

Thursday evening – Tao Te Ching – John C. H. Wu – ADAPTED by Lama Jigme Gyatso

Thursday evening's

43rd – 48th chapters of the

Tao Te Ching

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Non-Ado



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43:01 **Thé softest of all things
overrides the hardest of **Á**LL things.**

43:02 **Ó**ny Nothing
can enter into **nó**-space.

43:03 **Hé**nce I know the advantages
of **Non-Á**do.

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43:04 **Féw things under heaven
are as instructive
as the lessons of sílence,

ór as beneficial
as the fruits of Non-Ádo.**

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Enough Already!



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44:01 **Á**s for your name and your body,
which is the déarer?

44:02 **Á**s for your body and your wealth,
which is more to bé prized?

44:03 **Á**s for gain and loss,
which is the more páinful?

*Although convention tells me loss is more painful than gain
after the 43 proceeding passages I suspect the author is going to zig where the majority of us zag.*

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44:04 **Thús**, an excessive love for anything
could cost you dearly in thé end.

44:05 Thé storing up of too *many* goods
could entail a heavý loss.

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44:06 **Tó** know when you have enough
is to be immune from dígrace.

44:07 **Tó** know when to stop
is to be preserved from perils.

44:08 Only *thusly*
can you endúre long.

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Despite Appearances



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45:01 **Thé greatest perfection
seems imperfect,
and yet its use is inexhaustible.**

45:02 **Thé greatest fullness
seems empty,
and yet its use is éndless.**

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45:03 **Thé greatest straightness,
looks like crookédness.**

45:04 **Thé greatest skill,
appears clúmsy.**

45:05 **Thé greatest eloquence
sounds like stamméring.**

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45:06 **Ré**stlessness overcomes cold,
but calm overc**ó**mes heat.

45:07 **Thé** peaceful and the serene
is the norm of **thé** world.

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The Galloping Horses



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46:01

Whén the world
is in possession of thé Tao,

thé galloping horses
are lead to fertilize the fields
with their dróppings.

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46:02

Whén the world
has become Táó-LESS,
wár horses breed themselves
in the súburbs.

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46:03 **Thére is NO calamity
like NOT knowing
what is énough.**

46:04 **Thére is NO evil
like covetouúsness.**

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46:05

Ónly he who knows
what is enough
will always have é**é**nough.

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Effortless Achievement



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47:01 **W**ithout going out your door,
you could know
the ways of **thé** world.

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47:02

Without peeping
through your window,
you could see
the Way of Heáven.

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47:03 **Thé** farther you go,
the less you **ú** know.

47:04 **Thús**, the sage knows
without travéling,
seés without looking,
and achieves without **Á**do.

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