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## **The Divine Crystal & The Great All ~ Spirituality & Reality**

*By Chris Jantzen*

We are experiencing something truly great and fantastic: We call it life.

I hope these words pry open your mind to consider. What if this living situation we are experiencing is far more important and valuable than we have ever imagined?

What if we are taking this existence for granted? Can you think of times in your life when you have taken things for granted? Does this happen often? What if it's happening more than you realize?

Consider that you are part of something epic and monumental. Once you begin considering your life, and its value, you will eventually wonder what or where you came from, what made you or dreamed you up. This brings us to our first point:

### **The Great All IS Intelligence.**

Where does it come from? We may not be able to discern the answer to that question. Yet, since we do know that intelligence does exist, what is it doing? How does the rain know when to fall? How does the seed know when to sprout? How does a plant know what shape to grow into?

When animals are born, they seem to already have these instincts. Underneath all experience, there's astounding great intelligence. It is observable and confirm-able in every part of nature, animal, and mineral worlds.

Think on our individual body. When we're born, it knows so much. Somewhere within the realm of my Being there's the knowledge to build an entire human being. And what a complicated a thing, a piece of technology, one human being is! It is hard to imagine the computations, calculations, mathematics, and chemistry it takes to build a human body. With modern science and all their technology, they can clone, and they have come a long way, yet they cant actually build a unique human body! Can the creation create something more than the creation itself? It seems unlikely that humans could outdo the original. This brings us to our second point:

### **You and I have the knowledge of the recipe for life within our being.**

And did you or I make that up? Do you remember coming up with all the ideas? Do you recall mixing the chemicals and gathering the carbon and ingredients to build your body?

Intelligence comes from the greater whole of the universe, the Great All. When we're born into this experience as the human body, we have this unique connection to that which we came from. How could we not?

It's still all around us, and we are made of it. The ingredients to create each of us comes directly from the Great All, how can we belittle pieces of the great all? What else are we or could we be but that?

Human beings are born from a connection. Humans are a conduit to the Great All. I am a direct connection, and you are a direct connection. We may name that unique connection "The Divine Crystal".

The Divine Crystal is our tool for discernment in this world. It's our gauge for how we tell right from wrong. It's what we call "our conscience".

In the Disney movie, there was the little cricket. Jiminy Cricket stood on the shoulder of Pinocchio, and acted as his conscience. Jiminy Cricket symbolizes our divine crystal. It's a living aspect of our being that we can check in on at any time.

**Awakened into this experience inside of the Great All, we become aware if we so choose, that we have been endowed with this fantastic gift, the ultimate technology of the The Great All, our moral compass, our Divine Crystal.**

Recognizing the grandiose and important nature of this situation is discovering the inherent responsibility that comes naturally with owning, being, and living in one of the Divine Connections Of The Great All.

That responsibility is to care for this crystal and use it wisely. The Ultimate Truth, the deepest recognition is, that this experience is All about Morality.

Reality is made of Morality; because Morality is the fundamental essence of what the "all" is.

It is principle, principles are it. The Great All is Natural Law, it is Balance, it is Care.

The whole universe has reflected itself into your Divine Crystal and is offering you a myriad of chances to look inside, interact, learn, teach or... destroy.

It is your choice and that's exactly what life is and also why it is too.

Your Crystal, Your Choice. Own It!

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*“The conclusion is therefore unavoidable, that the will of man human government whether in one, a thousand, or many millions, has no intrinsic authority, no moral supremacy and no rightful claim to the allegiance of man. It has no original, inherent authority whatsoever over the conscience. What then becomes of human government, as contra-distinguished from the divine government? Is it not a mere cypher? When it opposes God's government, it is nothing; when it agrees with his government it is nothing and when it discovers a new item of duty, a new application of the general law of God, it is nothing.” – Adin Ballou, 19th Century Abolitionist*

# Creating The Most Balance In The World ~ With Ancient Taoist Wisdom

By Cory Edmund Endrulat

Being able to see the balance in the world first requires seeing the balance in yourself. Are you trying too hard or not enough, are you doing work for others or for yourself, are you exercising strength or exercising flexibility, rush or calm, and the list goes on indefinitely. One justifies and creates the other, hence why we cannot regard a world of wrong as wrong, but merely part of the necessary process toward right. Hence, **we can't get rid of wrong but we can acknowledge its time and place so to create more of right.** And with every right will come wrongs, life in a perpetual dance of polar energies, but nonetheless, a world of humans who are able to work with them to achieve balance shall they see the greater picture, that being, all the energies or polarities at work.

This is best described in an ancient book known as **the Tao Te Ching. It is not known by many people yet it is popular enough to be the second most translated text in history after the Bible**, while being easy for anyone to read despite existing before the Bible. It's truths are simple yet profound, not controversial or in need of much interpretation, other than mere reflection and application into our own lives. As we deal with balances of our own, we may read such a text or merely think about the balances in our life in order to achieve a greater harmony in our life. This means, one can follow the Tao without even knowing the word Tao, it's a natural religion which is why there are no converts, and as it accepts difference and change, it can start no war and it can certainly support no government. How is it that an ancient text can contradict what most people support, that being a government? Well, while most people would not support war, that of which creates these governments, the very concept of a government is man having a higher authority over his fellow man in dictating his own life without consent. **Government in short, is the denial of difference, or better yet, the denial of the embrace of nature, since it is Natural Law for change and difference.** Furthermore, teachings of Taoism tell us to let life be, to not overstep or try to control nature, as nature will govern itself if we allow it; certainly, we humans have the ability to own ourselves and practice self-ownership, just as slaves did not have to be slaves with a little empowerment that starts in the mind, knowing that they can be free.

It's only the knowledge of this certainty and simplicity that we are not told in order to keep us in complex systems of control, talking about man made politics and titles, positions and authorities, that nature has no doing with. It's all about forcing people to be good or even just act due to the mere authority of some human being, with every law backed by violence, every order follower ignoring their own conscience. As if ignoring nature was one, ignoring our own nature is just the same. **For if every individual did use their conscience and exercised it so to educate others, there'd be no need for law or authority, yet there'd still be rules and leaders.** Yet the mind closed to this possibility will refuse to see it. And since it is this very fact of freedom which allows polarities to function and come to a balance, it is not that we should embrace slavery since it is the opposite condition. Rather again, we learn from it, we have no choice but to live with it, in order to truly do so, and to endure and to ultimately escape it stronger than ever. **Nature never gives us a challenge we cannot solve, and every problem man creates, he can equally abolish or solve.**

The Tao seems contradictory to the limited mind, yet harmonizing to the open mind. Yet, it provides a path or way for our lives, because we see all the many paths, we can then choose where to go, and then we may know what balances exist therein. For within a free world, there will still be the need for balance, even though the imbalance of government would have left the equation; because government was born of freedom, slavery was born of

freedom, but ultimately, all wrong is born of the lack of good. As we sunk into the depths of wrong, we had tyranny, democide and all forms of evil. But as we sink into the depths of good, we have innovation, possibility, morality, love, abundance and all forms of good. Each has their comforts and benefits, but **understanding the problems with a free world helps us see it is not an extreme good, it is merely embracing the natural authority of the world, the government beyond all man made government. If you see it as a balance between following yourself and following the commands of authority, ask yourself if you'd balance yourself touching a poison and not, because that of which is not of nature cannot be balanced, but abolished.** The balance of extreme ignorance will tell you that following the orders of some “authority” leads to catastrophe; that is unless you know you are doing right, in which case, you are following your conscience instead and you are not ignorant. And to say that following this knowledge is not simplicity or it isn't Taoist non-action is also ignorance of the fact conscience we are born with in our nature, and it has the ability to say “no,” the very ability to have non-action. While moral standards may go against simplicity when they get extreme, there is a morality that everyone generally follows, and this is rather simplistic. A life of harmony and balance is simplistic because it's easy, we have mastered the energies and brought them together where they should be, like a child raised up with a mother and father union; how much easier may their life be compared to the individual who does not have this essential or natural balance? Indeed, to assume balance as natural is the Tao. Whereas, that which we aren't to balance goes against the Tao, like holding onto an extreme itself and claiming we can balance it. This is holding onto a tyrannical or even limited government, as because the conscience is still overruled by the concept of “authority” (*statism*). If Taoists or everyday people want to really create a better world, perhaps they should consider these points, as **I'm merely part of the balance in bringing to light what is mostly in the dark**, I'm doing my part, but what about you?

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## **We Violate Our Own Principles ~ Without Even Realizing It!**

*By Dr. Mary J. Ruwart, 1992, "Healing Our World"*

**If we decided we wanted a new neighborhood park, how would we go about getting one?** We could call together other individuals who want the same thing and could raise enough money to own and operate the park through donations, by selling stock in a corporation set up for that purpose, or through other voluntary means. If those who did not participate in the fundraising effort decide later to use the park, we might require them to pay an entry fee. Obviously, we would be relating voluntarily and non-aggressively with our neighbors. If George didn't want to be involved either as a contributor or a park visitor, we would honor his choice.

Of course, another way we could proceed would be to vote for a tax to purchase and maintain the park. **If a large enough gang of our neighbors voted for it, George's hard-earned dollars would be used for a park he didn't want and wouldn't use. If he refused to pay what the gang dictated, law enforcement agents, acting on behalf of the winning voters, would extract the tax, at gunpoint, if necessary.** If he resisted too vehemently, George might even be killed in the struggle. Wouldn't we be using a gang called "government" to steal from George? Wouldn't we be the first ones to turn guns on a neighbor who hadn't defrauded or stolen from us? Wouldn't George eventually retaliate by getting government to turn its guns on us for projects that he prefers but we want nothing to do with? Wouldn't we alternate as victims and aggressors, as minorities and majorities? Wouldn't we just be taking turns directing the law enforcement agents toward each other?

Through taxation, pacifists are forced at gunpoint to pay for killing machines; vegetarians are forced at gunpoint to subsidize grazing land for cattle; non-smokers are forced at gunpoint to support both the production of tobacco and the research to counter its impact on health. These minorities are the victims, not the initiators of aggression. Their only crime is not agreeing with the priorities of the majority. **Taxation appears to be more than theft; it is intolerance for the preferences and even the moral viewpoints of our neighbors. Through taxation we forcibly impose our will on others in an attempt to control their choices.** As individuals, we may not support taxation and other forms of aggression-through-government. However, the composite of our separate views, as reflected in our laws, indicates that as a nation, as a society, as a collective consciousness, we believe that aggression serves us. Aggression creates poverty and strife in our city, state, and nation just as surely as it does in our neighborhood. How could it be otherwise? Aggression could hardly produce peace and plenty, simply because we use it as a gang instead of as individuals. Using the same means brings us the same ends. It's plain as the nose on our face - and just as difficult to see! Only by looking at what is reflected back to us can we observe it. Indeed, **taxation and other forms of aggression through government are so taken for granted in our culture that one of our most popular sayings is that "nothing is certain except death and taxes."** Yet slavery was once as universal. **Taxation is thought to be indispensable to civilization today, just as slavery once was.**

Advocates of taxation claim that since most people pay assigned taxes before the guns show up, they have implicitly agreed to it as the price of living in "society." Most slaves obeyed their masters before he got out the whip, yet we would hardly argue that this constituted agreement to their servitude. **Today, we have an enlightened perspective on slavery, just as one day we will have an enlightened perspective on taxes and other forms of aggression we now think of as "the only way." Just as our ancestors rationalized slavery, we've created the illusion that taxation is legitimate.** Like the



volunteers who continued to shock the victim at the insistence of the scientist (*Stanley Milgram experiments*), we feel our actions are justified, perhaps even noble. We believe that we can create a world of peace and plenty, if we are given a free hand to force those selfish others to do things our way. We feel taxation is indispensable for certain necessities (e.g., defense, clean air and water, helping the poor, etc.). Instead... aggression in any form only hurts others - and ourselves. We reap as we have sown.

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