

## Notes for discussion Fri. 11/21 (Zhuang-zi)

### Passages:

3e-respect all things

4h-what??

6c-transformation

2b-road becomes

6a-true man

7e-mocking Confucius

10c-fish

4g-no absolute truth

17c-fish

8a-tranquility

2c-the monkeys

7c-course of life

8h-six breaths

4,chapter 3-expertise in anything

10-18 happiness

9a-universe at peace

9b Confucius visits Laoza

### Discussion:

Is it as good as Confucius and other previous texts?

This text is not as heavy, also funnier

Chapter 22, making fun of Dao

Universe wants to be in disorder, humans want order – they destroy the balance?

What exactly “taking no action” mean in Daoism?

Recent texts-different views on the feudal China

This text seems to emphasize the relativity of things

Death as just a new stage-CH 18

What’s natural for humans? Why, according to the followers of Dado are we here?

Would the philosophers of Dao want to build new highways? Probably not.

Can harmony ever be achieved?

The text tells us (again) no to try to learn from the ancient texts, experience is essential

Could you live the way of Dao and perhaps have a different religion (for example Christianity)?