

“I could not turn back the time for the political change, but there is still time to save our heritage. You must remember never to cease to act because you fear you may fail.



The way to lose any earthly kingdom is to be inflexible, intolerant, and prejudicial. Another way is to be too flexible, tolerant of too many wrongs, and without judgment at all. It is a razor's edge. It is the width of a blade of pili grass. To gain the kingdom of heaven is to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen, and to know the unknowable – that is Aloha. All things in this world are two; in heaven there is but One.” – Lili'uokalani

Lili'uokalani – although a baptized Christian – had not abandoned the cultural practices and gods of her ancestors. Her words take on additional meanings. Lili'uokalani's Aloha requires considerable maturity of purpose and intuitive awareness, and a recognition that in Aloha there is no duality.

Intuitive Listening of the Empty Spirit

“Don’t listen with your ears, listen with your mind. No, don’t listen with your mind, but listen with your spirit. Listening stops with the ears. The mind stops with recognition, but spirit is empty and waits on all things. The Way gathers in emptiness alone. Emptiness is the fasting of the mind.”

--- Chuang Tzu



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