

The best leaders

Tao Te Ching §17

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**The best leaders are those
the people hardly know exist.**

**The next best is a leader who
is loved & praised. Next
comes the one who is feared.**

**The worst one is the leader
that is despised.**



If you don't trust the people,
they will become
untrustworthy.



The best leaders value their words & use them sparingly.

When she has accomplished her task, the people say,

***“Amazing: we did it,
all by ourselves!”***

