



gratitude to the ineffable tao

this contemporary situation panorama
 this capitalist us of a tv tincan technology
 this communist socialist anarchist sectarian egotism
 this rapacious queer fear masculinity gone amuck
 this energy gluttony food starvation politics
 this racist sexist classist homösexism
 this greed insecurity fear
 this global village mindfuck
 this whole earth scene
 is a natural organic theatre
 brought to You
 by your friendly neighborhood tao.

iee!! if you think the revered tao
 would create Only a pretty
 everybody serene & happy drama
 a white middleclass fantasy of heaven on earth
 you've got the wrong birth
 the wrong time the wrong world
 & you wouldn't know the venerated tao
 if it slapped you in the face
 (which it is)

iee!! & if you've gotten this far
 understood in your belly not your mind only
 & decided what me worry
 & decided to do your own thing
 & decided the mess the unhappiness
 the suffering personal &/or social
 is not your concern, responsibility
 & decided it's not Your Work
 then you're wrong wrong wrong again

iee!! & the ancient tao is a banana in your ear
 is bliss & suffering, personal political mystical
 no blame no victim no enemy
 no way out or in or up or down
 us here ours now
 our pain our joy our responsibility
 all of us grasses trees clouds
 rabbits rivers fire earth spiders
 african pigmy berlin businessmen
 soviet spy san francisco faggot
 the stars quasars black holes
 theories trends connections epistemologies
 throughout all space & time
 all of it, us together
 & apart
 & beyond
 & if you disagree
 & beyond
 iee!! the tao

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