

# Tao Tapestry

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## A Taoist Teaching from Lao Tzu

I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize.

The first is gentleness;  
the second is frugality;  
the third is humility,

which keeps me from putting myself before others.

Be gentle, and you can be bold;  
be frugal, and you can be liberal;  
avoid putting yourself before others,  
and you can become a leader of men.  
Gentleness brings victory to him who attacks,  
and safety to him who defends.

Those whom Heaven would save,  
it fences round with gentleness.

The greatest conquerors  
are those who overcome their enemies  
without strife.



