

WU-WEI TEACHING: The World is Our Classroom

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Non-action is Wu-Wei. Taking no action one is not straining and contriving to accomplish but letting things be accomplished in a natural spontaneous way.

If one keeps to the way of Tao, one will proceed in a natural spontaneous way. Teachers should govern as little as possible, keeping to the natural way, letting people go their own way. Letting people make their own connections.

People are difficult to teach because the

teacher does too many things. People are self-regulating if given the opportunity to do so.

What the teacher should keep in mind is that teaching is like cooking a small fish, as Lao Tzu would tell us. In cooking a small fish one must take care not to handle it too roughly for too much handling will spoil it.

In teaching care must be taken not to push the people around, forcing them to rebel. When the people are satisfied there will be no rebellion or wars.

The easy way of teaching is to give the people what they want and make teaching conform to the will of the people rather than trying to force the people to conform to the will of the teaching.