

"The Millennium Blessing"

1. May the world be blessed with peace, and knowledgeable people use science appropriately to avoid natural disasters and human damages. May all people of the global village be in their lives specially blessed with opportunities and ability to participate in supporting the building of their country. Insisting on the concept of a science-based development and rejecting damaging superstitious beliefs, may all of us acquaint ourselves with the wise but seek no guidance and direction from people who are poorly destined for life or from misleading fortune-telling books.

2. May all human beings understand that they have to continuously rely on external resources and support for survival and that they should gratefully and humbly give love and care to other good and sincere beings who are in need. Let him or her not act like a bystander or critic of life, but a learned and faithful person putting steadfastly the right belief in practice.

3. May all human beings understand that only in human forms that lives are capable of innovating, creating and developing. Only human beings are capable of telling right from wrong, the good from the bad, and spreading and propagating knowledge. May all people use such special qualities wisely to improve the human character. We wish people through their smiles bring joy to others, as human beings are the only living kind able to smile.

4. May all human beings realize that everything in this world is going through a journey that encounters impermanence and constant change. Any existence that originates from causative conditions is ultimately or truthfully no more than a "self-less" form that change continually as the underlying conditions evolve over time. Thus under any favorable or unfavorable circumstances, one should realize the "impermanence" and the "self-less" principles are the realities of this world, and remain calm, tranquil and courageous in facing any challenge.

5. May all human beings understand what past religious philosophers had described as "God" is actually the functional properties of the law of nature with its accompanying changing physical and chemical phenomenon and such functional properties reside as well in the human body. The activities of individual lives are nothing but the manifested energy of such natural phenomenon (or God's act). Advocating either the existence or the non-existence of God, on the basis of subjective deduction, is always incomplete and extreme. Human beings can only by deep cultivation activate the uncovered or latent inward wisdom to see the truth of the universe. Possessing and deploying the balanced, non-extremist inward wisdom, one can get rid of the care and bondage associated with the constant flow of birth, aging, sickness and death.

6. May all human beings be fortunate enough every day to have the opportunity and right conditions to cultivate and grow spiritually with new knowledge and enjoy learning from other people's strengths. To befriend with oneself and appreciate the universe and all matters through the perspective of art, come to know both the good and bad sides of cultures, and play each and every role that one belongs on the grand stage of life to the best of one's effort. By the time the last moment or thought of one's life has arrived, carrying a little smile, one can return to the warmth and peaceful embrace of mother-nature permanently, and leave forever the cycle of birth and re-birth.