

Notes C&T 11-19-08

- P. hh2 #5= balance
- P. hh10 #61= female
- P. hh3 #3= moderation
- P. hh3 #8= competition is bad
- P. hh5 #25= Dao is great
- P. hh3 #10= profound and secret virtue (DE)
- P. hh10 #42= Ying and Yang
- P. hh10 # 48= pursuit of Dao
- P. hh4 #18= Confucianism
- P. hh9 #57= government
- P. hh4 # 17= legalism
- P. hh17= great rulers
- P. hh4 #15= no overflowing
- P. hh6 #30= good generals
- P. hh5 #25= what is Dao?
- P. hh2 #4= contradictions
- P. hh4 #18= Confucianism

1. Philip thought that the reading was lame and didn't like how the reading was so repetitive.
2. The view was expressed that the reading wasn't that bad and it relaxes one before doing other homework
3. Phil thought that the doctrine that states you should not take action is wrong and used the current bail out for the American economy as a point to support his argument
4. Some claimed that in terms of the auto industry bail out that why should you support a company that is going to die if they are just going to die a little later
5. We then moved to how the author thinks that one should just let things follow their course because if you try to change it, or mold it into your vision, the thing would just change back
6. The Dao is an interesting philosophy because you can't really see it, it also calls for you to give up your possessions and not be competitive which some think is against our human nature
7. Maybe people weren't naturally competitive, hh5 #25, argues against the claim that the Dao is unnatural
8. Competition has been around for such a long time that it might be just a creation of man, because if you look at everything they all competed to be the biggest and best in the world
9. Some think that competition is a good thing, if you have the proper rules set out then it is a good thing

10. People don't always follow the rules, OPEC is a prime example with a false price increase caused by a lack of production, which causes some countries to break OPEC and start producing
11. Competition causes production, it also creates an individual identity
12. Some think that Dao is a utopia, there is no conflict
13. Philip thought that the reading wants the reader to focus too much on reflection and not on actually living life
14. On page 2 he explains it more than action through non-action, some think the author just wants people to do an action and just let it be
15. Page 3 #14, felt that this section was different than a lot of other sections, which makes some think that there were multiple authors
16. The authors claims that if you just exist, then you exist forever, but if you have a reason for existence then you will fade out of existence
17. A common theme is that weapons and competition is bad, put in a feudal context this theory make a lot of sense, the culmination of the philosophy is that people should just live their life and try not to fight against others and cause problems
18. In a sense could Dao be critiquing other philosophers that we have read, did these other philosopher do their deeds out of selfishness or out of a desire to do good to the world
19. What do you think about his shots against legalism and Confucianism?
20. The reading claims that rulers should not have weapons, but rulers should shouldn't have a large public image
21. The points about rulers seem different, or to be driven a different point
22. The author doesn't like Confucius, calls him arrogant
23. Even legalism seemed to have some respect for Confucius
24. Dao seems to be arrogant in itself, it almost seems to be an elite thing
25. Page 9 #56, reminds some people of Socrates, because he claims that he knows nothing, if someone doesn't do anything then you can't attack them
26. he who speaks knows nothing, he who doesn't speak is knowledgeable
27. page 8 #48, the pursuit of learning is to learn everyday, the Dao states that for the Dao you decrease everyday, which means that the more you learn the less you are in contact with the Dao
28. there was a big discussion on what it means for one to learn and its relation to the Dao
29. page 8 #55, the authors talks about being an infant, a person being all virtuous
30. is an infant really all powerful?
31. It is a kind of maturity that causes the power, you know pride but you show humility
32. People are the most protective of infants