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Who Knows What's Good or Bad?

Once upon a time there was a farmer whose horse ran away. A neighbor came to console him, since it was the farmer's only horse. The farmer replied, "Who knows what is good or bad?"

The next day the horse returned with a herd of wild horses close behind. Hearing the thunderous noise of the horses' hoofs, the neighbor returned to the farmer gleefully rejoicing. The farmer only said, "Who knows what is good or bad?"

The third day the farmer's son went into the corral to break one of the horses. But the horse threw the son off so fiercely that the son broke his leg. Again the neighbor came by to give the farmer his condolences. The farmer replied, "Who knows what is good or bad?"

Several months later some government officials came to the property of the farmer seeking to draft his son. However, because of the son's broken leg, his draft was deferred. Once more the neighbor came by to congratulate the farmer on his good fortune. The farmer again replied, "Who knows what is good or bad?"

- What is the point of the farmer's words, "Who knows what is good or bad?"
- What does this story say about harmony and balance?
- Tell about a time something that at first seemed to be bad turned out to be good.
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Chinese Religions Word Search

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1. contains the sayings of Confucius
2. "superior one"
3. the attempt to discover what underlies a present situation or what the future holds through the use of spiritual practices like Tarot card reading or the casting of bones
4. the art of divining a place or date that has a positive spiritual aura
5. non-institutional religious beliefs and practices of a culture or a group of people
6. the highest virtue in Confucianism
7. authorship of this attributed to Lao-tzu
8. action without action
9. "shady," the female, dark, negative force in the universe
10. "sunny," the male, bright, positive force in the universe