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In his commentaries on five parables from the *Leih Tzu*, Osho brings a fresh and contemporary interpretation to the ancient wisdom of Tao. Leih Tzu was a well-known Taoist master in the fourth century B.C., and his sly critiques of a Confucius provide abundant opportunities for the reader to explore the contrasts between the rational and irrational, the male and female, the structured and the spontaneous.

"Who Is Really Happy" uses the discovery of a human skull on the roadside to probe into the question of immortality and how misery arises out of the existence of the ego.

"A Man Who Knows How to Console Himself" looks beneath the apparent cheerfulness of a wandering monk and asks if there is really a happiness that endures through life's ups and downs.

"No Regrets" is a parable about the difference between the knowledge that is gathered from the outside and the "knowing" that arises from within.

"No Rest for the Living" uses a dialogue between a despondent seeker and his master to reveal the limits of philosophy and the crippling consequences of living for the sake of some future goal.

"Best Be Still, Best Be Empty" discusses the difference between the path of the will, the *via affirmativa* of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, versus the path of the mystic, the *via negativa* of Buddha and Lao Tzu.

A Q&A section addresses how Taoist understanding applies to everyday life in concrete, practical terms.

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Beth says

Magnificent!

Pattie says

A good book - some new slants offered on timeless philosophies. But it is a bit wordy and repetitive at times.

Chetan Misal says

its just superb.... i cant express in words.. read twice..

Anna Pajunen says

Great read. Examines a number of critical points about life and how to live it, and makes some very old parables feel relevant and important for today's living being. I especially appreciate the friendly tone of the writer, and the questions answered at the end.

Leah says

2.5 stars

JP says

Floating high!!

Quicksilver Quill says

Tao: The Pathless Path is an extraordinary book by Osho in which he offers his interpretations of five parables taken from the Taoist classic the *Lieh Tzu*. His explorations and discussions of these short tales shed light on Taoist thought and create wonderful lessons in which to explore the nature of the Tao.

Flavin says

acerca de la autenticidad, de aceptar las realidades la verdad. la belleza de las cosas

Lê Khánh says

M?t cu?n sách theo mình là quá s?c v?i m?t ng??i tr? c?n nhi?u n?ng l??ng và không ng?i "Foolish" nh? mình.

Caroline says

I love Osho and I love Lao tzu, so Osho's thoughts on Tao are a great pleasure to read.

Chinmay K says

Brilliant!

Listened to both volumes audio version

Excerpts,

you cant seek truth .. you have to wait .. be patient .. be receptive .. not doing anything, but pulsating with energy, being alive, throbbing then .. Truth happens.

Tao is sublime laziness!

No need to do anything, all your doing is ego's effort/trip, just be (no-mind) and let Nature (God) do through you .. then you experience God.

Ashtavakra and Tao's Lao Tzu say the same, Lao Tzu: Wu wei- Non doing, just be.

Ashtavakra: Alasi Shiromani (Be Emperor of Laziness)

You are already that: No need to become, just be and celebrate your nature.

All divisions are ego created. There is only one whole, form or formless.

Akshay Cm says

Disappointed. Three books on Taoism by Osho and I now know that his understanding is not great of Taoism like Zen or Sufism. The idea of comparing Confucianism with Taoism from the starting defeats the whole idea of explaining Taoism. Wu Wei, action through inaction, I get it but I think Osho could have done better than a comparative study.

Benjamin Zapata says

Beautiful lessons from one of the greatest teacher in the world! Without wings we die;this remarkable book is a significant key to freedom. Savor its spirit.Let it shake you up and transform you as you encounter an ancient tradition promoting a higher consciousness and a universal love.

Deepak Maheshwari says

No Words...
