

Chapter 1: Angel's Heart

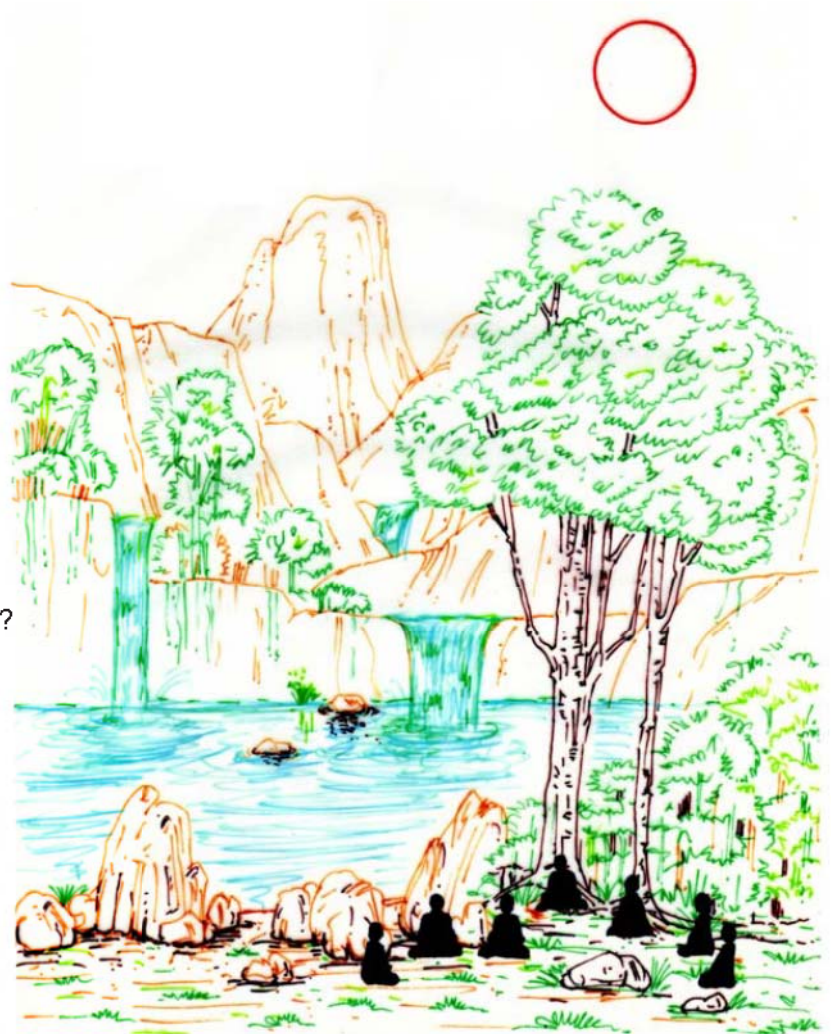
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To Light a Candle

The Tao says:

- To the Atheist
Why believe in the darkness?
When you can use a candle
To find the Way.
- To the Christian
Why believe the Light will save you?
When you can form a candle
And be the Light.
- To the Buddhist
Why worship the darkness?
When you can become a candle.
- To the Hindu
Why live in the stillness of darkness?
When you are the wick of a candle.
- To the Hebrew
Why curse the darkness?
When you can light a candle.
- To the Muslim
Why destroy in darkness?
When you can rejoice in the Light.
- To the Taoist
Why do anything?
When you can be still
And discover that you are the Light.



Commentary:

This poem is about the differences of thought systems and lighting a candle of understanding to their short comings. The atheist believes in nothing but they lose the fact that they are the light of their way. The Christian believes they will be saved, but saved from what? When they can form a light within (meditation), they will discover that they have nothing from which to be saved. The Buddhist worships nothingness when they are the light of their own way. The Hindu is lost in the stillness of nothingness when they are the wick of the candle that can lead them out of the darkness. The Hebrew looks for faults of the darkness when they can light the candle within to give them a clear understanding of the darkness. The Muslim tries to destroy the darkness when all they have to do is enjoy the light within. The Taoist does nothing which allows them enough time to discover that they are the light within the darkness.