



SINCERITY BLOSSOMS

English Tao Seminar 2018 Reflections

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Thanks for the grace of Heaven and virtues of Predecessors! Since attending the English Silent Tao Seminar last month (on May 18-20, 2018) in Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, USA, I have experienced a sincerer desire to change. After the seminar in 2017 I was excited and ready to move forward, but I constantly ignored my vow to highly regard heavenly work over the mundane. This time I feel the capacity of my heart has surely expanded because I am making Tao a priority in my daily schedule.

While all the teachings from seminar were impressive, there were three that touched my heart deeply.

- 1. Service is my teacher.** I am a new member of temple staff and during seminar I was honored with new opportunities to serve. Now weeks after seminar I feel I am growing through service. When I am bowing, folding my body humbles me and expands my sincerity giving me a profound sense of joy. I am fulfilling a need when it is my turn and I gladly serve Tao relatives. If you've had this experience you know exactly what I'm talking about.
- 2. In Chinese, cultivation means to mend one's ways or actions to purify ourselves.** This definition reminds me that cultivating Tao is an inside job and I must spend time applying the principles to my life, analyzing my behavior, reflecting on my choices and changing what isn't helping me evolve.



誠心綻放

2018 英文新道親法會心得

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感謝 天恩師德、祖師鴻慈！自上個月（2018年5月18至20日）參加了在美國密西根忠恕道院舉辦的英文新道親法會，後學更深切地感受到需要改變的原動力。之前參加2017年的法會後，也曾感到法喜充滿並且準備向前邁進，但卻一直忽視當時所立「重聖輕凡」的愿。此次，感受到心性確實地提昇了，因為後學將「道」列為每天的優先考量。

法會中，所有講述內容都令人印象深刻，而其中三點後學感受最深：

1. **以服務為師**。後學是中堂的一位新的辦事員，十分榮幸能在法會中學習服務。在法會結束後這幾週，後學感受到自身於服務中的成長。躬身時，彎下身軀令我充滿謙下，並綻放出誠心，使後學感受到無比喜悅。後學盡己本分，歡喜地為每一位道親服務。如果您曾親身經歷，您一定能真切地體會我所說的感受。
2. **中文的「修道」**，意味著修心練性。這個道理提醒後學：修道需在內心下功夫，並且時時應用於生活中，剖析自我的行為、反思自己的選擇，和改變阻礙我成長的行為和選擇。

3. **There are three levels of people with six distinct kinds of affinity to describe the capacity of our hearts.** Affinities were listed from small to the Buddha Nature, and right now I see myself at medium capacity; understanding by listening to teachings. I expect through continued service and daily cultivating to constantly expand the capacity of my heart.



5/19/17 TAO SEMINAR

THE PEACE OF SILENCE NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS
DRIVES ME DOWN INTO MYSELF TO THE CORE OF ME
GOD'S HOUSE, SPIRIT, MY ESSENTIAL SELF
THE TRUTH OF WHO I AM
IN THE SILENCE SEEDS SPROUT – REBIRTH
CLONING ME PROVIDES PRISM LIKE PERSPECTIVES
SEEING EVERYONE AS ME, SEEING ME AS EVERYONE
I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR LIFE, FOR LOVE, FOR FAMILY

6/3/18 TAO SEMINAR

SILENCE, HUSH NOW, SILENCE
GOD IS WHISPERING – SERVE
EVERY BOW NURTURES MORE
HUMBLE HANDS AND HEART
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3. 世間有三種人，有六種不同之因緣而增進信心（院長大人慈訓）。由因感應而增進信心（下乘之人），至因見性而增進信心（上乘之人）。而後學覺得自己目前處於中間的階段（中乘之人），是因慧解而生發信心的。後學希望能夠藉由持續地服務及每日的修行，不斷地精進自身心性。



▲ 真誠分享修辦道心得。



▲ 褚楚麟、李寬仁兩位點傳師慈悲護持。

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