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with great power, comes great responsibility

Watch what you do and say you could be tested!

Straight Yang mentoring Pure Yang 正陽渡純陽

During at drinking session at Chang An, Lu Ju or Pure Yang Lu was tested by Straight Yang *Chung Le Chuen* 10 times before taking him in as disciple and subsequently became immortal.

呂純陽在長安酒肆遇正陽真人鍾離權，正陽對呂有「十試」的考驗：

Test 1: One day Lu Ju came back from work and found out that his loved one was in serious sickness, without sadness or remorse, he started to prepare the dress and coffin necessary for burial, but later his loved one revived and lives on, Lu Ju is without sadness or joyous feeling.

第一試：呂純陽一日外出回來，突見親人悉皆病死，純陽既不悲傷，也不悔恨，只管置辦壽衣、棺木，準備料理喪事，不一會兒，親人又全都活過來，純陽無哀喜之情。

Test 2: Lu Ju was selling stuff at a market and there came a buyer to bargain with him, after agreeing on the price, Lu Ju handed him the stuff but the buyer refused to pay in full and the walked away. Lu Ju would not bother to let him walk away.

第二試：純陽上街賣貨，與買主討價還價後，說好了價錢，但買主又反悔變卦，只付給一半價錢，純陽不惱，讓買主大搖大擺地把貨物拿走。

Test 3: On the first day of lunar calendar, Lu Ju met with a beggar, after giving some monies, the beggar kept asking for more and threw vulgar words at him, Lu Ju left the scene with a smile.

第三試：春節正月初一，純陽正欲出門，遇一乞丐倚門乞討，純陽急施財物，但乞丐卻沒完沒了，一討再討，口出穢言，純陽只是滿臉堆笑。

Test 4: Lu Ju was once a shepherd; during his tenure a hungry tiger was eyeing to snatch the goats under his care. Lu Ju protected the goats by sending them down to the hillside and stood in front of the Tiger, the hungry tiger was at awe to see this and left the place without hurting Lu Ju.



第四試：純陽牧羊山中，忽遇一餓虎追捕羊群。純陽保護羊群下坡躲避，自己上前以身擋虎，老虎見之悻悻而去。

Test 5: Lu Ju was studying at a small hut on a mountain and suddenly a beautiful and gorgeous lady came by and asking for a night to rest since she was lost. That night, this beautiful lady was flirting and trying to get Lu Ju to have sex, but Lu Ju was untouched by such temptation.

第五試：純陽居山中茅舍讀書，忽然來了一個美女，聲稱自己迷路前來求宿。繼而，這女子百般挑逗，夜逼共寢，純陽始終神態自若。

Test 6: One day Lu Ju came back and saw his house was burglarized and lost all his belongings, without throwing temper and showing sign of anger he started to work on his farm, suddenly as he dug further on the ground he found countless of precious gold, without greed he uncovered the earth without taking a single piece of the gold.

第六試：純陽一日外出歸來，發現家中遭竊，財產洗劫一空，純陽沒有頹喪，沒有報官，乃躬耕自鋤。鋤地時忽然挖出十幾錠黃金，純陽趕緊用土掩埋，分毫未取。

Test 7: Lu Ju bought some bronze utensils at a market and upon returning to home, he realized all the utensils were gold made and he immediately returned to the seller.

第七試：純陽一次上街買些銅器，回到家中一看，全都是金器，純陽馬上退還給貨主。

Test 8: A madness Taoist was selling medicine, telling people that such magic potion will let you die immediately and become immortal. No one would dare to try but Lu Ju bought and tried the potion but nothing happened to him.

第八試：有個顛狂道士在街巷裡賣藥，聲稱服者立死，來世可以得道。人們聽了，誰個肯自尋死路？純陽不信邪，買回服之、安然無恙。

Test 9: A river was elevated due to heavy rain, Lu Ju and some other passengers were on a boat crossing the river, while reaching the middle path, the weather was getting from bad to worse, all the passengers except Lu Ju were nervous and worried. Lu Ju took life easy and never worried about life and death!

第九試：河水泛濫，純陽與眾人乘舟渡河，行至中游，狂風暴作，波濤洶湧，眾人驚懼，唯純陽神態自若，端然不動，視生死之度外。



Test 10: Lu Ju was alone at home and suddenly weird things had happened, ghost and monsters were killing each other and wanted to do the same to Lu Ju, without fear Lu Ju kept on doing his chaos without paying attention to them. Another group of devils with blood all over tried to take Lu Ju's life away by saying to Lu Ju that he owed his previous life to him since in past life Lu Ju took his life. Without any fear Lu Ju said 'go ahead and take my life since I took yours in past life, this is fair and square!' All of the sudden the sky turned blue and those ghost and devils were disappeared while looking and laughing at him was Straight Yang Chung Le Chuen. (Who happened to be his Master and Mentor in Taoist teaching)

第十試：純陽獨坐室中，忽見無數奇形怪狀的妖魔鬼怪欲殺欲打，純陽毫不畏懼。又一群夜叉，押着一個血淋淋的死囚，前來索命：「你前世殺了我，今當還命！」純陽道：「殺人償命，欠債還錢。」神態自若，端然不動。忽然見空中大喝一聲，鬼怪皆無。一人撫掌大笑，卻是正陽真人鍾離權。

These 10 tests proved that Lu Ju is a pure and dignity person and Master Chung is very satisfied and happy to take Lu Ju to Nan San Her Ling to pass his secret of life and subsequently formed a 'Chung Lu Golden Dan' sect of school. But Lu Ju was not too found on the secret and instead change his formula for inner peace and benefits more human beings; many until today practiced such path to immortals. This is his major effort and contribution. He helped many to walk the right path and improve the health as well as living condition of many!

十試，純陽皆無得失心，以平常心態對待，鍾離權極為滿意。帶着純陽至終南山鶴嶺，傳以靈寶秘法，上真秘法，共同開創了鍾呂金丹派。

但純陽不執著於煉丹、點石成金的法術，改「丹鉛」與「黃白之術」為內功，只以慈悲度世為成道路徑。修仙成功之後，時常下山雲遊四方，為百姓解除疾病，不要任何報酬。

(一說正陽真人鍾離權的師傅東華帝君，是純陽真人呂洞賓的前身。該說法多見明清章回小說以及降筆揮鸞勸善文中，如《八仙得道傳》、《東遊記》等。另據《歷代神仙通鑒》，呂洞賓是上古聖王「皇覃氏」轉世。)

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