

## I Will Follow Him

You don't have to be a scholar to understand Confucius. Making it easy for us, he said, "My Tao can be summarized as humanity and righteousness." The goal of his Tao, or way of life, was to achieve harmony. He said, "When harmony is achieved, heaven and earth will be in the right place and all creatures will be nourished."

Lao Tze was not so user-friendly. He said, "If Tao can be told, it is not a universal Tao." However, the symbol of Yen and Yang gave away his secret. His Tao is also a way to pursue harmony.

My mother used to teach me: "Harmony in family brings prosperity. Harm in family is caused by hostility." The way to a happy family life is to maintain harmony.

The Chinese way of life can be summed up in one word: "Harmony." Remember the Olympic open ceremony in Beijing? Harmony was the theme of the unforgettable pageant. Now you know the reason.

What is the Way (Tao) of Jesus? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and life." John said, "In the beginning, there was the Word." (Jn 1:1) "The Word (Jesus) became flesh." (v.14) The English and Japanese Bible translators focus on the Jewish mindset so they translate "Logos" as Word. God created the world with spoken words. God communicated to Moses and prophets in spoken words. However, John and his community were influenced more by Greek culture. The Greek word "Logos" means universal way. The Chinese translator was wise to use the term Tao vice Word. Jesus is the Tao. Jesus is the Universal Way.

To follow the Jesus Way is to live in harmony. Jesus used the cross to bring harmony between God and us and among us. He told us to live in love -- to love God and love others as we love ourselves. The joy of following His way is to live for Him. With a higher purpose in life, we share Paul's joyful claim: "To live is Christ."

Let us pray: *Dear Lord Jesus, your Tao is the best way. Your way will bring harmony to the world and my life. Help me to be a faithful follower. Help me to uphold justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Amen.*

## 與主同行

孔子說：“吾道一以貫之，仁義而已矣。”他的道，是以和為貴：“致中和，天地位焉、萬物育焉。”老子故作玄虛地說：“道可道，非常道。”意思是說：“我若能清楚地向你解釋我的道，這道就不是恆常博大的道理了。”可是從他的陰陽觀念得知，他的理想也是天人合一，萬物和諧。

先母常教導我：“家和萬事興，家衰口不停。”要家庭生活愉快，必須上下融洽。總而言之，中國人的生活之道是以和字為代表。去年北京奧運會的開幕禮，就是以和為主題，叫人難以忘懷。

耶穌的道又如何呢？祂不是說：“我就是道路、真理、生命----”嗎？約翰福音一開始便說：“太初有道。”十四節又說：“道成了肉身.....”這道就是指耶穌基督，祂是我們可以清楚了解的常道。

追隨耶穌的道，就是活在和諧的境界之中。耶穌捨身，用十字架帶給我們與神及與人的和諧。祂叫我們活在愛中，全心全力愛神及愛鄰舍。跟隨耶穌的喜樂基於為主而活，我們若能明白神給我們生命的標竿，我們也可像保羅一樣快樂地說：“活著就是基督。”

請禱告：主阿，祢的道最美善，祢的道能帶給我們和諧的人生。求祢幫助我，使我能忠心地跟隨祢，幫我行公義，好憐憫，常存謙卑的心與你同行。阿們。

