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To Françoise Marie-Louise

It does not require many words to speak the truth.
— Chief Joseph

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INTRODUCTION

Imagine being asked by a genie: between money and good luck which would you choose? Please think twice before you answer! After witnessing life myself for 53 years, I will implicitly choose good luck over money! Because if you choose money, you could have bad luck and lose it all, or not even be able to enjoy it. By choosing good luck, chances are you can win a fortune and also have peace of mind. What I try to infer here is: wisdom is just like good luck, its sphere covers all aspects of human experiences. With wisdom, life takes a different turn, the right one, an opportunity will find you, take you to the right place at the right time with the right people!

This is my 3rd book after “Point Of Virtue” and “Road To Clarity”, the last of this trilogy. After writing “Virtue” and “Clarity”, this is another significant topic of our lives, “Wisdom”. Wisdom can solve our problems that other channels, institutes or even money can not offer to help. Wisdom sayings shouldn’t sound like preaching without a cause! It is a cliché to tell you what to do or not, wisdom sayings are supposed to give you the thought process and form your clarity so you can tell yourself what to do or not.

What is wisdom? Where does it come from? According to Buddhism, the three poisonous blockings for human beings are: being inflexible, delusional, and judgmental. Wisdom was created to counter them and at the same time to transform them into purity, kindness, and beauty. It’s a positively realistic mind set. The key is to realize, or awaken! At its core is benevolence. The action itself is natural, effortless and from within.

My true and sincere manifesto, “Shape of Wisdom” in six chapters from Love and Relationships, Money, Mortal...to Enlightenment. It’s been a great practice for myself, and I hope it can also serve as a compass for you to point out the right direction, and the key to opening the gate of wisdom, so you may benefit from it.

Chapter 1
Love and Relationships

What makes relationships stay? Equality.
What makes relationships last? Compatibility.
What makes relationships work? Honesty.



A great companion shouldn't be like your shadow, following you
around. A great companion should be like a light,
it illuminates you.



You can love a person, but may not trust him/her;
love is the body, and trust is the soul.



The distinction between selfless and selfish love is that
selfless love is inspiring.



Thoughtfulness immediately promotes you to the level of charming person.



Chapter 4
Money

Love your life, then enjoy your money.



If you have money, be generous, if you don't have money,
be creative!



A peaceful life promises a treasured life and will cost you less!



It is not necessary to lose our sense of cool regardless of being rich or poor.



We don't sacrifice for money, we sacrifice for beauty or a revolution.

