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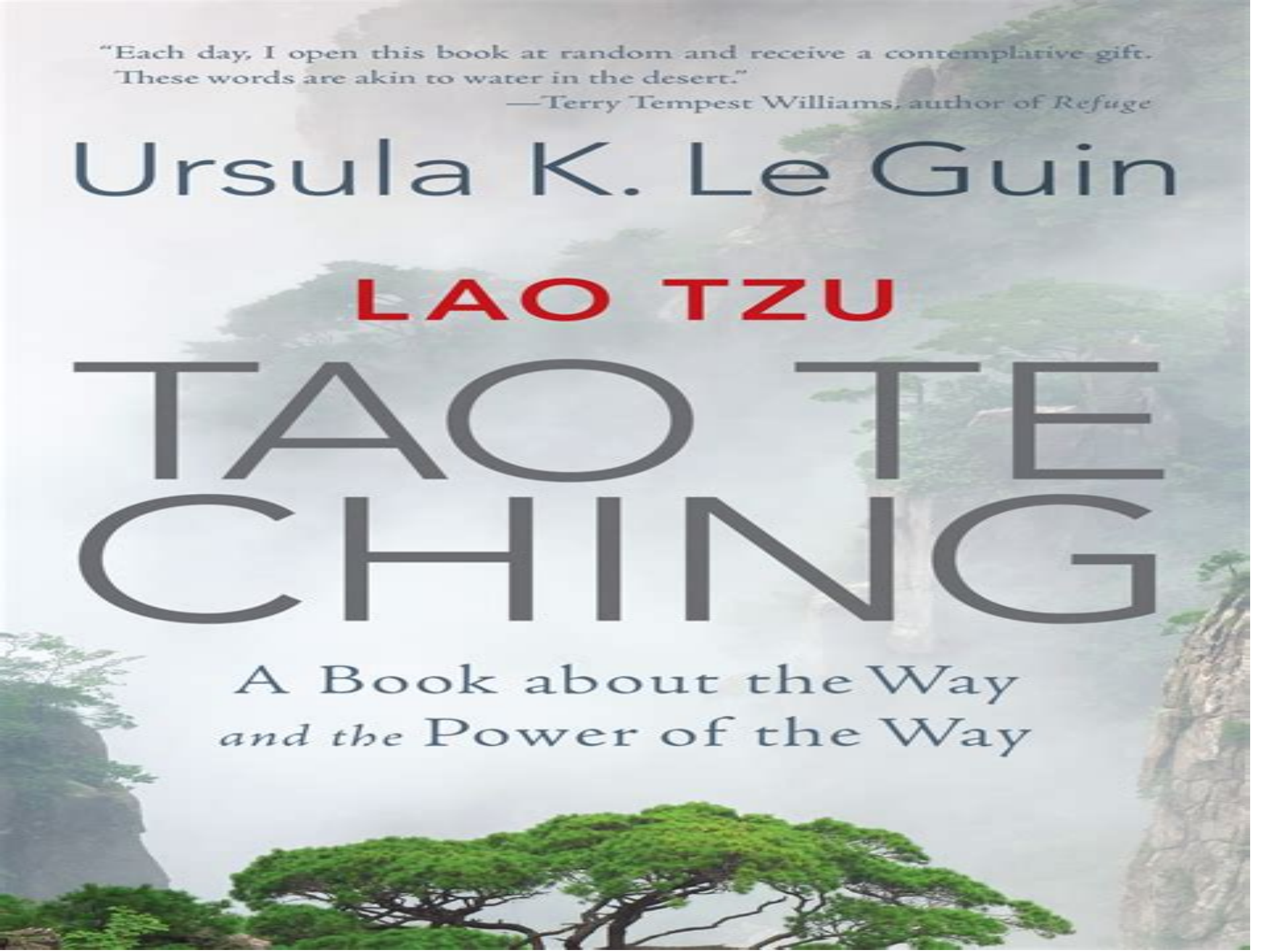
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There are several different translations of the title but the most common is as follows Dao or Tao means way but is most often used to mean the way as in the fundamental force driving the universe De has several meanings including perhaps most relevantly virtue Jing in this context means something like canon or great book So the full title can be understood to mean The Book of the Way of Virtue The book comprises 81 chapters today but there is evidence that chapter division was a later development for the book If this is the case then the original text had a much more free flowing style As it stands now the book is poetic in form with allowances for broad interpretation of the text It is written with an interesting rhetorical style it features bold declarative statements that are immediately confronted with statements that seem to contradict them Some experts believe that the purpose of this style is to get the reader thinking to reconcile these contradictions **Tao Te Ching** Lao Tzŭ,1963 Tao Te Ching Lao Tzu,2021-02-17 Limited Time Promotional Offer Tao Te Ching The Classic Book of The Way And Virtue The Tao Te Ching is an anti authoritarian treatise which posits that the way of virtue lies in non action Wu Wei through a recognition of the natural universal force known as the Tao The Tao flows without effort and like water goes where it will without striving and effects change and growth To be virtuous one should emulate the Tao and engage in non action not forcing an effect or outcome Human made laws it claims cannot make one virtuous and cannot contribute to good behavior inner peace or empathy with others because they are not in tune with nature It is only by recognizing the Tao and one s connection to it and all things that one may achieve these goals To recognize the Tao one must know what it is and so it is defined in the first chapter The Tao The Way that can be spoken of is not the Constant Tao The name that can be named is not a Constant Name Nameless is the origin of Heaven and Earth The named is the Mother of all things Thus the constant void enables one to observe the true essence The constant being enables one to see the outward manifestations These two come paired from the same origin But when the essence is manifested it has a different name This same origin is called The Profound Mystery As profound the mystery as it can be It is the Gate to the essence of all life Lao Tzu The Old Master Lao Tzu was an ancient Chinese philosopher and poet well known for penning the book Tao Te Ching He was the founder of philosophy of Taoism a religious and ethical custom of ancient China He is largely respected as a religious deity in various traditional Chinese religious schools of thought He is also believed by some to be an older contemporary of the famous philosopher Confucius The Tao Te Ching literally meaning The Way and Its Power presents the idea of Tao as being the end all and be all of existence It is extremely powerful yet down to earth It is the source of all being in the world The book intends to guide people on how to return to the laws and ways of nature to maintain the balance of the Tao Lao Tzu s philosophy was a simple one He was against putting effort and striving as he thought struggle is not only futile but also hinders productivity In his theory of wu wei he advises to simply do nothing By this he means not to go against the forces of nature wait for the gush of events nature brings to you and dive right in He advised not to struggle to change the natural order of things but to bring spontaneity to one s actions as one holds on to the nature s way of life Followers of Taoism believe that striving for

nothing will never lead them to failure The one who has never failed is always successful thus becoming powerful Lao Tzu's journey began as he set foot towards the western border of China currently Tibet He was saddened by what he saw around him men being diverted away from nature and the goodness it brings A guard he met on the border asked Lao to write down his teachings as he went This is when he wrote the famous Tao Te Ching a 5 000 character account of his thoughts and philosophical ideas

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