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When promoting talent, ensure that name and substance correspond — only then will you avoid delaying heavenly timing and human affairs.

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A cultivator of Dao must at all times release the encumbrances within the body and outside the body, within the mind and outside the mind. Only then will one be free and at ease.

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Learn to become a clear stream amid a muddled world, a single candle flame in the storm and dark of night.

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Thoroughly honest talent, thoroughly dutiful cultivation — that is what Heaven most dearly loves.

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A cultivator of Dao must become proficient in all the Buddhahood Precepts and ceremonial etiquette. This is an essential discipline of cultivating Dao.

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When you encounter grave problems that resist resolution, prostrate often before Heavenly Mother. Where sincerity reaches its fullest, the answer comes of itself. That first thought-impulse arising within self-forgetting is precisely Heaven's revelation to you. When your teacher

encountered difficult problems in those years, this is exactly what he did.

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Respect the conditions of all temples and all sentient beings. Cultivate and serve with your whole heart. Do not prove unworthy of this opportunity that comes once in sixty thousand years.

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This expanse of Dao work you uphold and tend does not belong to anyone — it belongs to Heavenly Mother. The leadership of human affairs is merely the surface appearance of conditions coming into contact. Therefore, never harbor the thought: "For whose sake am I cultivating Dao?" Broaden your heart and elevate the ideals of cultivating and serving. In the seeing and completing of Dao, broadly form wholesome affinities. Within the turning of heaven and earth, open new temples, enabling every person to achieve. Even should there be a small measure of accomplishment, dedicate that merit in gratitude, returning it to our Heavenly Mother.

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Right at this moment, how many sentient beings are suffering and cycling through rebirth? How many cultivators are drowning and undergoing ordeals? When you think of this, can you know how much your teacher's heart suffers? I hope that you will, in this very present moment, pray and dedicate merit for the tens of millions of sentient beings.

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Seek to understand the circumstances and feelings of those in your care. Help them find the resolution of their doubts and liberation. No one is a sage — who among us is without faults of the heart and faults of the body? With a forgiving heart, help them leave behind the torment of remorse and suffering, and wait for their turning back and renewal.

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