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## Beautiful Lesson of the I

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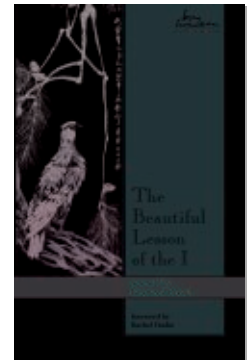
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## BUTTERFLY

The butterfly is formed out of the same nothingness  
as the tree or ragged horse.

Its spots are cinders of glazed copper.

Its veins converge over the powdered  
surface like folds of a fan.

Now, it is a little tent balanced on my finger,  
the undersides paler than a torn Japanese umbrella.