

AIM: How did Daoism contribute to the ethics of Ancient China?

### Daoism (Taoism)

- "The Way" of the universe
- Stressed living "naturally"
- Society forces humans to live by rules—not "natural"

Daoists believe people are happiest when they live according to their nature.

### "An Example of Taoism"

- How does this fable exemplify Taoism?
- How might the teachings of Taoism allow for social order to return to China?
- Do you agree with more aspects of Taoism or Confucius? Why?


→ Founder - Laozi

→ Universal force - the Dao (the way)

→ Emphasizes nature and the natural progression of humans

→ ≠ Retreat from nature  
↳ growth of humans w/o interference

↳ rules interfere (society forces humans to live by rules)

→ Yin and Yang   
balance of two forces:  
(light + dark)

### Fable of the Oak and the Reeds

↳ the reeds bent w/ the wind and survived  
↳ the oak fought the wind and broke.

Consider: How does the fable relate to Daoism and Chinese society?

↳ People would be content w/ simple lives, free of desire (not relying on rules to control)