

Parallel Sayings-Jesus & Lao Tzu - Martin Aronson

*Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Matthew 6:26***

*By doing nothing, everything is done. **Tao Te Ching 48***

*Go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **Matthew 6:5***

Without stepping outside you can know what is happening in the world

*Without looking out the window you can see the way of heaven. **Tao Te Ching 47***

Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

Being the stream of the universe, true & unswerving, become as a little child once more.

Tao Te Ching 28

*Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no sandals, and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" **Luke 10:3-5***

*There is nothing softer or more yielding than water but none is superior to it in overcoming the hard; it has no equal. Weakness overcomes strength and gentleness overcomes rigidity. Everyone knows this, yet no one puts it into practice. **Tao Te Ching 78***

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Matthew 5:3-9***

To yield is to be preserved whole.

To be bent is to become straight.

To be hollow is to be filled.

To be tattered is to be renewed.

To be in want is to possess.

*To have plenty is to be confused. **Tao Te Ching 22***

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also, **Matthew 6:21***

*The sage wears rough clothing and holds the jewel in his heart. **Tao Te Ching 70***

*Many that are first will be last, and the last will be first. **Mark 10:31***

*Softness and gentleness are the companions of life. The hard and strong will fall. The soft and weak will overcome. **Tao Te Ching 76***

*Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. **John 7:18***

*Those who know do not talk. Those who talk do not know. **Tao Te Ching 56***

*Love your neighbor as yourself. **Matthew 22:39***

*Love the world as your own self. **Tao Te Ching 13***

*Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **Luke 6:37***

The sage is good to people who are good. He is also good to people who aren't good. This is true

goodness. The sage trusts people who are trustworthy. He also trusts people who aren't trustworthy. This is true trust.

Tao Te Ching 49

Do not resist an evildoer. If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, offer him the other also.

Matthew 5:38

*Respond to anger with virtue. **Tao Te Ching 63***

*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. **Luke 6:27***

*The sage is good at helping everyone. For that reason there is no rejected person. Therefore the good man is the teacher of the bad and the bad man is the lesson of the good. **Tao Te Ching 27***

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Matthew 5:9***

*Force is followed by loss of strength. This is not the way of Tao. And that which goes against Tao perishes young. **Tao Te Ching 30***

*All who take the sword will perish by the sword. **Matthew 26:52***

*A violent man will die a violent death. **Tao Te Ching 42***

*You will know them by their fruits. **Matthew 7:16***

*Knowing the mother, one also knows the sons. **Tao Te Ching 52***

*Why are you afraid, you of little faith? **Matthew 8:26***

*He who has not enough faith will not be able to command faith from others. **Tao Te Ching 23***

*With God all things are possible. **Matthew 19:26***

*If there is a good store of virtue, then nothing is impossible. **Tao Te Ching 59***

*He who endures to the end will be saved. **John 14:27***

*A journey of a thousand miles starts under one's feet. **Tao Te Ching 64***

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **Luke 21:33***

*The ten thousand things rise and fall but the way of nature is unchanging. Being at one with the Tao is eternal. And though the body passes away, the Tao will never pass away. **Tao Te Ching 16***

*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. **Matthew 13:31-32***

*The Tao is forever undefined. Small though it is, it cannot be grasped. Tao in the world is like a river flowing home to the sea. **Tao Te Ching 32***

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. **Ecclesiastes 3:1***

*All things take shape and rise to activity but I watch them fall back to rest, like vegetation that grows luxuriantly and returns to the soil it springs from. **Tao Te Ching 16***

*The kingdom of God is among you. **Luke 17:21***

*The great Tao flows everywhere. **Tao Te Ching 34***

*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. **John 6:47***

*He who dies yet his power remains has long life. **Tao Te Ching 33***