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My Question For The Boatman by the Tang Dynasty Poet Mang Ho Yin

At Dusk, I asked the Boatman: "how much distance do we have to travel"

The Boatman's reply: " the bay is the best anchor spot, the river is too stormy and the wind too squally"

The Poet wandered around and waited for a crossing. Although he was asking about the distance ahead, he was actually asking himself: where is my future, where am I going? A melancholy feeling sprang up spontaneously. Asking about the future, not only asking about himself but also about the country, the nation, expressed the loneliness and sadness after wandering and also expressed his resentment and anxiety towards his world.

Katy BLAIR (Fundraising Manager)

Granny on the public bus

There was a tough old lady who got on a public bus, and a well-mannered boy scout got up and gave up his seat to the old lady. The old lady said, "Sit down, I can stand!"

After a while, the boy scout stood up again, and the old lady immediately stopped him and put him down and said, "It doesn't matter, I'm not that old.....you sit down!" After two, three, or four times, the boy scout cried! He said: " Granny, I have passed several stops from my house....."

Reflection: Will kind-heartedly doing bad things become your bad habit?

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“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy

they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom”

Marcel Proust’s appreciation quote



Donna SO (CEO)

"Smile, Calm, Persistence, Self-love!"

In the blink of an eye, the Centre has been temporarily closed for the third month. Looking back now, the global pandemic situation continues. As of June 12, there were 7,731,662 cases of infection worldwide, with 428,210 deaths; 2,116,922 cases of infection in the United States, 116,825 deaths; 292,950 cases of infection in the UK, 41,481 deaths. In other countries such as Brazil, Russia and India, the number of infections and deaths continue to rise.....

At present, the large-scale "campaign against racism and violence" protest caused by the incident of racial discrimination are being held in different countries (including the United States, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Spain, etc.). During the protest, tens of thousands of people took to the streets which undoubtedly cannot underestimate the risks of setting off new chains of infection for the pandemic.

When feeling despair and helpless, we must stay strong. We have to be benevolent, altruistic and courteous to others so they feel the positive energy we bring to this world, extend amiability to society and nourish people’s hearts.

Smile even though you are busy; Stay calm even though you are in a rush; Persevere even though you are in distress. Make sure you love yourself even though you feel weary!

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