

Taoism, Change & Decision Making

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CLASS DESCRIPTION & LEARNING OUTCOMES

Description:

Taoism is one of the three cornerstones of the ancient Chinese wisdom, culture and philosophy along with Confucianism and Buddhism. Taoist philosophy and practices have served as a source of infinite wisdom and practical guidance in handling day-to-day challenges of life for millennia and are vividly alive today.

In this course we will explore the foundations of the Taoist thought, its key concepts and their applications in the modern world. The particular emphasis will be given to the study of the ancient classic *the Book of Change (the I Ching)* and its insights into the nature of the surrounding us reality.

The second part of the class will be focused on exploring the applications of *the Book of Change* in a hands-on and case study formats as a method for unlocking inner wisdom & intuition in the context of decision making in the modern society.

Learning Outcomes:

Learn the key concepts of Taoist philosophy and practices and explore their relevance in the modern world

Study the ancient classic *the Book of Change (the I Ching)* and its insights into the nature of the surrounding reality

Apply the Taoist wisdom embodied in *the Book of Change* to unlock your inner wisdom & intuition in decision making

CLASS OUTLINE & SCHEDULE

Part 1 Introduction to Taoism

Class # 1	History, key concepts, beliefs and practices
Class # 2	Introduction to the Tao Te Ching
Class # 3	The modern view: The Tao of Dow

Assignment Posted On

Monday, April 02, 2007
Monday, April 09, 2007
Monday, April 16, 2007

Part 2 Foundations of the I Ching

Class # 4	Introduction & traditional applications
Class # 5	Anatomy: metaphysical foundation & yin/yang theory
Class # 6	Anatomy: the eight trigrams & the cycle of change
Class # 7	Modern view: Synchronicity, Chaos Theory and Genetic Code/DNA

Monday, April 23, 2007
Monday, April 30, 2007
Monday, May 07, 2007
Monday, May 14, 2007

Part 3 Wisdom & Intuition in Decision Making with the I Ching

Class # 8	Foundations of Decision Making
Class # 9	Deliberate Method of Analysis with the I Ching
Class # 10	Case studies and Summary

Monday, May 21, 2007
Monday, May 28, 2007
Monday, June 04, 2007

Final Paper (due)

Monday, June 11, 2007

FORMAT & GRADING

Reading & homework assignments will be posted to a Yahoo! Mailing Group weekly on Mondays. Each assignment will be due Sunday of the same week. One-on-one discussions with the instructor will be conducted via e-mail throughout the week or phone by appointment. 50% of class grade will be based on the final paper and 50% based on the completion of the weekly assignments.

READING MATERIALS

Required:

Daoism: A Short Introduction by James Miller
Tao Te Ching by Stephen Mitchell
The I Ching or Book of Changes: A Guide to Life's Turning Points by Brian Browne Walker
Understanding the I Ching by Cyrille Javary

ISBN as listed on Amazon

ISBN-10: 1851683151
ISBN-10: 0060812451
ISBN-10: 0312098286
ISBN-10: 1570622272

Optional:

The Chinese Tao of Business by George T. Haley, Usha C.V. Haley, Chin Tiong Tan
The Tao Jones Averages: A Guide to Whole-Brained Investing by Bennett W. Goodspeed
Tao of Organization: The I Ching for Group Dynamics (Shambhala Dragon Editions) by Thomas Cleary
Real Power: Business Lessons from the Tao Te Ching by James A. Autry, Stephen Mitchell
Synchronicity: An Acausal Connecting Principle by C. G. Jung
The Power of Intuition: How to Use Your Gut Feelings to Make Better Decisions at Work by Gary Klein
The Secret of the Golden Flower: A Chinese Book of Life by Richard Wilhelm
I Ching: The Classic Chinese Oracle of Change by Stephen Karcher

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