a cause as the cause itself, you’ve cut off a corner that otherwise would necessitate you to study the real cause. You see, they think that, because we should behave efficiently, like all plants and animals, we should also scientificate efficiently, hence, cut off awkward corners, save time and effort, get quick results, get a certificate and title as fast as possible, and then have finished.”

"Quick results Master? There ARE no results. Even teaching sleep they cannot!"

"Aye, Ling, you are home to a peg.”

177 Tao Stoic 177

"Julian Huxley also wrote something that indicated his absolute lack of insight in matters of Man.”

"I am curious about that Master.”

"He said ('On Living in a Revolution'): 'What is more, the failure of the League of Nations merely served to underline the urgent need for some international political organisation.”
"I see Master. It is bad science. When the international political organisations like the League failed (they could have predicted that from all history, onwards from Herodotus), a proper scientist would infer that there is NOT a need, again, for such a thing. He would conclude that, in contrast, there was a need for a NON-international, i.e. an INTEGRATIONAL-, therefore, NON-political government. Had the scientists grasped that in the days Huxley wrote it (1942) they could have predicted that the United Nations would also fail, as indeed, it still does."

"Yes, besides the scientists would have advocated an integrated D-day (1944) to begin with, saving thousands of lives." [232] *It is seldom realised that with a World-Government, Lotterocratically qua structure, all politics stop on the spot. So does diplomacy.

178 Tao Stoic 178

"You look today, Ling, I should say, rather fierce. What is on your Mind?"

"I just had a row with a nurse Master. I lost control over my ideation, my temper. I even shouted."

"There is no harm in that. You recognised it, you will do better next time, you learned. Tell me about it in a controlled Way."

"It all started when I told her that hospitals, doctors and nurses, according to today’s scientific thought, were only second aid, first aid is Mind-Science, suggestion (she would not have understood ideation). I told her that she was not allowed to speak in the presence of patients unless well-versed in suggestion. She was an operation nurse, and thus I told her that it is easy to kill a narcotised patient by words. Then she said that there always were doctors about, and I said that this was exactly what I meant ..."

"All right Ling. I know now. You got heated because of compassion with the victims, with Vae Victis. Everybody would forgive you for that."

179 Tao Stoic 179

"In this book here, (M.V.Kline) Master, I read one of these super-pseudological terms. It spoke of ‘theriomorphism’. It is the twin error of anthropomorphism, said he. Now, this latter, the attributing of human characteristics to animals, indeed is an error, but the former, theriomorphism, the attributing of animal characteristics to humans seems to be no error, not EVER."

"You are correct here. Man is absolutely and completely an animal PLUS something (ideational). With regard to the first, the animal characteristics, one can freely cross-attribute, calling me a beast even. With regard to the ‘plus something’, one simply cannot attribute it to animals, otherwise they WOULD be humans. The definition of a human is an animal plus an extra ideational degree. Thus, one may call a man as being on heat or thirsty, but not a cat as being cruel or obscene. Herodotus mentioned a goat that tubbed a woman. It
may have been the outcome of circumstantial smelling situations. But when he
remarks that it happened in plain sight of everybody, that is anthropomorphistic
error. It is third degree, i.e. not for the goat, but for humans only. Indeed,
there is no need for the first term, for theriomorphism.”

180 Tao Stoic 180

"How come, Master that intelligent looking persons lose all sanity when in a
crowd?"

"I'll give you some works to study later on. For now, let me cite to you
Schiller, as found in Satow’s chapter about MassIdeation. 'Men, if you take
them singly are fairly wise and sagacious; take mankind in a lump and you'll
find no more than a blockhead.' You can see now where you can start your study
of mankind, of stupidogenesis. When Decor prevails over usability, one behaves
stark crazy. Spencer’s Essays certainly cannot be missed. And, mind you, every­
body belongs to (is autosuggested to belong to, ) the Mass/Mob/Crowd/Clod/Cluster,
of: ... consumers.”

181 Tao Stoic 181

"Master, when we spoke of Anorexia Ideata, the not willing to eat [106], is not
the ideata part wholly superfluous?"

"Most of our namegiving is a hiding behind confusion. You know very well
that, not being able to eat, and not wanting to eat, are the old familiar two
parts of Reality, the physics and the non-physics.”

"Then, there is also an Anorexia Physica?"

"Of course there is, if you want to call it that. When there is (physically) no
food available, or when there are other (physical) restrictions like being locked
up in a cellar or bound and gagged. Then, in high-falutining speak: Anorexia
Physica. Many of the names in general use are confusing, are ‘Double Thinks’. Take for instance the ‘Natural Cause of Death’. A stab or shot in the heart
are not natural, although very natural, a broken-up heart. I know of only one
instance, noted by Churchill of a man who got a bullet in his heart during
W.W.1, and still served in W.W.2. But now, an ideationally induced heart-
arrest or attack, as Doyle describes? It is just as much murder, yet they must
call it natural death. Is living culture on a glass disk not 'In Vivo'? Our science,
often, does not know the back from the front.”

182 Tao Stoic 182

"I had a discussion with a Freudian Twit, Master. I stood my ground easily
because of my knowledge of Mind, yet, I had not the desired precise notion of
the scientific side of Freud’s absurdities.”
"That is not so difficult. Always, people wanted to understand (human) behaviour, if possible at the level of prediction. Now, behaviour is ONLY the 'manifestation', the result, the outcome, of ideation, Mind. The clever scientist, then, searches in Mind first. The dumb does not. He takes behaviour as 'the' fundamental and banishes Mind altogether. A few dumbo’s like Freud remained concentrated on behaviour, but added a queer theory of Mind to it so that that became 'the' fundamental cause. This, in Freud’s morphine and cocaine fuddled Mind, was sexuality. In this way he was certain to gain the front pages (post Victorian era). Scientifically, thus, Freud’s error was to promote ONE manifestation to the level of fundamental, thereby excluding all other manifestations like eating, playing, art, science, friendship, thus skipping, say, pseudoanalysis, oneiromantics of pre-Herodotean level.”

183 Tao Stoic 183

"Is it not surprising, Master, the agility with which the churches switched over to the uses and pratices of the popsyndicate, their Ways of mental mutilation?"

"Not surprising at all. Selling is selling, and a young customer/convert, is a long life of buying. Says it not in Wyndham’s 'Secret People': 'In the same way, suggestion will work on an adult, but if you want to make a good job of it, you’ve got to start on the infant. The church has the right idea. It got in as soon as it decently could with a baptism service. When they followed that up with a proper course of training, they got the poor blighter just where they wanted him. He couldn’t think for himself. He thought he could, mind you;...’

Before the penetration of the pop-syndicate into the minds of most children on the planet, these kids had different idols. Sportsmen, inventors, artists, scientists, were then 'in', but from these, one cannot copy fruitful techniques of control. Too much hard work. The pop-bastards came as a godsend to send the gods into the immature minds. Not idolatry of hard work and talent, quality, but destruction of the most important element for intelligent development, nay, the only one, i.e. the aesthetic feeling first. After that destruction, then, anything goes. It reminds one of Wells’ remark: 'To this day I will confess I dislike the restriction and distortion of knowledge as I dislike nothing else on Earth. In this modern world it is, I hold, second only to murder to starve and cripple the mind of a child.'

This is the overall strategy, destroy first, then anything goes.”

184 Tao Stoic 184

"He goes back to his maker.”

"By Hera! Ven, what are you talking about? It sounds like the superstition of a creator.”

"This bottle, Master, recycling you know. We don’t do that with humans.”
"Well, Nature does, but we make it a hard job for her, with all this cremating."
"I don’t understand."
"Don’t you see that this burning, destroys the complexity of the molecules. They otherwise could serve as good food for worms or fishes, if we committed our used bodies to them. Besides, the energy and oxygen that is used could be put to far better use, AND it pollutes the air. I hope, Ven, when I kick the bucket, you will not burn my body. Just put it in the soil somewhere."

**185  Tao Stoic 185**

"Are there any stupidities or mistakes in such a man as Erickson Master? It would be hard to believe."

"Naturally there are. There are even things that belong to the very first lessons in Hypnodynamics, as a warning NOT to do, yet he does it. We find for instance that: ‘...he was told that hypnosis might possibly be of value but ...’ (365). Now the very words ‘might, possibly, but’ express doubt, they are indicative that one might as well stop the whole thing, it is useless to go on. If you go and help somebody, NEVER think, nor express any doubt of success. Even in such cases as trying to re-grow a lost leg, one should not doubt. It might turn out not to be working in praxis, yet, there IS positively some relief, some help. Remember that: even when the total result is not entirely satisfactory, there ALWAYS has been a favourable gain for the sufferer. We stress this upon the beginners, yet Erickson does it. We may not carry the virus of doubt, nor feeling like, or expressing, DOUBT."

**186  Tao Stoic 186**

"Master, how can one explain to lay people, the nonsense of after-life, the simplest Way of understanding life and death?"

"Only when they have a smattering of common sense. And then by an example out of physics. ‘Before a candle was lit, and after it was blown out, what is the difference FOR THE FLAME?’ (Mei Ling). Indeed, where has the flame gone to, back to the sun? Before the conception and after death, the person simply IS NOT. Does this answer your question?"

"Ah, but the candle has changed, due to the burning, the flame, Master."

"So has everybody made (physical) changes due to his life. One cannot live without disturbing the environment one lives in. It goes for every tiny bit of living, it is almost definitional for life, Mind. So, the flame has wrought changes in the candle, yet, has it changed the concrete building surrounding it very much?"
187 Tao Stoic 187

"How can a man start teaching with a couple of un-truths Master? Is not truth either the sole object, or else one remains silent?"

"I do not know who you have in Mind, but certainly truth is the sole criterion for teaching, followed by theories that have a great likelihood of being true."

"I speak of Brown, who begins his book about 'Techniques of Persuasion' with: 'Attempts to change the opinions of others are older than recorded history true, and originated it must be supposed untrue, with the development of speech untrue'."

"You'll find that the rest of the book also is somewhat slapdash, or even pub-talk. No insight in Ideation Theory. He clearly is from the pseudological camp, thus his recorded facts may be true, his grasp of the basics is poor, if not crooked, by pseudology. No reason to throw the book away, or burn it, it might make you 'Think'."

188 Tao Stoic 188

"When you spoke to us of the digitalising principle, that rids us of information, Master, it struck me that nowadays the recording and reproduction of sound in digits, is in vogue. Is there no loss of information then?"

"Naturally there is, the theory is general. Only, the loss of information is slight, and compensated amply by the other advantages. Imagine that it is theoretically possible to eliminate from the recording all the grain-sounds of old records, and even the crying of a child during the concert. One can find the 'numberings' of the undesired sounds and simply tell the computer to leave these out. Digitalising sound is a great improvement. There is loss of information, yet, plenty of it is restored through analogisation, i.e. due to the elasticity of the air, once reproduced."

189 Tao Stoic 189

"What do you regard the greatest stupidity of Mankind, Master?"

"Undoubtedly, the exploration of space without knowing (or caring) how to govern (run) Earth itself (See: 'La Pura Verdad' Julio 1989). Controlling outer space without first controlling Earth.

"But it is the technicians and scientists who do that Master!"

"The task of every scientist, whether concerned with microbiology, electronics, railway planning or wall-socket standardisation, every and all scientists' task it is to see to-, and work for-, Human Dignity and safety. Thus they all should be in the forefront of establishing a sane and fair World-Government. They should BE world-citizens, Lottocrats, Cosmopolitans. To kill the planet first, while going and studying, exploring its surroundings, is the absolute form of insanity. It is the madness of a frightened blind horse in a hall, filled with wailing people lighting fire-crackers."
"Master, the truth about the Kung Fu television series?"

"But you know it yourself! It is excellent teaching of Tao/Stoic wisdom, yet bungled by bad sound. It is a series that has to compete with other series on the 'Market', therefore gain, greed, is the purpose, saleability the criterion. There has been quite some studying behind it, though, not by scientists who abhor superstitions and mysticals. One find in it all the old superstitions like clairvoyance and oneiromantics (like Freud) but taken seriously. Then there is the automutilation, the willfully burning of the forearms that is decidedly contra Human Dignity."

"I am of the same opinion Master, but what would you say of the general use, the showing on tv?"

"For the reasons, mentioned, I am against showing it to the public. The valuable, they will not learn, they will not bother with the lessons that are often, not even understandable. They will only retain the hokum and balderdash, the bunk in it. On the other hand, it is excellent for showing to people like us, people who LIKE to 'Think, (ponder, muse etc.)."

"Today, Master, the new Greek government was sworn in by the action of some archbishop."

"Such is the power of superstition. When 3000 years after the Troy War, the gods are still on the Olympus, when theogonies are still rife, then forget about science, progress, sanity, in other words forget that what is basic to ideation, to Mind, i.e. Control of Reality as far as possible. For the rest, just adapt. But these Greeks are not unique. All countries have some form of Oath. In England as is said, you have no right to give evidence in court when you do not believe in a kingdom hereafter in which things go bad for you when you lied (Mill, Logics). You see, we are outcasts because we 'Think', and 'Free' at that. In the country of the blind, the sighted is a rogue, a nought. Be content with that.”

"There is the principle of Spencer, Master, I mean: 'That what can go wrong, WILL go wrong in Time.'"

"I am familiar with it, praise be, what is in your Mind?"

Well, it is used in the book I have here but is given a name of some other body. Why is that? Why cannot they call it Spencer’s Law?"

"Don't you know that pseudologists will not touch Spencer with a nine-foot pole? It is because, first of all, he excells in common sense which is not appreciated (goes for Wells' work too), but second, and more important is that he is no academic, not even a grammar school. So it came about that there
was (and still is), silence when he argumented for a GENERAL law of evolution (Physics & Mind) in all structures, but when Darwin proposed a special case of it, two years later, valid for life, it was academically splashed all about. When you do not belong to the clod-, the cluster-, the group-, of scientists, you are a dumb, a nought, you know nothing and are even prevented from university entrance. Read Andreski again.

193 Tao Stoic 193

"Master, you used the term 'Eratosthenes proof' [164], what did you mean by that?"

"Well, if you 'suppose' you are on a globe and you design a system for measuring its diameter, the actual finding of 'a' value, a diameter, need not be strictest proof for your theory, but it certainly makes your sphericalogy into a giant likelihood. This is what Eratosthenes did. Knowing that on a certain date (a Solstice), a certain column threw no shadow, or a certain well had its bottom lit up in Assuan (roughly 23 degrees North) and at noon. All he had to do was to measure the angle of the Sun's rays at noon, some distance to the North of Assuan, at Alexandria, where the 'noon' was approximately the same. Then it was possible to calculate how many times the circumference of the Earth was this distance, namely as the number of times the 360 degrees agreed with the angle found. A flat Earth would not have given a value at all. It is fundamental for ideation, for Think, first to have a hunch, a theory AND then test it. It makes the difference between unproven-, untested-, untried-, superstition and quite a good theory." [164]

194 Tao Stoic 194

"We discussed the severed nerve cell once [165 Master. Do you think that, qua physics, such a nerve can be repaired? If so, then certainly the Mind could achieve it."

"First of all, the Mind must know a lot more of the physics of body constructions than we do with our conscious thoughts. After all, the Mind made it, and constantly maintains it. Physically speaking, I do not think that the job of repairing a nerve is so much more difficult than taking a blue-print of an infection and send the proper anti-structure to it, or, fabricate a burn on the skin after the suggestion that it has been touched by a red-hot, (plastic) penholder. There is the Natural proximo-taxis, (neurobio-taxis), the urge of a nerve-cell to grow TOWARDS a stimulus. Cannot both ends, then, be made to eke out and connect with each other? Perhaps it is only a switching-on of a long since switched-off process. This could well be done by a verbal, ideational command. Remember, the word 'impossible' belongs to physics, it has no meaning in Mind-Situations. What is untrue in physics, but true in our trade is: 'When we don't know all, we know nothing' (Mijling)." [165]
195  Tao Stoic 195

"There is a court-ruling in the U.S.A. Master, with regard to the burning of the flag. They managed to bring it under the head of free speech, is not that very silly?"

"Indeed, but what do you expect, in fact, everywhere in the world? Clearly, since ONLY ideas cause behaviour, one may make a guess of these ideas by observing the behaviour in others. But when you then rope everything in under non-verbal SPEECH, one is ripe for the asylum. Define speech, as one wills, including writing and standard gestures, but it is a far cry from the kicking of a shin, the urinating against a hydrant, sailing a boat, sowing potatoes, or burning a good piece of dishcloth. When Mill produced his absurd paradox, he called it 'expression of opinion', yet he meant the linguistic ideative influence. We absolutely choose for his second part of the paradox, i.e. Free-Speak, but only on the condition that it is either a True Word, or presented as one's theory. Another matter is, of course, that it should not hurt anybody."

"But can truth EVER hurt Master?"

"Naturally it can. When you say: 'In my opinion (idea, theory, notion, etc.) (which can be true), Mr.A is not to be trusted with money or children', independent of whether the untrustworthiness is true, you damage Mr.A, although you have not lied, you indeed HAVE that idea. With regard to the flag, any flag, the truth is that the cloth has been produced by somebody's efforts, so that the use for dusting or dishwashing is all right, yet, willful burning is vandalism. Flags, as you know, just like national anthems, promote nationalism, therefore, ... WAR. Flag-waving is War-making."

196  Tao Stoic 196

"Is it not funny Master, to see how a child kicks a door that will not open or has hurt it?"

"Look at it carefully and see that when the dogs comes near, it kicks it as well, or even humans. It is the Ontogenetic side of the phenomenon. Doubtless, a Neanderthal man (Phylogenesis) would do the same. Xerxes punished the sea by whipping and branding it, Cyrus punished the Gyndes river (Herodotus), and even Plato had his 'Laws' to punish animals and objects. These were grown-up men! It is why the Third Law of Fundamental Ethics is so important AND recent, to be understood only by sane and wellbalanced Minds. 'Circumstances or other people (who are circumstances for you too), CANNOT alter your R & D's'. A door or a car has no R & D's, yet, it is stark stupidity to set fire to them when they fail to work. We should learn and teach that it is just as stupid and unjust to punish Mr.C, when Mr.B has offended us. Stupidity, when with regard to others ALWAYS violates R & D's."
"Master, when we spoke of a starting point of stupidity [170], you related Ontogenetic arguments. Is there not also a Phylogenetic approach?"

"Certainly there must be. Ontogenesis is but a necessary active Memory of phylogenesis. Mind, Ideation, has no other possibility open to it. It is then clear that the child, as well as the Neanderthal have but little occasion to be 'Really' stupid, rather is it the 'making of mistakes'. Even the superstitious, then, is not stupidity, not doing the opposite of what one knows should be done, but merely mistakes, i.e. doing the correct thing, the logical, yet based on a wrong idea. The Neanderthal, just like the kid, when he acts according to some god(s)' or sperrit's fancy, really 'knows' the sperrit to exist. He has not (yet) the mental ability to question, hence to seek proof and reject the ideas inherited from forefathers. But this, mark you, was before the need of the belly changed into a need for control over the individual (Spencer). The same acts, the same Ways of living though, in the 20th century, are not mistakes any more, but rank stupidity. They are based upon the very early: 'Decor prevails over usefulness'." [170]

"All right, young Po, teach me about this theoretical cell [174]."

"It is like this Master. Because we have agreed that it is alive, it is active, therefore it uses energy or at least chemicals. So, internally there must occur a depletion or a lacune of something. On the other hand it is the cell's 'Outside' where a re-pletion may be found."

"Perfect Po. But we can design a machine that keeps a box of marbles filled to a certain level, automatically. I do not seem to understand fully?"

"Because you interrupted me Master. I was going to explain that these depletions must 'hurt' the cell, and repletion must be pleasant. This, of course means 'emotion', and in its turn it means an 'Ego' that can have these emotive states. The dimension of an idea, therefore, is first of all an Ego-part, then an emotional colouring, and, of course, a Reality measurement."

"Excellent. I understand. Just forgive me my interruption, I wanted to play the ignorant pupil." [174]

"As we spoke of last time, Master, I mean the narcotised patient [178], I am certain that I am right. People can get killed by suggestions during narcosis, can't they?"

"True enough. The simplest physics seem to be not known yet. A person asleep, in coma, narcosis, or some other trance state, might have his eyes closed, thus he actually cannot see, i.e. not images, solely a red (Ganzfeld), diffuse light. Now, people are tempted to think that the same goes for the ears. As
if some plugs are inserted. Subconscious and even conscious intake may not be impaired at all. Often, because of the ‘general danger’ of the situation, the hearing may become thousandfold more acute. You know very well that sleep-conversion techniques work fine, therefore killing on the operation table too. Only, the cause of death [181], then, will NEVER be known. And, as you know too, hypnodynamic techniques have even terminated a chemical narcosis, yet nobody would try to predict anything under this head.” [178], [181]

200 Tao Stoic 200

"Since we have no blackboard here, Yong Ling, imagine a large rectangle filled with squirming dots. Each dot is a person, a citizen, it is overfull of them. Now add to it the knowledge that each person’s desires and interests clash with those of each other. What do you see?"

"Continuous fighting, tooth and claw existence, the bully is the boss, behold, it is our world Master!"

"Fine. Now think of a highly scientific solution for the problem in the rectangle."

"I would say: ‘Shut Up!’, and then point out a dot at random, and tell the lot to do only and always as he says. That’ll keep them quiet."

"Ah but then, you yourself are outside the rectangle, you can look on it as a whole, like some god or ‘sperrit’. Cannot you imagine that they all will complain about why they are not the chosen one’s? Try again but now with you one of the dots too, and from inside the rectangle, no sperrits."

"I would say [17]: ‘Let’s appoint 1000 random persons who will govern for a year. What they decide goes’.

"That is more like it. It is the ONLY scientific and sane solution for our world too. A Lottoocracy in which every day three persons are drawn out of the group of 45-year olds, to govern for 300 days. Yong Ling, you are on the right track, the Obvious Way."

201 Tao Stoic 201

"Master, I have been thinking about extraterrestrial communications, as promised [100]."

"Good. What is it you find?"

"First of all, since logic in ideation is universal, not merely mondial, the form of such an E.T. communication must be the same as one that we ourselves would send into space, given a degree of fundamental thinking and commonsense. Second, it must be based on the simplest principle, i.e. binary. Then, since it is unlikely that intelligent life in space can develop to a technical level, required for such communication, without the sense of sight, it is practically certain that the communication would be visual [41]. But, seeing the time intervals, thousands
of years, a question/answer system, a conversation, is ruled out. Therefore, the message will be complete and in the form of a lecture."

"Amazing! But why vision and not sound?"

"Because it is only by vision that you can start teaching, from scratch on, of any clever super-system, needed for complex ideation. Only by vision, e.g. can we teach our ridiculous alphabet, followed by our equally ridiculous grammar."

"Very good. You come, as would be expected, to the same conclusions as I did, and also as, ... and E.T. would. Thus we can expect, or could send-off, a range of +, and -, signals, grouped in blocks, squares of say, 2048 x 2048, or some other power of 2. But, probably, the separations between lines, and between 'pages', we would do by pauses. That's Natural. You see then, binary as it looks, it is in fact trinary." [41], [100], [207]

202 Tao Stoic 202

"Master, I have discovered what Seneca would think a wise Master like you would do."

"Indeed, I am curious."

"He says: 'I am writing down a few things that may be of use to them later generations', and also: 'I am pointing out to others the right path the Way, which I have recognised only late in life, ...' (Letters 8.5.). Is that not the learning and teaching process of a whole race, the human race? What you have learned when old, you put on paper for the young, then the race learns."

"But Epictetus was by far the wiser."

"I do not understand."

"He knew that it was useless to put things on paper, it would not be read. Ask 10, 000 persons whether they have read AND/OR practised Epictetus' wisdom EVER. Not one, I tell you. He was right 2000 years ago, we still have not learnt."

"But Master, this book here, in which you and we all speak, this very page!"

"I only did write it because catastrophe is so near, all mankind being on the verge of being wiped out. Epictetus and all Tao/Stoics, were only meant for happiness, no catastrophe looming like now. Nevertheless, this book too, will not be read, unless, maybe, a half or a three-quarter world-catastrophe occurs. Perhaps, ...".

203 Tao Stoic 203

"Always, you stress and emphasise the notion that Mind, Life, Idea is not a power, a force, energy, but a capacity, Master. I am not able to understand the full bearing of that."

"It is the difference between energy and form. It is very basic and sometimes confusing, as in catalysts, Ju Li."

"A catalyst Master?"
"Sometimes, it SEEMS that form is an equivalent of energy. One has a gas burner that usually is 'ignited' by a spark or some other flame, energy, yet, bring to it a simple blob of material with say, platinum in it and the gas is ignited without spark or flame. What is more, you can use the blob again and again. Still it would be an Un-True Word to say that the catalyst IS a force or energy. It would be better to say that the molecular form inside the catalyst 'forces' the gas molecules to ignite at room temperature. '...yet life is not itself a force; it is a capacity to use force for unique ends' (Schofield 6.). You see, just like Mind, the catalyst uses form to per-form physical possibilities that would other wise not happen. Be convinced, however, that not even Mind (catalyst) can alter the physical laws, only play-out the one against the other. Therefore, it must 'know'. The catalyst is a beautiful physical model of a Mind at work.”

204 Tao Stoic 204

"Master, I am still puzzled by the 4-th rule in Ethics, to live as one would like others to live.”

"Just what is your difficulty?"

"Well, parents violate the R & D’s of their children by teaching religious nonsense, superstitions and bad priorities that are a lifelong burden. They do so because they wanted their own parents to have done so. Thus, people want others to live so that they damage the selves and others.”

"Ah, but here you reason in retrograde. The parents DID not want their own parents to do so, only they whitewash it AFTERWARDS, because they, then, are already indoctrinatted. Thus, they also want their children to do the same, follow the flock. Do you see how important is a timely education in R & D’s, in Free Think, in sanity, Commonsense, True Words? Children cannot demand their rights from their parents, they are too young when they start off (minus 3/4 year).”

205 Tao Stoic 205

The Master taught Ideation Theory and Communication, and he said: "Be careful to distinguish between True Words as sentences, as messages, and as in the words-, the names-, themselves. Always think of a clear example like an official news-cast on t.v., radio or newspaper, that can be a True Word, a fact, yet, false internally. It could say e.g.: 'Yesterday, at the airbase of ..., peace activists were arrested etc. etc. ' The whole might be very true (time, place, arrest) and verifiable. Yet, these peace activists only SAY that they are peace lovers. In reality, they cause war. Read Polybius again on 'to cause' war, and 'to start' war. When you grasp that, you’ll realise that the last war (W.W.2) was started by Hitler, yet, CAUSED by the so-called peace-movements (Schwarzschild, Churchill etc. ). Remember that your opinion (idea, theory,
notion, concept, feeling etc.) can be truly your opinion, yet, by its falsehood, can even hurt people. Thus it is that in bringing you news, they also try to sell you falsehoods. Through study and commonsense, you might be able to recognise it, but only when you are alert. Don’t be windbaggered!"

206   Tao Stoic 206

"Master, is not it awful to realise that there are four (4!!) accidents involving nuclear weapons over the globe PER WEEK?"

"Would you expect something else in a crazy society where everybody is completely cuckoo?"

"But such a bomber, kilometers high up, desintegrating, only one bomb safely parachuted, the other crashed, five of the six safety devices undone, is that not frightening? And how many nuclear bombs and nuclear reactors rest on the sea-bottom, going lethal god knows when?"

"Only when a disaster is in the range of 10 or 100 million deaths, is there a chance of people waking up, starting to read: 'The World-Solution for World-Problems'. Why don’t you just enjoy living as long as it lasts? Believe me, there is nothing you or I can do against the resistance of proven fools, save study and being ready to teach scientific socio, the art of living together."

207   Tao Stoic 207

"Master, I overheard your conversation with Ling about communications with an E.T. [201. Why is vision so much more desirable than sound? Can we EVER produce Grieg’s piano concert in pictures?"

"That is not it. Your concert is pure emotional ideation, pure stroking of the Mind, not informative at all. A message has a different object, not to please but to share Truth. Vision then, is by far the most complex sense. Thus it carries the capacity of unlimited precision as well as all variety in messages. Not only can you teach by it how an E.T. could ‘re-produce’ Grieg’s concert up till the very construction of the grand piano, it can also make a Japanese firm produce whatever intricate piece of machinery or spare part you like, mainly from a mere piece of paper. Besides, vision makes the principle of ‘blinker’ very much better possible."

"But that is for stereoscopic sight, Master, E.T.’s might not have that."

"Do not forget what a housewife does when she wants to compare a particular shade of colour in dress or wool (Spencer). She brings a sample with her BUT ALSO holds it close to the desired. Thus the eyes can flash back and forth between the two, independable of stereoscopics. It cannot be done at a distance, nor from pure memory. Yet, remember, that comparison ALWAYS is a Time principle, just like the blinker. What does one do in order to compare two tones? One sounds the two alternatively, one AFTER the other. A Time sequence. The
longer the distance (in time, space, between the colours), the more difficult the comparison is.” [100], [201]

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"These newspapers and other media, why cannot they speak True Words master?"

"It is not in their interest to do so. What have you in Mind?"

"These yearly forest-fires. Always they say: 'due to the extreme hot and dry weather'. They never are. Temperatures NEVER approach the very lowest ignition levels thinkable. Fires should not start except for the rare cases of lightning or the rubbing of branches against each other."

"Indeed, lightning then, would have been known to have occurred and the branch rubbing seldom is effective enough. The causes are practically always 'Man', his stupidity, his criminal stupidity. Some people have invented the thrown away bottles or glass, acting as lenses. They are the people who have NEVER tried it. Indeed, it is always man who does it. Often accidentally, but lately as deliberate act because the modern fire-fighting systems are so impressive. Newspapers mention a sub-cause or rather an auxiliary sub-condition of the dry weather, in order to retain the news-ness of the phenomenon. Their fortunes depend on catastrophe, not on solutions."

209 Tao Stoic 209

"What about anti-semitism Master? Is it not found in Shakespeare, or in Huxley, long before the Nazis?"

"It never is a spontaneous ideational pattern, or seldom so. Sometimes it starts from mere hearsay, indoctrination, (mis)education, propaganda, suggestion, etc. to name but a few synonyms for ideational influence; sometimes it is a reaction i.e. an action caused by an action. Like war, the basic cause always is group-consciousness. The in-group ideation and the outgroup ideation.

When a person says (acts): 'I am a Jew', he is causing antisemitism, just as much as the person who says (acts): 'You are a Jew'. When a Polish migrant in the U.S.A. does not want to be American, but insists on remaining Polish, he starts it off all by himself. Often it takes two or more generations for good 'integration'. But then, afterwards, it is only a replacement of one group (Polish) by another (American). Clearly, the obvious and scientific conclusion must be to do away with ALL groups. This means a banning out of all religions and nationalities. In other words, a World-State, governing the World-Citizenry, that are free from sperritological theogonies, that are Free Think people, sane, safe and happy."

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4Suggestion for experiment. Take piece of land, put grass, heather, straw, wood-pulp, paper etc. on it. Strew over it broken and whole bottles and watch it. Note how many summers it takes (regular cleaning of the glass required) before, once, a burnspot or fire is produced.
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"The museum he Ptolemy set up in Alexandria was in effect the first university in the world. ... It was however a religious body only in form, in order to meet the legal difficulties of endowment in a world that had never foreseen such a thing as a secular intellectual process'. This is said in Wells' Outline of History. The Master spoke of it and compared it with the Church of the True Word.

"When people, like most, cannot imagine a Free Thinking person, with no 'Sperrits', you have not the choice of admitting your sanity. It then, remains a choice between insanities, between religious. Thus you tell them that you are of the Church of the True Word. As Epictetus says, you just clap your hands with the children."

"But when they ask who we worship, what then?"

"Then you say: 'Truth', see Seneca, who said 'What is true is my possession'. But in case they ask you to explain further, do as in Sinclair's book. Tell them that you are not allowed to discuss things with the non-initiated. It could damage the brotherhood of man. All that are True Words, you lie not, only speak in metaphors."

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Master, again a space vehicle is on its way outside the solar system. Again, it may be found by an intellect after a million years from now. They have put a record and player on it as a message to these intellects. This is just as stupid as one would expect. Why is it that on such a costly project, they cannot employ a real stupidologist, in order to prevent our stupidity to become known to the whole Galaxy?"

"Always remember the six-year old mentality of all people in socio Of course they would send off a record with the stupid wailings of a pop-bastard. They think it culture, art. Our stupidity shows in everything about us. What of a digital clock or watch? Everybody can see the utter stupidity of our time keeping. A 3-digital system, followed by a 10-digital that alternates with a 4-digital, followed by a 6-digital etc., enough to make all lunatics look like clever boys. Let not an E.T. press the button for the calendar because that again is out of this world, out of any thinkable world. Unless we have a WorldGovernment, there will NEVER be employment for a stupidologist."

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"Master, how is it that such an excellent mondial sociologist as H.G.Wells made such a confusion of determining the intelligence of primitive ancestors? He does not seem to grasp the fact that the cracking of a nut with a stone is purely animal, but the chipping of a stone into a hand-tool is purely intelligence, so that the two are incommensurate. Like other archeologists he takes skull volume or speech-organs as a criterion for intelligence."
"It is all because of a scientific arrest in the MindSciences, dating back to before Homer (Hesiod, Herodotus). We here follow Zeno’s: ‘That what is active / that what is acted upon’ to its logical conclusion, but more important, we follow Galenius’ strict division in vegetative-, animal-, and Intelligent ideation to its practical end. Hence, for us, there always are True Words and discussions of Mind, with clear conceptions of the three incommensurates. We do what real scientists ought to do always, i.e. Think Free, Define (systematise) and check with Reality. The scientific arrest was caused by a lack of these three criteria, hence, confusion. We, therefore, read Confucius, Mencius, the Taoists, Stoics etc. with completely different eyes, Mind-scientific eyes."

213 Tao Stoic 213

"Master, I am studying anthropogenics or, as in the Scientific American 1970 (Sept. p.78) the ‘Side Effects of Man’. What stupidity of mankind to allow AND participate freely in the total destruction of all life on the planet!"

"Very True. It is precisely therefore that we should NOT call it a side effect, but the main-, the only important-, lethal effect of man. All other effects, although very interesting for persons themselves, are mere child’s play. If, say, Brussel’s Sprout caused the extinction of the great reptiles, it was very bad for the reptiles, but there was plenty of life left to go on. I am not sorry for Mankind at all, only for the children, the birds, the bees, tulips and crocusses, that they have to go too. I, for one, would rather have it like the great reptiles, man killing himself, but plenty of life going one enjoying life. Man, the only enemy of nature! A good Tao/Stoic is not afraid of-, or unduly occupied with-, death, but naturally he is sorry for the innocent, that life that will also be wiped out."

214 Tao Stoic 214

"Have you not read in Diderot, Master, how one can eat a marble statue by making it eatable? One pulverises it very fine and then grows plants on it. These will absorb the material thus, when eating these, one eats also a little marble. What do you think of it?"

"First, a pulverised statue is not a statue. Second, it is a True Word in but a vague way. One must reason on atomic level, yet, that is the very excellence of all living things, namely, the atomic control, knowledge, and manipulation. Do, study the controversies with regard to: ‘milieu interieur / milieu exterieur’ or, the question ‘WHEN’ a particle of food (or Oxygen, water etc.) becomes part of the person, i.e. alive. It is very interesting. But you should also study the basic principles of the ‘surface / volume’ ratio. Through that, you gain insight in the possibility to cause an explosion by a marble statue."

"Is that then possible Master?"

"Indeed. By pulverising finer and finer, the surface / volume ratio gets so favourable that the particles have ample access to oxygen. When one makes
it into a dust cloud, a spark or flame could set off an explosion. All things in Nature hang together, as you know. It even has a bearing on the why it is important to masticate your food properly. But aside, Diderot was a Lucretian, one of those who was beginning to see the light of True Words, of the liberation from our absurd superstitions that rule our wretched lives."

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"Master, are you never really angry?"

"Happiness is, among others, defined by long duration. Like Seneca, I too remain human therefore admits to lose my temper now and then. Yet, certain ideas cannot but evoke very sad and, if you will, angry thoughts in me. When I think of what is being done to children for instance. The murder, maiming, selling, robbing, sexual abuse, the ‘Sejanus’ children, cannot leave a decent person untouched, Tao/Stoic or not. Imagine only the thousands of children of 2 or 3 that are the victims of satanic rituals, all over the world! The rare cases brought before justice or police, are being wiped from the table because they are ‘impossible’, while we all know that children can invent and fantasise almost everything EXCEPT what they then report.

We have institutions for the rights of man, for the rights of animals, for the rights of children even, and what do they teach and proclaim? Century old TRADITIONS. What kid-stuff-society, society of grown-ups?"

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"Today, Master, I watched a movie that was a great success in its days, because it was simply trash."

"There is much to be learned from trash too."

"It was the film: ‘Bus Stop’, a story about a 40 inch sexbomb, a battleship with two turrets in the blouse, ‘milk-paps’ as Shakespeare would say. Funny he would call it milk-paps, not milk-mams or so."

"Probably after ‘pappile’ or so. But did you learn? Did you see a man who had absolutely no regard for other people’s rights. He starts singing in a bus without the permission of ALL the other passengers, he just TAKES a girl that awakened his lust and so on. Then, did you see this rodeo business, the lowest form of entertainment that man can think of? These so-called wild horses that they are supposed to master (control), are not real wild horses. No! They are terrorised animals. Always notice the rope or string over the hind-quarters of the poor beast. Indeed, they have tied a tight knot about their genitals in order to make the ‘sport’ at all possible. Thus it is that one can learn from trash. The True Word that man is far inferior to animals. So far below, that it often is beyond the wildest imagination."
"Master, this is Shu Ler, and he wants to tell you how he got to liberate himself and became a Free Think."

"I am pleased to hear about it."

"Well, sir, it all started when somebody called my religion a superstition. I objected to that, so he told me to try and define superstition, in contrast to religious belief. I thought it over for a long time and found that we ONLY call a system of beliefs either religious truth or superstition, on the force of a small or great number of adherents in our immediate environment. Thus the very same ideas can become promoted from superstition to religion, simply through the number of adherents adhered."

"You could have got that impression from Hobbes or Locke, what next?"

"Then I gained the insight that what one regards as true, as 'the' true religion, is only that what one had the fortune to be born in, i.e. brought up in, i.e. not a shred of REAL proof for truth whatsoever."

"Indeed, you understood, then, that when such basic different ideational systems exist, each being defended as true, one might as well think about factual proof instead of mere emphasis, hearsay, thus start with neither of them being true. Excellent Shu, I think you'll feel at home here, in our 'Church of the True Word'."

"Master, the uniqueness of every living individual, is that not shared by the pebbles on the beach?"

"Indeed it is. But in living things it is used for Natural Selection. Without it, no selection. You know of course, that Wells (Outline) calls the 'Survival of the Fittest' a misnomer, that it should be the 'Fitter'. Even then, 'survival' is wrong. There is absolutely no survival. No living thing survives. All die. It only means that a good mutation can adapt itself the better, thereby live (statistically) longer, hence more offspring (that have the same tendency). Often it is good to observe how even scientists do not speak precise words, it becoming no more than a sloganisation."

"I spoke with Mo De the other day, Master. What a silly man he is. He is proud of being fashion-conscious, a voluntary slave therefore, and he swore by democrazy."

"Fashion-prone people, are complete write-offs. Cicero had the most utter contempt for voluntary slaves. See these headless chicken that suffer from the Char-syndrome, from tattooing compulsion, their drilling of holes in ears and noses, the population for which advertising is at work. You did not try to
convince the man of the True Words that democrazy, like all systems of government, is in fact a dictatorship? Dictatorship of the majority or dictatorship of a minority."

"Indeed not. He thinks dictatorship despicable and opposes it to democracy of which he thinks the world."

"You and I know the True Words for government, sane government, as being the proper choice between all forms of dictatorships i.e. the representative government, plutocracy, imperialism, monarchy, absolute democracy, tyranny, and the last and only word, Lottoocratic dictatorship. Many people, like Mo De, are just too small, too little for you to try and reason sanity into them."

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"Master, this story about the lady who heard voices from the vacuum cleaner, is that a True Word story?"

"Indeed it is. I saw the letter from the pseudiatrist to the policeman myself."

"A policeman Master, what had he to do with it?"

"Oh you don’t know the details? It was the triumph of late 20 st century pseudology. The pseudiatrist wrote to the policeman asking him to do something about it because he himself could not. The policeman, a big, fatherly figure, in uniform, went to her house, accompanied by the most hefty looking wrenches, hammers and screwdrivers. He fiddled about with the vacuum cleaner, the washing machine and so on. Then, he assured the lady that it was all over, and lo ... it was.

You are right not to believe a story like that. I would not believe it from my best friend if it not happened that this friend showed me the letter. The pseudiatrist, probably, earned twice the salary of the policeman, yet, both are supposed to help people, the tax-payers, and it was the policeman only who did. The pseudiatrist was better kicked into some factory to do running belt work.

People who suffer from such complaints, and of the sly neighbours who drill holes in the walls in order to inject poisonous gas in it, are far better helped by an old hand of a policeman than by a pseudiatrist, when a True Word Mind-Scientist is not available. That is the Way."

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"Master, again, there is famine threatening in Ethiopia. Why cannot man come to terms with his environment on the planet?"

"It is the crooked Way of thinking. When you say: 'There is too little food for the people' it is different qua thought from: 'There are too many people for the food'. The latter indicates the mondial problem of overpopulation, the mondial solution of the One-Pro-Mille of population idea. Thus, the ten-year old Ethiopian boy you feed today, possibly trebles the same problem in ten
year's time by procreation, yet, you cannot condition the food hand-out to a no-procreation order, unless ALL the world citizens are under the same condition. This, naturally, demands a WORKING world-government, that enforces a 'one child per couple per life' policy for ALL people. Malthus in his time was alert to the fact that the handing-out of food gives a power to the hander-out. This power should not demand anything else from the famine stricken than what ALL citizens are under on the planet. A world-government should guarantee a 'one square meal a day' to all citizens, yet demand 'no more kids than one per couple'. The people of Ethiopia have the basic right to be helped in their plight, and we all have the right to a decent world-government. That is the Way with fundamental ethics."

"You know, of course, Ling, that one should avoid a mob, even such a peaceful looking mob as shopping people. Such a peaceful mob can be turned into a furious one in one second. In shopping, though, you may take the risk since you 'know' of the workings. But avoid at all cost, as if it were the plague, those shops or shopping centers where they play so-called music from speakers in the ceiling."

"Why would that be Master?"

"In shops like that, they care not a rap about your rights, hence this caterwauling that you have to put up with. When they do not care a rap about your rights, they will easily start on the dirty business of sub-liminal suggestion (ideation). They may command you, without your knowing it, to buy only the expensive articles, not to steal, and even to buy things you would never have thought of buying in your life."

"Is that possible Master?"

"Naturally it is. When you find you have bought a silly product, like a toilet product for ladies, you can be certain that sub-liminal suggestion was in play. It HAS happened you know. While you still have control over you NOT going into the shop, you will lose it by going in. I know there are some sorts of laws against the use of it, but, typical for the general craziness, they cannot be enforced, the act cannot be detected when done cleverly. Avoid, avoid, I say, keep to the Way."

"The old Monkey war is still going strong, Master, the creationists trying to get the law on their side against the scientists. Here is the Daily Telegraph of July 31 1989."

"Ah, but have you seen the 'Nature' of 28 April 1988 (332 page 774)? There is a good argument in it. The reasoning goes as follows.
'If some god has created life, so far so good. But who created that god? You might say: he did it by himself, but then, why cannot life has done the same?'

Order in Nature, has often been used as a proof of an orderer, a god, but since we know that it is WE that make the order, this proof is invalid. It is the old confusion of causes with effects and vice versa, of effects with causes that is in play here. Why do colours NEVER clash in Nature? Not because Nature has such admirable sense for harmony, but because WE have developed in a Nature with no other combinations. OUR aesthetical appreciations are caused by Nature itself, and we can make colour clash, only, when we use UN-Natural combinations. Is it not thoughtful of Nature not to allow the harmful ultra violet rays to penetrate the atmosphere? No. We have evolved on a planet that was not bathed in these harmful rays. The Way, sometimes, may be thought well, while traveling in the opposite direction.'

"How silly, Master, those weather experts who still call themselves 'meteorologists' instead of 'meteologists'. They have nothing to do with meteors."

"What would you expect in a society of grown-up children, or rather children playing grown-ups? How happy they are with a new fangled fashion word! These 'high profile', or 'counterproductive', the use of 'workaholic' for work-addict, and so on. With a few exceptions, even scientists are only PLAYING scientists. Remember the heart-fallacy and the eye-fallacy too, in many writers."

"I do not understand."

"Practically all writers, high-class or not, use the heart, an ordinary blood-pump, for the organ of feeling, 3000 years after Hesiod. It is only symbolic, therefore not wrong, at the least ridiculous. But with the eyes, it is downright stupidity. The eyes are sensors, they receive only, receivers of physical stimuli. When you regard them, in all seriousness, as stimulators, as senders of physical stimuli, you are stupid. Homer's Athene with the flashing eyes, is excusable, being 3000 years old, but what of Huxley. A, Forster. C.S, Chesterton. G.K, May. K, Christy. A, and so on? They all write 'AS IF' something comes out of the eyes, instead of something going into them. Place a board before your head with one hole in it of 2 cm. Let people guess whether the eye behind it looks: flashing, sad, dul, angry, interested, furious, cloying etc. Even when it is an artificial eye you get the same answer, either: I don't know, which is a True Word, or: all kinds of nonsense, invented on the spur of the moment. This, now, is the Way with people, meteorologists included."

"Master, you used the example of a catalyst [203], but can you explain to me the purely physical workings of such a blob of material?"

"I can at least try Ju Li. Imagine a billiard table with balls on it. It is
certain that whatever you do with the cue, you can never get more energy in
the balls than you put-in-to them. And because of friction, all movements will
die out with time. Not so with the gas you set upon to ignite. The sum-total
of the collisions and energy is always the same, and is called the temperature.
Now think of making the billiard table in a triangle and smaller and smaller, till
molecular level. Still it remains true that the sum-total of the energies of the
atom-balls, will be constant, i.e. not enough to ignite, to compound, to make
a bond between oxygen and hydrogen, giving water. But we have forgotten
something now. On that tiny scale, the rims of the billiard table ALSO consist
of moving, vibrating balls-atoms. When the scale is large it does not effect very
much. On the molecular level the masses of the vibrating rim molecules can
trap a couple of the gas molecules i.e. form, into such a small space that the
hammering of the rim atoms deal out enough energy to well them together, to
combine. This is ignition. It releases more energy than what was hammered
into them, an exoterm reaction. So it ignites the whole lot. You can now see
the principle of a physical catalyst, like a human sculptor, who hammers a piece
of stone into a beautiful (Diderot) statue. He uses the Order of things for his
own ends, HIS Order. He is just a catalyst!” [203]

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"Master, what you are doing is just wait for a catastrophe that is big enough
(say, 100 million lives) to make people interested in a sane organisation of society,
a World-Government, is that not so [154]?

"Behold no. I am too busy with living and my study to 'just wait'. What
is going to happen does not worry me at all. That is the Tao/Stoic for you.
What I have to do, naturally, is to put science on paper, in other words, make it
available when required. That is all there is to it. This book and 'The WorldSo-
olution of World-Problems' are no more than availabilities, capacities, (catalysts,
ideas), not party-propaganda, indoctrination, advertisement. Nothing more can
be asked of a scientist. One cannot, as Epictetus has it, force the solution down
their throats. When such a large catastrophe should occur, it is only advantage-
ous for mankind, no cause for grief. Mankind, then can study, learn and act.
But ten to one, such a catastrophe will be slightly larger, comprising 5 milliard,
i.e. me and you. Yet, I am not worried, and not just waiting.” [154]

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"Master, I have a very difficult question for you.”

"Shoot Ling.”

"It is about organ transplantations. Normally they have to shut down prac-
tically the whole immune system. Can it not be done selectively by ideational
influence, i.e. only for the transplantate, nothing else?”
"I am not going to answer this one for you Ling. You are perfectly capable of answering it yourself."

"I thought I could Master, but then I doubted. It seemed too fantastical."

"You do make me curious Ling. Tell me your answer."

"I held that it is theoretically possible to command the Mind to accept the foreign organ as one's own, but remain alert for all other foreign and infectious matter."

"Excellent! But is it more fantastic to you than a digital wristwatch that keeps time for years, even complete with leapyeers, to a Galileo? You answered correct, a True Word. It is only fantastic that our scientists are still not studying Mind, 3000 years after Homer (Hesiod, Herodotus etc.). Now, there's a good boy, give me a definition of Immunity."

"Immunity is an IDEATIONAL pattern of physico-chemical acts, serving as measures against a foreign body or malfunctioning cell, threatening life."

"You see, the Way is in the fourth word, a True Word. We shall print it in capitals." [48]

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"Master, I heard some young pupils discussing a lecture by you, and they mentioned the Chocky principle. I simply do not know it."

"Oh, it is nothing other than what grown-up pupils call 'Fundamental Thinking'. It is from Wyndham's book of that name and gives easiest access to young minds. They like the book and so would you Ling. You see, I use it to teach them not to be afraid to question all our customs and our so-called civilised logic. I would start for instance with a sequence in fundamental-, science-fictional-, thinking: Since the motorcar is far too high a price on our world, we abolish it completely. Then, some would deduce that we should use electric cars only. But this would mean the use of electricity (powerplants etc.). Thus, clearly, the problems are not solved, only slightly shifted about. I then give them the science-fictional solution, in order to show the trick, and therefore how the problem is in us, our overpopulation, our insanity, our waste, not in the physics. I would say: We have a satellite in orbit around the Sun. It radiates energy in such a harmless way that a receiver, the size of a matchbox, gives enough power for an automobile, two of them for trucks, ships, aeroplanes, blast furnaces etc. Are the problems solved???

No Way!!! We might have cleaner water, clearer air, but will soon experience an addition of, say, a 5 percent of energy to the Natural solar radiation, and this will kill us all, just as certainly. Thus the pupils learn, never to tackle a problem by shifting it about, but always to Think Fundamentally. It may be of help, then, to fantasize in science-fictional manner and see how a clever E.T. would appreciate it. That E.T. now, is a Chocky, Ling. Free-, and Fundamental Think."
"Master, 'The Gentle Way' does it mean something to you?"

"Certainly Ge Sin K. It is the characteristic name for Judo, the Ju principle."

"Yet one can observe the most violent banging on the mat by a human body. Is that gentle?"

"It is the most natural form of play. It has animal equivalents in the play of the young cats, dogs, bears and so on. Young boys do it 'Naturally' when they are good friends, when not, they hit, kick and bite. There is the boxing for you, a low type of sport, not play."

"Just what is the gentleness then in 'Ju' Master?"

"Look, when a big bully deals you a strong push or shove, you may escape by a very swift sidestep. This is natural, so, the bully more or less expect it. The Gentle Way, now, goes a step further. You not only sidestep swiftly, but you also PULL the opponent in the direction he PUSHES. This is so totally UNexpected that he overbalances, loses all command, even flies through the air. That is the principle of Ju."

"Has it a bearing on us, on life, on Mind?"

"Naturally so. The Tao Te Ching is full of not resisting but actively cooperating in order to prevail. In Kung Fu (54): 'You must wait for the moment, for at the right time, all may be reached.' In our example, you do not attack the bully, nor even provoke him, but sooner or later, WHEN he will push you, it is your time to act. You act gently and it will suffice for conquering him. This is The Gentle Way."

"Master, why do you always tell us that books, even with the greatest nonsense in them, should not be burned because they may make us think? Was it not far better indeed, to tell us what books not to read, even take them out of the library? In that way, we can concentrate on True Words."

"Great Scott! Would you like the Church of the True Word, to even resemble that of e.g. Islam, Roman Catholic and so on? Says not Sherlock Holmes: 'One’s ideas must be as broad as Nature if they are to interpret Nature' (Doyle, Scarlet)? And then in Wyndham’s Outward Urge. 'There is many a flower which would not be growing if the dung had not happened to fall where it did'.

It is why ALL of you are free to read ANY books you can lay your hands on. If you ask me advice, I will give it. But no ‘Verbot’, no banning, banishing, burning."

"But what if one of the young ones gets converted to a superstition; sperrits, pseudoanalysis, democrazy, or even parapseudology?"

"There is not much chance of that. We would have failed in a colossal Way. Can you imagine that? We are the best!"

"Indeed, Master, I am completely satisfied now. Let all books stay."
"Tell me a True Word, Master, about whether women are more stupid than men, less so, or just the same."

"My god Ling, we are right here, sitting in a book. It might be read by somebody and then, ...

"But none of us here is afraid of death master."

"Indeed, but that is no reason to ask for it. Yet, all questions should be answered, and truth must prevail. Have you not enough insight in stupidogenesis, do you not know the very basis of stupidity then?"

"Certainly master, from Spencer and many others. I know it to be when one shoves useability, usefulness aside and let decor, applause prevail."

"Well, this utter servility, this voluntary slavery and revelling in humble submission to: 'what the others want you to do', the fashions, the whims of crazy fashion-makers, do you find it more in men than in women? I would guess that women are a thousand times more prone to voluntary slavery than men. Ergo, since this is THE definition and criterion for stupidity, ... you can give the answer yourself. The answer will not be to the liking of the feminists, may even be not very complimentary, but that is not because it is an UNTrue Word, but because they show it everywhere in their stupid pride. That is it. They are even more stupid because they like it. Men are always unhappy when they find themselves stupid. It is a Way, a Way of Life, Women's logic! See Lucetta's: 'I think him so because I think him so' (Shakespeare)."

"Master, in one of our discussions about the failure of the League and the United Nations, there was a detail I want to clear up [177. You spoke of saving thousands of lives on D-Day."

"Is not that obvious? Standardisation was the first intelligent act of man (language). It has proved its efficiency in every Way since then. On D-Day and later, there was but the crudest, most primitive attempt at standardisation. Three or four different rifles with different ammunition, pistols and revolvers in all shapes, vehicles in the most utter confusion, the same for artillery and anti-tank weapons. Different systems of signals, of food, of payment, of clothing, equipment and so on. These also caused the same confusion and waste in transport, loading, unloading, and clogging on the beeches. It is a wonder that they came as far as Caen. Besides, most German arms were known to be superior. The men were keen on getting hold of a German Panzerfaust, because it worked. Now, what would one do in planning such a dangerous operation as a landing on a hostile beech in the teeth of a professional army?"

"I would THINK first Master."

"Indeed, and before you go and standardise, you decide what are the best instruments. Why not then copy the German rifle, Panzerfaust, 88 artillery etc. AND provide the WHOLE army with them? But first, why not integrate the
army first of all, into a 'World-Army', an INTEGRATE? Even up to the smallest unit, the army could have consisted of the proper mixture of Americans, Canadians, British, French, Poles, Dutch etc. who ALL spoke the same language, had the same equipment, pay, food, signals, and so on. One would think that in 1944, they at least could have learned from the astonishing results of 1939, the German tactics in Air/Ground and Tank/Infantry CO-OPERATION! *

And then the stupid applause competition between generals. Fighting for the news media indeed. It all was a ridiculous demonstration of stupidity, but luckily the casualty figure on the first days was not so high."

"Not so high Master? I'd say that..."

"Not so high as the casualties that were needlessly sacrificed at the Arhem stupidity." [177] (*) For stupidology of W.W.2. see also: Hastings, M. 'Overlord', Liddell Hart, B.H. 'The Second World War', Bryan, C. 'One Bridge Too Far', etc. etc.

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'Not to understand a man's purpose does not make HIM confused.' Kung Fu (44). "It is admirable how Master Po sometimes has to teach the most basic True Words to quite grown-up pupils. Of course, other persons have different Minds, therefore their actions and thoughts may puzzle us. But just as obvious is the fact that most people are stark stupid, hence act that way. It is all the more reason for the study of stupidology. Thus, one may be able to decide whether it is mere stupidity or purposeful with a hidden logic behind it.

It is not enough to understand the fact that all actions always have the purpose, the main drive of Control behind it. This control can easily be located in different planes. There is e.g. the basic stupidity (See Spencer's first sentence, Essay), of decor prevailing over useability. Given that, the most absurd actions like auto-mutilation, get a logic of itself. It is stupid, it is logic, it is control, yet this may escape you totally when not versed in stupidology, and thus, Mind-Science. It is the Way, to learn the stupid Way of others."

234 Tao Stoic 234

"Well, Tos Ti, what are you reading?"

"It is a science-fiction Master, not science."

"Ah but you know that the good variety, those by serious and be-studied authors, are often more instructive than all the so-called handbooks for pseudology."

"I know Master, but I am trying to establish the value of this book in that respect. The author introduces a person who is able to stop time for a while so he himself can do things like stealing etc. without being caught."

"You know that 'existence', 'to be', is a time criterion, therefore, is complete stoppage of time an impossibility. It would mean NON-existence. I presume
that he only slows down time a bit, for the others, not for himself.”

"That is true Master, although he does not say so. Some of the persons, in their frozen state, are able to see flashing movements, therefore they have a little time still. I will finish the book and tell you whether you too might enjoy it.”

"I trust that you are well aware when I do and when I don’t. So much do you know of my Ways.”

235 Tao Stoic 235

"Death, Master, is unstructuring with nothing (of Life) left. How can one best imagine that?"

"Life is only a capacity, is therefore basically nothing material. Imagine a long corridor with plenty of doors giving on to it, right and left. All this, then, is matter, is physics. Now suppose a sequence of some sort, say, 'all left doors open alternatively, all right doors open in alternate groups of 3, 2, 3, 2, the black keys of the piano. The same material is there now, i.e. energy, matter, physics, but now the capacity of the whole, the capacity to move about, is according to a precise sequence of the doors. If this precise sequence, now, is Life, all others not, it is clear that Life itself can be destroyed or simply be ended by just making the sequence different, random even. Nothing material has been added, but this precise, special sequence is no longer. This is Death, the unstructured or differed structure that was once Life, Emotion, Ideation, and all other synonyms.”

236 Tao Stoic 236

"What is wrong with sociologists Master?"

"First look at physics.”

"Physics Master? What on Earth has that to do with them?"

"Sociologists study ‘as if’ it was physics. In physics, one studies ‘what is’ (Houyhnhnms) and decidedly NOT, what one would like it to be. Think of food. First one thinks of what one likes, only after, does one think of what (where) IS. A sociology of what is, is mere history scripture, we need no sociology for that. On the other hand, when one describes socio as what it is AND what it would better be, one needs careful study of the possibilities (is Mind-Science) and of desirabilities. Wells was such a mondial sociologist cum historian (Outline).

Our sociologists do not study Mind first thus they can only describe what is, and that to their own eyes. But their eyes are not versed in True Words about Mind, and Mind-Possessing Man. They are mentally blind.”
Teaching stupidology, the Master arrived at simple Ordening Theory, and he said: "You may observe that most people are perfectly satisfied with only one step over Chaos. This goes for many scientists as well. Maybe, there is some local improvement on this sole step somewhere in history, yet, the second step, the well-thought-out professional and scientific Order, is always missing."

"Could you give an example Master?"

"Look at our time-reckoning, our system of positioning on the globe, our arithmetic, counting system, our geometry, our U.D.C.- and I.S.B.N.- systems, or our alphabet. Let me explain the latter. No matter where it originates from, the fact is that it does not cover ALL speech-sounds. Then, it has different symbols for the same thing, 'ph' for 'f', it has doubles, and it uses separate symbols for twosomes and threesomes, though, only for a few of them. Apart from the 12 ways to scribe the 'i' sound, there is the 'c' that sounds either as k or as s superfluously. There is the 'x' which is ks, but nothing for pt, ls, tr, yet, the 'j' is in reality a composite sound of dzy. Then, the 'th', like 'c' and 'x', could easily be scrapped, because it does not sound like t nor like h or whatnot except in (river) Tems. In the whole system, as in most, the only consistency of man is his stupid inconsistency. A decent E.T. or Chocky, would make us Earthlings the laughing stock of the universe." [67], [118]

"Students, Master! They even do not trouble to switch-off their screens when finished with them. So you can see one or two of them in a large room with 15 or 20 X-ray stoves all in action. Don’t they know that these terminals, like all tv. screens produce X-rays?"

"Probably not, even when students of physics. Do not expect grown-up sanity and reason in students. They are just kids. Physicists, medics, psychologists, they all know for instance that high-level noise, 103 dB, damage hearing for life, yet, students in these faculties freely expose themselves to it in the so-called disco’s. I heard an old professor of medicine say that his hearing, despite his 70 years of age, was still superior to that of most of his students, especially in the high frequencies, the slight hissings in the stethoscope. Kids from the so-called civilised world, would hesitate to cut off a finger or hand. It is too bloody. But for all other auto-mutilations it is ‘anything goes’. They freely inject, sniff or smoke the most damaging poisons (and don’t tell me they are not aware of it), they cut holes in earlobes or noses, they destroy skin-cells by the thousands in tattooing, so why not destroy hearing or go and sit in a room full of superfluous X-ray generators? All in all, I think that they are fully entitled to extinguish themselves, I even advocate it so as to leave more room for the sane, clever, exceptions. What has not life, what wants not life, what destroys life, just let it go."
239  Tao Stoic 239

"It is about time, somebody did some experimenting with children and adults."

"Master, you shock me. You have always been an enemy of the experimenting and testing business, the Psammetricians, the pseudological bungling!!!"

"Indeed, in order to know Reality, there is no harm in experimenting. It is part and parcel of science. Besides, the line between 'experimenting' and 'go and observe' is very hazy at least. I have grave objections against stupid tests, and harmful tests in Mind-Science, i.e. the pseudological bungling. My dictum is: 'When you do not know what (harm) you are doing in experimenting WITH HUMANS, when not versed in Mind-Science, stay away from at least children and the unhappy'. Yet, we, are careful and well versed in Mind."

"What experiments do you propose then?"

"Well, the earliest systematic logic that man learns, is the standardisation of sounds for ideas, the language. Now, most western languages are wholly ILLOGICAL per se, English, German, Spanish etc. Yet, there is one (or perhaps there are more) of exceptional beautiful-, logical-, consistency, aesthetics even, and that is Turkish. Therefore, Turkish children learn an almost strict logic as babies, whereas all the others learn an absurd-, inconsistent un-logic. We should try out how this influences; no, not standard thought, but creative thought, Lateral Think."

"You are right, Master. It, then, is needless to say that we should not adopt the fallacies of pseudological testing, i.e. the measuring of TIME. These pseudologists always measure the Time taken for a task, the number of tasks in a Time interval, or the number of mistakes under pressure of Time. Let's not hear anything of that in our case Master."

"In this, you are totally correct of course."

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"Master, the sex drive, being the normal basic pursuit of control, is not different from hunger and thirst, is not that so?"

"Basically it is, yet, there is a world of gigantic differences between the two."

"I don't understand."

"Hunger and thirst are basically pure bodily demands. The body demands, and a long delayed satisfaction causes death. Not so with human sexuals. You don't die from not copulating. While in the animal kingdom, the sexual demand too, is purely body (although not lethal when denied), in the human beast, the urge is ideational and therefore may easily reach into insanity. Nonfulfillment is absolutely harmless, as in animals, yet, the Mind can become totally destroyed, getting far and far below any animal thinkable.

Hence, it is, for us, so necessary to teach acknowledgement of the basic bodily needs, like hunger and thirst, but an education also for an UTTER control over the ideational drives that are so keen to control US up till insanity level. Of
necessity, one cannot teach this without teaching True Words about CONTROL itself.”

241 Tao Stoic 241

"There was a weatherman on t.v. last night, who told us that in parts of Spain, the amount of rain in a week surpassed the monthly mean by ten times. Yet, not a sound of worry. It is still thought that the changes in climate through man’s stupidity, would be something of the future. No word of the One-Pro-Mille necessity, Master.”

"Certainly there is a general soothing over of the calamity everywhere. Imagine it happening to us, here, and in the form of snow!"

"I do not understand."

"Take our flat roofs, for instance. They are designed for a calculated snow-load, there is a safety factor, but is it a margin of ten times? Then, think of the elderly people in their small separate bungalows. Have they food enough for two weeks isolation? Do they know of the oxygen that the heater uses up, and that is blocked entrance by a meters high blanket of snow? As always, due to our stupidity, the giant numericality, catastrophe is always just around the corner. The media know nothing of this, they can only soothe it away."

242 Tao Stoic 242

"Master, I have started on Wells’ ‘Passionate Friends’ again.”

"Good. Is there anything conspicuous in it Ling?"

"How CAN you ask Master. All of Wells’ works are brimful of them. But let me quote a doubtless familiar passage: 'But Stephen', she says; 'if none of these things Sperrits are really true, why do they keep on telling them to us? What IS true? What are we for? What is Everything for?"

So you can see, Master, how early the kiddies are made crazy by the mis-education of superstition. The last two questions are in Reality NON-EXISTENT! What are you for? Answer: For You. What is Everything for? Answer: for you and the other you’s.

What insane and heavy burden on conscience do these superstitious parents load on their own shoulders by teaching superstition to their offspring!

They are made unorganised, unorganisable, for life. How can one organise his own life when he is not aware of the very basics of life?"

"Indeed, when you are further in the book, you’ll see that it is an admirable sketch by Wells of a totally unorganised man. One who does not even recognise the paradox-, the confusion-, in his own Mind and behaviour of: ‘I want to make you happy’ plus (as well as, simultaneous etc.) the: ‘I want to possess you wholesale’. His whole life is wrecked by the insane obsession with an unattainable goal, the possession on one specific woman. Indeed, the whole book is full of wisdom between the lines, Seneca, Epictetus, etc. etc. Yet, it is a mere novel,
a story, for those, not expert in Mind, in the knowledge of Control, and it is pure gold, jewelry, for earnest Mind-Students."

243 Tao Stoic 243

"The other day, Master, I listened to a so-called scientific program on the B.B.C. What I gathered from the presentator, was that there were three subjects, interesting to me, under discussion. All three had to do with scientists in India. Would you believe it, I could not understand the three scientists at all. Some words here and there told me they were speaking English in a pidgin like way. Why cannot they at least try to speak R.P.? Is that so difficult? And that for a LAX language?"

"But they don’t want to. They do it on purpose. Just to get a little of their own back from the usurper, the perfidious Albion. The French do that too. When one can make the proper sound in ‘ask’, it must be possible to prolong the ‘a’ sound for at least half a minute, so they could easily make it 3 or 4 times as long as they do in their garbled speak. When a Frenchman pronounce ‘wronkuh’ he could easily leave the last part out, make it ‘wrong’. They all do it on purpose.

Then, of course, the B.B.C. does not care a rap for the nonnative listeners, the message, they could easily have it read out by the presentator. By refusing the pidginers to get on the air, they might induce them to care for R.P. speak. After all, communication stands and falls with understandability, by the use of standard speak, AND the sticking to it. This should be obvious to people who (think they) have anything to say, scientists for instance. But as I said, the B.B.C. does not care for you, for me, and for all the other non-natives."

244 Tao Stoic 244

"Memory, Master, a worm even can learn to avoid undesirable circumstances, is that now also, one of the synonyms for ideation you told us about?"

"Well, you used ‘learn’, ‘avoid’, ‘undesirable’ which are all synonyms for ideation, yet, when you replace them in the sentence by idea, it is plain nonsense, ‘even a worm can ideate to ideate ideational etc.’. The original sentence was meaningful (another synonym) because you used all these synonyms (memory, learn, etc.) as if they were different and not aspects only of the same thing.

When you think of the Mind as having many functions, many different principles, like: understanding, memory, learning, emotion, purpose, meaning, attitude, classification, recognising, comparison, dividing, adding, planning, etc. etc. you may only marvel at the complexity of Nature, but it is not true. There is one, and only one, step from physics to life. That step is Mind. Why should that one step consist of 15 or more incomparable steps, taken as one singular by Nature? Nature takes one step at the time. On the other hand, qua language, qua giving names, symbols, to different thoughts about the same thing, yet,
aspects only, it is WE that make the divisions. It only takes a clear Mind to recognise the seemingly, verbally, difference as all fundamentally the same one, i.e. ideation. When a Mind gets an idea of a part of Reality, it is AFTER the encounter, therefore IS also memory.

Now, this idea of necessity, also has a bearing on the wellbeing of the person, therefore the idea ALSO is emotion. Clearly, it is ideal as solution for a Mind-Study, to rope in all linguals, together in one principle and declare: Mind consists only of the activity of ideas. Then, we can decide what sorts of dimensions or aspects an idea has. EVERY idea that is.”

245  Tao Stoic 245

"Why is it, Master, that such a highly scientific journal as 'Nature' often find acceptable, the scribblings about creationism? Nature.

"They must be practical jokes Mei Ling. It is easy to see this from a letter from, ... a Mr.Rather, a pseudonym of some member of the staff, no doubt Nature.”

"But some people might take it seriously! They would not see the joke in it, especially since the days of Mr. Bryan, the courtcase of Tennessee. These were real.”

"Indeed they were. But suppose you are a producer of some milk-chocolate. You have a subscription to a specialists magazine for milk-chocolate producers. How would it be if there was an article in it about steel-concrete? Naturally you would recognise it as something out of your sphere and outside the taste of the journal itself. In the same way, it is the Way with serious scientists who read in their journal, about an untestable-, unlikely-, belief in 'spirits', superstition, a giant undetectable force or influence. All science, and in fact all ideation, always, starts off with a belief, a hunch first. Then, science will test it against Reality. When there is a confirmation through variation, prediction etc. the scientist will NOT say that it is a True Word, but that the likelihood has improved the belief into a theory. It explains more than former theories. There is Darwin for you, Ling, it is what he said; only a theory, not (necessarily) truth. He followed it up by stating that he would give it up when a better one appeared. All this, is science, and is not possible with unprovable beliefs, ergo, not to be found in a specialised scientific journal. When it does appear, like the correlation between stork numbers and birth-rate Nature it is meant as a joke, just to make a scientist grin. Don’t tire yourself out with it Ling, there is plenty of real science in Nature, as well as in 'Nature'.”

246  Tao Stoic 246

"One still can encounter these documentaries on t.v., Master, that speak of democracy. In one, I was shocked to learn that democracy was invented and used first by the Greeks!”
"This misconception is well established. You will find also that there is no question of giving a definition of the word, nor of a testing of the Reality against the definition. Thus, it always comes back to name-giving and then assuming that the phenomenon is so obliging as to change itself after the definition. Usually, democracies mean that the people rule, which is majority rule, therefore a dictatorship of the majority. As one can see in the D.D.R. the German Democratic Republic, it has the name right, but it is not a dictatorship of a majority, but of a minority. It is virtually the same as the governments of Belgium, Netherlands, France and so forth, a minority rule, voted for once in the four or five years. As ???? said, the opinion of the citizens does not count a rap."

"Yes Master, and in Old Greece, only half of the citizens could govern, that is, the women not."

"Begad, 50 All decisions are as much of concern for them as for all others. Properly calculated, this so-called democracy in Greece might well have meant a ruling by 10 or 20 per cent of the population, concerned. The desires of 80 or 90 percent did not matter a jot. Russell calmly states the same piece of nonsense in his History. Why not call a spade a spade, and all governments dictatorships? Absolute democracy means actually non-government, no laws and rules, everybody decides for himself there and then. This is inhuman and illegal because many of the decisions have to do with things we share with the whole planetary citizenry, energy, pollution, minerals, climate change, forests, animals, etc. etc. The choice, then, remains between a dictatorship of a lotocratically conscripted group, or the dictatorship of the vast majority of ALL world-citizens. This latter, makes only for the total destruction of the planet, the killing of every speck of life on it."

247 Tao Stoic 247

"Master, what is higher as happiness goes: the gathering of knowledge or to be creative?"

"Does the bird gather knowledge?"

"Indeed, Master, during its whole life."

"Is it creative?"

"I am not sure."

"Of course it is not. In producing even such a masterpiece as a nest, it uses no more than what it knows, and that in the forced way of an instinct. For creativity, one needs knowledge, skill, schooling, maturity even, but uppermost the Man-typical freedom over ideas. This is the answer then, creativity is higher than mere animal-, instinctive-, routine-, gratification. It is higher in the Way. One is happy when one feels himself so. Some attain it through mere routine, treading the well-worn path, some do it by being creative with their muscles & brain, some do it by purely mental creativity."
"Master, when discussing the seed as individual asleep, why did you speak of freezing too, instead of solely cooking?"

"It is more or less the proof for life being not fundamentally energy or the use of energy, but solely structure, like a catalyst."

"What is the difference in freezing or cooking then, with regard to structure?"

"In general, going from high temperature to low, one find a steady increase in complexity that is possible. The surface of a star, solely atoms - hot planet, molecules but no gas or liquid cooler planet, even water and hydrogen bonds, also very weak bonds that make a living body possible. Now, by further cooling, you will not destroy these bonds, THIS CAPACITY, (life). But by heating up, you will get temperatures at which these structures are impossible, therefore, they are destroyed.

When you dig up seeds from thousands of years of ice, you plant them, AND only one of them show a shimmer of starting life, it is obvious that the sleep of these seeds cannot have been energy-absorbing, not the tiniest bit, after so many years. Therefore, the CAPACITY has been kept only as structure, not as energy-flow. It is also the explanation for the staggering phenomenon that some fishes can be frozen-in, yet stay alive, nay even sperm of animals! Naturally, the sleep of these latter, millionfold complex life forms, may actually use very low energy flows, so that they may not survive a thousand years of iceincapsulation. But it remains that pure structure is not very much destructable by freeze & time, yet falls apart easily through heat. Heat, is more and more hectic bombardment of particles, cooling is more of a fixation and cannot get deeper and deeper."

"Master, I have been thinking about the phenomenon TIME."

"I am sure you have better things to do, and more fruitful than the fruitless thinking too."

"I was not so much thinking of time itself but of what man makes of it."

"No man can make anything of it."

"Indeed, Master. We all know that time is the only part of Reality about which all world-citizens know just as much as anybody else, namely nothing. Time is the only UNTOUCHABLE aspect of Reality. It cannot be experimented with, cannot be observed as all other aspects of Reality like space, mass, energy, it can only be known to exist, to have been added to, to the already passed time, and there it stops. And this mere speck of knowledge is shared by everybody, children included. Why, then, are there people who write books about time Master?"

"Indeed, Bergson, Galileo, Einstein and so on, could not have known more about time than Herodotus or Polybius or you or your next door neighbour. The
only change that has taken place, IN TIME, is an improvement of the artificial production of EVENTS, in order to get a more precise idea of the passing of time. Water-clocks, calendars, pendulums, electronic spring/mass systems, Cesium atomic vibrations, and so on, they are merely artificial improvements of what every child knows, ‘that SOME time has passed’. One can write a book about such systems or about one of them, yet, it does not discuss time itself. No book can tell you more about time than you do not already know (plus 5 milliard others), so don’t you see that thinking about time is useless?"

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"I would like to point out to you, what may escape your attention Ling."
"I’m curious Master."
"It has to do with you reading Wells’ ‘The Passionate Friends’, especially the chapter called: ‘The Business of Mankind’.
"I have read it Master."
"Good. It says a very True Word there, yet, for the 1913ns, the year of print. Let me quote: ‘I have long ceased to trouble about the economics of human society. Ours are not economic but psychological difficulties. There is enough for everyone, and only a fool can be found to deny it.’

It is true and we are not such fools, generally. But in 1913, the population was probably under 1 milliard. This means that we are at least 5 times as numerous. Now, when a family or tribe can just manage, it is very well possible to add another mouth to feed (a cause for the ‘Breeding Storm’). But try to let them feed 5 times their number! Through destruction of our lungs (forests) and environment, we could make more feeding ground available. Yet, there is another problem. It is the real possibility that at some moment, all multiplication in agricultural growth, the ‘one sack sown, gives two sacks reaped’, may stop altogether.

Then, it is no longer a question of a tribe feeding 5 times its number, but of ‘NO food’. This, naturally, leads to the nasty situation that mankind has to reduce by a factor 1000, in the Natural Way, i.e. by murder. No longer a psychological problem, but sheer cruel and nasty Nature."

251 Tao Stoic 251

"I heard Rushdie speak of Muslim fundamentalism, Hindu fundamentalism, Catholic fundamentalism and so on as forms of Fascism. Are you in agreement with him Master?"

"I am, but only with one, necessary, addition. Not only the fundamentalist strain is thus, but in fact all groups that do not tolerate Free Think, belong to the Nazism, Fascism, Communism, Socialism, Democrazism fanatics. Don’t you see, they all take free thought as a personal insult, an intolerable critic on themselves. Certainly, a slave or a prisoner would love freedom first,
yet, when he cannot have it, he also HATES the person who has.”

"But a religious-, political-, or democratic crank CAN adopt that freedom of thought if he wants to Master!"

"No. They cannot, and they know they cannot. They know that their minds have been tampered with, have been kinked, are subnatural, but instead of hating those who did that, they hate those who liberate themselves. Now, why is that? It is because they show superiority in Nature, enough for hatred. In the eyes of a western scientist who usually imitates a mild-, fashionable tolerance, and go for Double Think, Free Thinkers are stupid noughts. In the eyes of the non-free dolts, they are threats to their self-inflicted insanities. You see, a caged bird will free itself when some soul has left the door of the cage open, but a self-inflicted slave remains caged even when all doors are open to him.”

252 Tao Stoic 252

"Master, the difference between unification and integration?"

"First look at Wells' 'The Passionate Friends'. He defines unity as: 'depends on a common language and common ideas and sympathies'. You see, this really defines integration, not union. Just look at the 'United States'. There is, at least 'officially', a common, shared language. One COULD call it an 'integrate', if it wasn't that within, there is such a division. The migrants' first act on arrival has always been, to search and group together in their specific cultural and lingual clusters, clods, groups. Then, -and this is very important for the basic Rights & Duties-, the very laws differ in the states, due to some insane 'tradition'. In general, a proper INTEGRATE is when all people share the utter bulk of all ideas, laws, and other circumstances, leaving sub-groupings only on a level of billiard-clubs, cardplaying or knitting societies, and so on. But ... these subclusters MUST be open, i.e. no closed doors for whatever individual. Secrecy and closed doors are the worst enemies of integration. They mean UNION, that is seclusion, hence, contempt, later, war in all its aspects. Thus is the main outcome of the two types of group-consciousness: Union makes for war, integration makes war impossible. When you look at the attemps of gaining a 'united' Europe, you will see that they are prepared to TALK about everything except a shared language. They mean not to integrate but to unite only. It is clear to see, then, that war remains a very easy possibility intra-European, just as Mussolini could go to war, while it was against the other members of the so-called League of Nations.

253 Tao Stoic 253

"Master, these fashionable 'green-movements and feminists!'"

"I agree already Mei Ling Jan, but have you a special observance to make?"
"They do not even point-out the problems Master, but cloud them, obscure them, cover them up. Why cannot they just go and study first?"

"You are absolutely correct. When you are a verdurist, or viridist, or green-un, you need no propaganda material or 'PartyPrinciples', no manifests at all. When you go and sit down all by yourself, a piece of notepaper in front to scribble on, and you 'Think', think fundamentally i.e. totally Free, it should not take your commonsense more than 30 minutes to arrive at a WorldGovernment. True, on the top of your paper then, stands 'pollution, ozone, hot-house effect, the dying world, but in the middle of the page you find a heavily underscored and framed:

!!!World-Government!!!

You are then lost for the green-movements, but the world has gained a new and vernel cosmopolist (who is studying the worldlanguage first).

The same with feminists. They want emancipation, liberation from voluntary slavery and servility. Well and good! The 'Think' procedure will lead to fundamental ETHICS, the Rights & Duties of all mankind, and even our four fundamental rules. Do you think that a sane woman, then, would still suffer from-, and be proud of-, the Char-Syndrome any longer, nor the stupid fashions? In Wyndham, as usual, it is admirably worded, apart from the 'there is no you - you are no more than bits of other people (Asperus)'. He says in Lichen: 'What they women didn't realise is that the greatest enemies of women aren't men at all, they are women, ...'. There is plenty of it in Wyndham. See also: 'At the beginning of the twentieth century women were starting to have their chance to lead useful, creative, interesting lives. But that did not suit commerce: it needed them much more as massconsumers than as producers - except on the most routine levels'. All this prime sociogical knowledge is easily obtainable in the bookshops, when one is not able to think or study oneself."

254 Tao Stoic 254

Design Happiness & Well-Being.

Undoubtedly true is the Tao-, Stoic-, Gautama etc. principle that says that ALL ideation is SOLELY in one's own Mind. The two entities (Tao: That and This, Stoics: That what is, and That what is not in one's control, Others: The Outside and Inside etc. etc. ) are of utmost importance when realising that one's happiness, happens in one's mind, is therefore ONLY controllable by one's own Mind. By using one's body and knowledge, one may be able to alter things in the outside, so that the BODY can be more comfortable. Epictetus: 'Where things are not dependent on choice, be courageous; where they are, be cautious'. Is it possible to be happy under torture? Answer: Yes. Epictetus: 'I do not say you may not groan, but do not groan inwardly ...'.

With regard to death. There is no evidence, nor a likelihood, of Mind going on after death, indeed, death IS absence of Mind. To live with the aim of a
happiness in after-life, is a self-inflicted insanity, leads to irrational behaviour, misery but is easy to cure by (self-)changing one’s ideas.

With regard to goal in life. Life has but ONE goal: Life itself, Ego, ‘I’ (Cicero, Good Life) Live, therefore, with the object to prolong and maintain Ego, in harmony with Nature, be well, think well, learn and teach. It is impossible to live in order to achieve this goal for other(s). Therefore, try not. But take into account, our, (human) extra capacity over animals. This enables ‘feeling-with’, or sympathy. It is well nigh impossible therefore, to be happy when observing or even causing unhappiness in others, even in animals (Rousseau: not let children observe cruelty in animals (Emile)). But with regard to ‘socio’, it is thus that the fundamental interests of each practically always clash with each other, but, also, in a socio each participant depends on each other’s co-operation. Ratio, Ideation (3 rd degree) can overcome the animal (harmony) of jungle law, by Order, Organisation, and self-discipline. But, ... when the other is jungle law, then you must also be jungle law.

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Design World-Government

On our planet there should be one Government of, perhaps a thousand persons, Lottocratically appointed, a better word than conscripted or press-ganged, yet virtually the same. It happens per computer, out of say the content of 45 year olds. The most utter care must be taken against grouping processes, leading to leadership, lobbying, barter, hierarchy, secrecy, and whim. There are no assemblies in proximity, no gatherings in large Halls complete with performances but all over the planet, electronically linked, each sits in his cubicle with his own conscience, and in touch with all of the best scientific advice possible. There is the question of the chairman. Without him, ... we know. A permanent chairman would soon lead to applause gathering if not straight corruption. Hence, a chairman appointed by lot, for each sitting or session. Each member, on presenting himself, types in a number, the computer adds these up and distract all 1000 from it, the result is the chairman’s number. Upon this, the electronics are switched in such a way that only he can switch any speaker IN. for speaking time. The main stress should lie at the numbers of te members, not their names. This promotes the feeling that the members can decide in anonymity, purely as related to the problem.

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"Master, often, there is some quotation or other at the beginning of a book. Most writers do it, why not here?"

"I regarded the lessons themselves of such importance, that I even put the prologue after them. Besides, there is so much to choose from, Confucius, Seneca, Wells, Wyndham, and so on. It would soon become a whole page, then
several pages, and finally many of the Tao Stoics themselves.”

"But if you had to choose one, only one, what would you take?

"Why, I would perhaps take one from George Orwell’s ‘Nineteen Eighty Four’, from the diary of Winston Smith. It would also serve admirably for an exit line. Here goes:

‘From the age of uniformity, from the age of solitude, from the age of Big Brother, from the age of double think, greetings.’

257 Prologue

The idea for this book came from friends, at the home of which, I was allowed to make sound-recordings of the television series Kung Fu. All the tidbits of Wisdom, it appeared, were excellent items for discussion. I gathered these well-spoken pieces of Wisdom and Human Dignity, Ethics and Happiness, in my note books. Many an acquaintance had long since pressed me to assemble such fundamental Wisdom as there was in the books of all ages, (mostly unread), but relative to our own wretched life, our lethal problems. In the end, I decided to prepare a book and use the set-up of the Kung Fu series and of the other Chinese wise, just as we do use literature nowadays, i.e. by quotations and commentary, in short stretches. Yet I used the modern view, i.e late 20th century life.

Needless to say that the Tao Te Ching, the Analects, the Dhammapada, should be joined by similar sayings of the GrecoRoman sources available. In keeping with the wish to bind the reader’s attention only for short periods by a sequence of short items, like many a Sage, I therefore tried not to go into lengthy rhetoric, hence, kept the items apart, not in logically following order. Yet there are links and cross-connections all through the book. After all, Life is singular. The alphabetical list then, makes references possible in a variety of ways. Related items, also, are referred to at the end of each item.

This is a prolog, not an epilog. The former is a letter to the reader before he reads the text, the latter is for after reading the text. A prolog, therefore, should be situated prior to the text, yet, because of the priority of the text, and the comparatively unimportance of it, the prolog comes after. I have numbered the lose items right through from beginning to end, so that even the alphabetical register, instead of giving the pages, now refer to the item numbers. It gives a far more efficient way for relating to each other. In this way, there is no need for chapters and paragraphs, and certainly not for the clumsy Roman Numerals (See [12]). Yet, a breaking up into parts seemed a favourable thing to do, especially with regard to the alphabetical list. The division in Books, one less than Herodotus’ nine, I made through the insertion of blank pages, a thing I always regretted in books of my library. The 16 digital counting, or rather the doubles the 32, 64, 96 etc. is pure play. When we discuss the basic stupidity of our clumsy decimal-, ten digital-, system of calculation, our terrorised kids who have to calculate also in a 60 digital geometry, clock and so on, we might as well play or act out a better alternative, i.e. the 16 digital. Certainly in our age of computers, systems extraposed upon the binary system, i.e. an 8,
or 16 digital one should be given thought. When a proper and fair World-Government has been established and cleared up the lethal mess we are in now (1989), it will become a world of Sanity and Peace, emptied of 999 pro-mille of its overabundance. It is then time to change our inefficient and clumsy ways of calculation, geometry, calendar, clock, the Date-Line, etc. No doubt a 16 digital system plus a binary system will emerge as the better.

In such a system, where 16 is written as 10, and 100 means 256 digits, the Books would cover 1-20, 21-40, and so on. One only has to have the New feeling of this 16 digital system.

Finally, I have used as little footnotes as possible and wanted to keep some blank space after each item for making notes too. After all, it is a book of discussion points, i.e. study.

258 Epilogue

Undoubtedly, the reader or student will have encountered some issues with which he could not agree. New Think, is practically counter to everything we are used to. The reader, though, should bear two important reflections in Mind: a) how much is his resistance due to fixed thinking, antedeluvian even, and b) how much of an expert is he in the matter under consideration.

The book is written by an ex-teacher in the technology branch, who has studied Mind-Science also. This for more than 25 years, day-in day-out, so that his physical knowledge became amply swamped by the later acquired Mind-Scientific and sociological studies. (I always avoid philosophy as name, because it means exactly what all life, all ideation is about, i.e. wanting to know).

First Things First, and in order to re-design a totally and fundamentally stupid world, into some sanity, it requires wholesale sacking of the most utter-, generally accepted-, stupid ideas. But F.T.F also means starting with the very kids, their future above our own selfish well-being. It is little realised how our children, right from the very cradle, are being taught and trained in stupidity. It is the reason why children who, logically and Mind-Scientifically, would be prone to ask: 'How?', are in reality found to be asking: 'Why?'. The answers, then, from parents and teachers, ususally are in the form of: 'because it is so'. If we can’t do better than that, let us then take the children’s questions as critics on an irrational socio. We should listen to them, think, and when it reveals crazyness, repair the state of affairs.

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