

DEFAULT POSITION

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Freshman Humanities
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Aim: "A man anxious for knowledge adds more to himself every minute."

Taoism and
The *Tao Te Ching*



Ferris

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” –
Ferris Buller's Day Off



Taoism



“Go with the
flow”

So, what exactly
is Taoism?

Taoism

- Founded by Lao Tzu
 - Very little is known about his life
- Central text is the *Tao Te Ching*
 - Only two books have been translated more often than the Tao Te Ching
 - The Bible
 - The *Bhagavad Gita*
- Some scholars believe it arose around the 5th Century B.C.
- Philosophy is completely opposite of Confucius (more on him tomorrow)



Taoism

Lao Tzu believed in the individual, subjective truth, inaction, and a life lived in harmony with the **Tao**



“The Way”

Taoism

In it's most simplified terms:

“Life is an interrelated system, that all parts fit together harmoniously, and that this whole system is moving through time, simply flowing along like a vast river.”



Taoism



Please take out your iPads

The Selections From The Tao Te Ching

Highlight anywhere you find Lao Tzu
using imagery

We'll use this for what I have planned
tomorrow

Homework



How can we apply Lao Tzu's principles in our own life?

Create a short Clips video

Make sure you include the question

Make specific reference to at least one line in the text

Upload to video.roslynschools.org and email me a link