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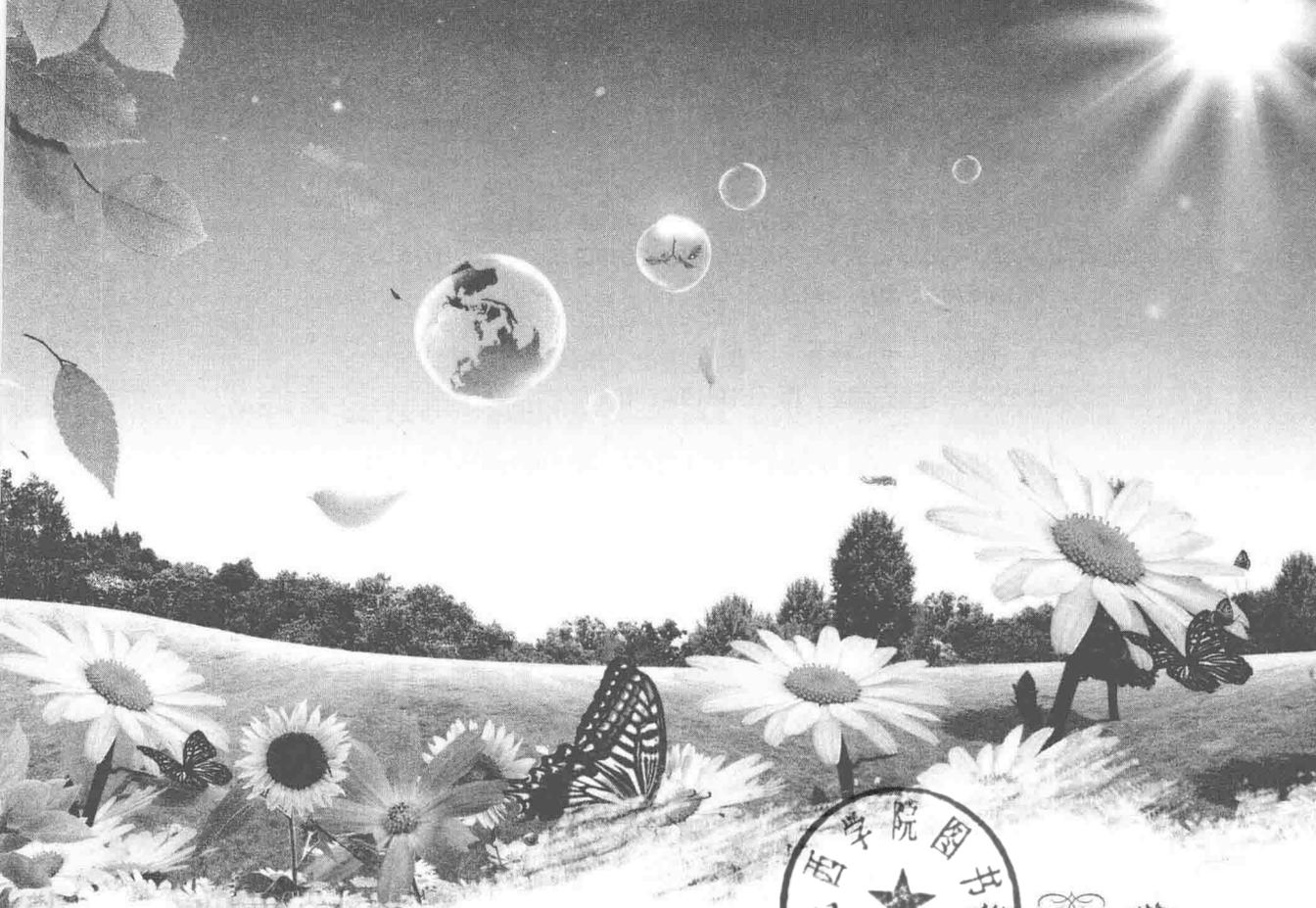


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当幸福来敲门



The Direction of Happiness

A young man was walking by the lakeside when he suddenly saw a piece of gold glittering in the water. He was so happy that he jumped into the water to fish for it. But he couldn't reach it no matter how he tried his best. Being wet, dirty and tired, he had to disembark for a rest. Unexpectedly, after the water became placid, the gold appeared again.

He jumped into the water again unwillingly, but in vain, so he had to disembark again to sit beside the lake. He thought, "Where is the gold coin in the water on earth? I have seen it clearly, why can't I find it even though I have tried so hard?" After the water became placid, the gold coin appeared once again. So once again he jumped into the water to fish for it. He did it again and again, but in vain, which made him really unwilling to accept.

At that moment, his father came to look for him. Seeing his son wet and dirty, he asked, "What happened in the world? Why are you so embarrassed?"

His son answered, "I see a piece of gold coin in the water clearly, but I can't get it anyway!"

His father saw a gold coin seemed on the placid water, so he looked up at the tree and said to his son, "Look! It's not a gold coin but the reflection of the sheet metal that is hung on the tree."

Ordinary people are always busy running about honorary and illusory things while all these just consist in greed, which eclipses our ability of telling right from wrong. Some people think life is hard and we must find a way of releasing at once! So they turn to seek for religious belief; but if religious belief has no right understanding, suggestions or ideas, you will go astray. So we should choose the right direction of life, get rid of evil and cultivating good and comprehend truth.

Worldly substance is illusory like the reflection of the water, so we should often have a contented mind and can understand, tolerate and thank everything, which will reach perfection. In this way, you'll be even-tempered and good-humored every day and have a happy life.

幸福的方向

一位年轻人走到湖边散步,突然看到水中有一块闪闪发亮的金币。他很高兴,就赶快跳进水里捞取。但是,任凭他怎么努力,都捞不到金币。他浑身湿脏、疲倦,只好上来坐在岸边休息。没想到湖水平静之后,金币又显现了出来。

他很不甘心又跳下水,结果还是没捞到,只得再上来坐着。他心想:“水中的金币到底在哪里呢?我明明看到了,为什么费了这么大劲儿还捞不到呢?”等水面又恢复平静后,金币再次出现。于是,他又跳下去捞,如此反复都徒劳无功,他实在很不甘心。

这时,父亲出来找他。看到儿子全身湿淋淋脏兮兮的,就问他:“到底发生了什么事?你为什么如此狼狈?”

儿子回答说:“我明明看到水中有金币,可怎么捞都捞不到!”

父亲看到平静的水面上好像真有一枚金币,又抬头看看树上,就对儿子说:“你看!那是什么金币,那是挂在树上的金属片,投射在水中呈现的幻影罢了!”

凡夫总是为名利、空幻的东西在奔波、辛劳,而这一切都只在于一贪念,而贪念往往会蒙蔽我们辨别是非的能力。有的人认为,人生很苦,要赶快寻找解脱的方法,因此转而寻求宗教信仰;但是,如果信仰没有正知、正见、正念,路就会走偏了。所以,我们应该选

择正确的人生方向,断恶修善,领悟真理。

世间的物质不过如水中倒影般虚无,因此要常怀知足之心,对人生事物能善解、包容、感恩,凡事就能圆融,这样就能天天过得心平气和,拥有一个幸福的人生。



The Uncared-for Happiness

In a painter's house, I saw a very special painting, which was a piece of mounted white paper, on the left middle of which there was a black stain.

I didn't understand what gifted pen such a black stain was that the painter hung it on the most prominent position right in the middle of the wall. I kept pondering for a long time, but my mind was still a complete blank.

I asked the artist for advice.

The painter said, "This painting of mine is called 'Happiness.'"

"Happiness? I don't understand." In my memory, no artist could paint happiness.

The painter said, "The black stain in the middle stands for pain. When every person sees this painting of mine, he or she only sees this painful black stain, but can't see the happiness in the background. Isn't our life in this way? How much happiness we turn a blind eye to, but we are shut out by the minimal pain."

I said, "In your mind, this painting should be a piece of white paper."

He said, "Without pain, we won't even more see happiness."

I come to see that we always focus on the pain while the happiness is often the part we have overlooked.

被忽略的快乐

在一位画家的屋里,我见到了一幅非常特别的画。那是一张被装裱起来的白纸,在中间偏左上的位置有一块黑渍。

我不明白这块黑渍到底算什么生花妙笔,被画家挂在了墙壁正当中最为显眼的位置上。我琢磨了很长时间,头脑里仍然是一片空白。

我向画家请教。

画家说:"我的这幅画叫'快乐'。"

"快乐?我不明白。"在我的记忆中,没有哪个画家能画出快乐来。

画家说:"中间这块黑渍是痛苦,每个人看到我的这幅画时,都是只看到这块痛苦的黑渍,却看不到背景里的快乐。我们的生活不就是这样吗?多少快乐,我们都视而不见,却被微小的痛苦遮住了双眼。"

我说:"按照你的说法,这张画应该是一张白纸。"

他说:"没有痛苦,我们更见不到快乐。"

我明白了,我们总是盯着痛苦,而快乐常常是被我们忽略的那部分。