Hui Tzu said to Chuang Tzu:  
“All your teaching is centered on what has no use.”

Chuang replied:  
“If you have no appreciation for what has no use  
You cannot begin to talk about what can be used.  
The earth, for example, is broad and vast  
But of all this expanse a man uses only a few inches  
Upon which he happens to be standing.  
Now suppose you suddenly take away  
All that he is not actually using  
So that, all around his feet a gulf  
Yawns, and he stands in the Void,  
With nowhere solid except right under each foot:  
How long will he be able to use what he is using?”

Hui Tzu said: “It would cease to serve any purpose.”

Chuang Tzu concluded:  
“This shows  
The absolute necessity  
Of what has ‘no use.’ ”

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