

30. Forces in Nature

Working with the Tao in the garden
means understanding the forces of nature.

Learning to pay attention
means watching the weather
and acting accordingly.

The gardener does his best
and then waits.

He knows that much
is beyond his control.

Trying to control the forces of nature
is not working with the Tao.

Because he understands this,
he does not try to influence others.
Because he has confidence in himself,
he remains free.

Because he works
with the forces in nature,
his garden is in harmony
with the Tao.