

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 5

#173 Five messages of love and peace: *Tao Te Ching*

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Who is Confucius? Who is Laozi?

Qt 2: Why do we respect ancient people so much?

Qt 3: What is a sage?

Qt 4: Who in the modern age do you consider a sage?

Vocabulary

- integrity (noun): the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change.
- verse (noun): writing that is arranged in short lines with a regular rhythm.
- interpretation (noun): an explanation or opinion of what something means.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Tao Te Ching, or “the Classic of the Way and Its Virtue,” has been considered an important work in spiritual literature for more than two thousand years. *Tao Te Ching* teaches that enlightened sage or ideal ruler are the same as those of the perfected individual. To follow the *Tao* to embody humility, spontaneity, and generosity:

The Tao Te Ching by Laozi: ancient wisdom for modern times

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/dec/27/comfort-reading-tao-te-ching-laozi>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following short video to learn more about this great book while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Tao Te Ching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIIF60Rr720>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Do you think a person has to be Chinese in order to understand the teachings of *Tao Te Ching*?

Can you write briefly about what you have personally learnt from the great book? Send your writing to: see.u@ccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.