

# The Way of Life, According to Laotzu

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"The eighty-one sayings in this volume shine like gems-cut clear and beautiful in every facet . . . This translation will stand as the perfect rendering of a classic work."- John Haynes Holmes

Lao Tzu was one of the greatest mystics of all time. Legend tells us that he was immaculately conceived by a shooting star. Confucius, who met him only once, likened him to a dragon, the one creature in all creation whose ways he would never understand.

Some hold that Lao Tzu was not one man but many men, and the work attributed to him, the Tao Teh Ching, the product of many minds over many centuries.

But whether or not the Tao Teh Ching, here presented as The Way of Life, is the author's own matters little. From its original in sixth-century B.C. China it has come down to us as one of the most powerful testaments ever written to man's fitness in the universe. The basis of Taoism, one of the world's great religions, the Tao Teh Ching has been translated more frequently than any other work besides the Bible. Articulating the way of poise, serenity, and complete assurance, it teaches us how to work with the invisible forces of nature, the psyche, and the soul for a more successful life. Not passive contemplation, but creative quietism is the Way of Lao Tzu, and it has never been more relevant than it is today.

Witter Bynner was an American poet, scholar, translator, and writer. Bynner is known for The Way of Life, According to Laotzu, An Ode to Harvard and Other Poems, Young Harvard and Other Poems, Tiger, The Little King, The New World, Anne, An Import of China, and many more. The Witter Bynner Fellowships are named in his honor.

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Tao Te Ching, A joy to read this gem-like treasure of the Tao Te Ching is accessible, inclusive, poetic, and insightful. The Tao is an invitation to be in the flow of life in harmony with all beings and all things. This new version encourages us to begin from stillness and simply respond from an inner calm, quiet, and intuitive listening. Our innate sense of knowing through not-knowing is much needed in today's world. Discover how grace and ease most often appear by yielding to Lao Tzu's much cherished wisdom. "Cristina Viviani's inviting new translation of the Tao Te Ching captures both the simplicity and the complexity of these ancient teachings. In language that is clear, accessible, and possessed of a warmth sometimes lacking in other translations, Viviani's Tao Te Ching honors both the poetry and the philosophy of Taoism's central text." –John Brehm, author of The Dharma of Poetry "Beautiful and wise." –Dr. Alberto Pérez-Gómez, Emeritus Professor, Profesor Honoris Causa "I'm completely smitten! Loving this translation (even though Stephen Mitchell's has been my long-time favorite). I'm delighted to read and be immersed in this profoundly beautiful creation and integrate the wisdom and beauty the Tao brings. Now, I'm looking forward to holding this book in my hands and keeping it close by." –Moni Vangolen, Stillness Facilitator

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