

C and T notes for Friday December 1

General Purpose for Writing This

Seems to poke fun at many aspects of life
Tried to make life so complex, you should just follow the way and not worry about it
To raise awareness
Going against principle of doing nothing
Seems to center on a balance
Needs to get balance of truth and non truth and being and nonbeing
He has a grasp on it and wants to show that you don't

Why does he Use Confucius

He was a sage
Shows different, contrasting view
Intro says you can't take names seriously
Making fun of popular thought
If you openly attack another view point, your not being tranquil and going against the Tao Principle
Could be trying to find balance of right and wrong
 Could think of it that way assuming he knows what right is and that its purely subjective

Pg. 2 Section B, So and So

Things become so and so because people call them so and so
Can you create your own truth?
How are our views of right and wrong formed?
What is correct and what is false?
 Had to believe that something is correct or false just because we believe it
Seeing is either there or not there
Laws?

 Talking about state of state, is it because they are or is it because we perceive they are ok Or not ok

What is light of nature?

Tao
Means to achieve Tao
Right is an infinity and so is wrong
Right is what ever is not wrong and wrong is what ever is not right

Three in the Morning

Story meant to describe the struggle to understand it
Perception
Different form
Saw monkeys as humans and go with the flow
Another poke at Confucianism since it put so much on ritual

Neither Life nor Death

If Taoism has a god, this is the god
About a man who achieves god like status
People are so high up spiritually they can survive anything

Need to have a good balance of non ritual and ritual
There shouldn't be levels-contradicts Taoism as a whole
It would spur ambition in man
You can try and do nothing

Letting your spirit take you away and not doing anything yourself, just
your spirit is

Tranquility

You should use future outcomes as a motivator
Should practice just because it happens
You cant try and be tranquil you just are
Describing meditation again

Sage vs. Kings

Prescribes a way to become a king that still follows Tao king by becoming a king,
you assume the Role, you don't achieve, you don't campaign, and you don't expend any
effort.