Words of Prudence and Caution for the

New Year



哈哈我不知

近水莫釣魚 入山休打獵 赌博絕不贏 旅遊更造孽 吃齋多念佛 戒般免災禍 仁慈多放生 古佛家中坐 可嘆世間人 捨本盡逐末 忙碌過一生 到底為什麼 請你告訴我

Nearing the waters, absolutely do not fish. Entering the mountains, abstain from hunting. When gambling, definitely do not win. Traveling, one creates even more karmic offenses.

Eating only vegetarian foods, one must also recite the Buddhas' names more. Abstaining from killing, one naturally averts disasters and calamities.

One should be kind and compassionate,

and practice liberating animals who are about to be slaughtered.

Therefore you will have ancient Buddhas to sit in your mind.

Unfortunately, most people in the world have forsaken the roots and sought for the end. They live tiring and hectic lives, but do they know for what?

I laugh because I do not know -- please enlighten me.

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