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Do not create unnatural pockets of acceptance
in the universe.

That is, do not go along with others
just to be kind,
when their actions discomfit you;

this would have the effect
of reinforcing such actions
so that they will tend to be repeated
more frequently and intensively.

Your cog is where it is
to naturally buffer other cogs
so that the whole machine
sticks to the plan.

Let your cog
be explicitly honest
with the other cogs.

However, despite the immense power
of the huge driving wheels
of the universe,

ultimately the smallest gears
are delicately balanced,

and so always compound
your honesty with gentleness.