

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



- ▶ “The Dao never does anything, yet through it all things are done. If powerful men and women count center themselves in it, the whole world would be transformed by itself, in its natural rhythms. People would be content with their simple, everyday lives, in harmony and free of desire. When there is no desire all things are at peace.

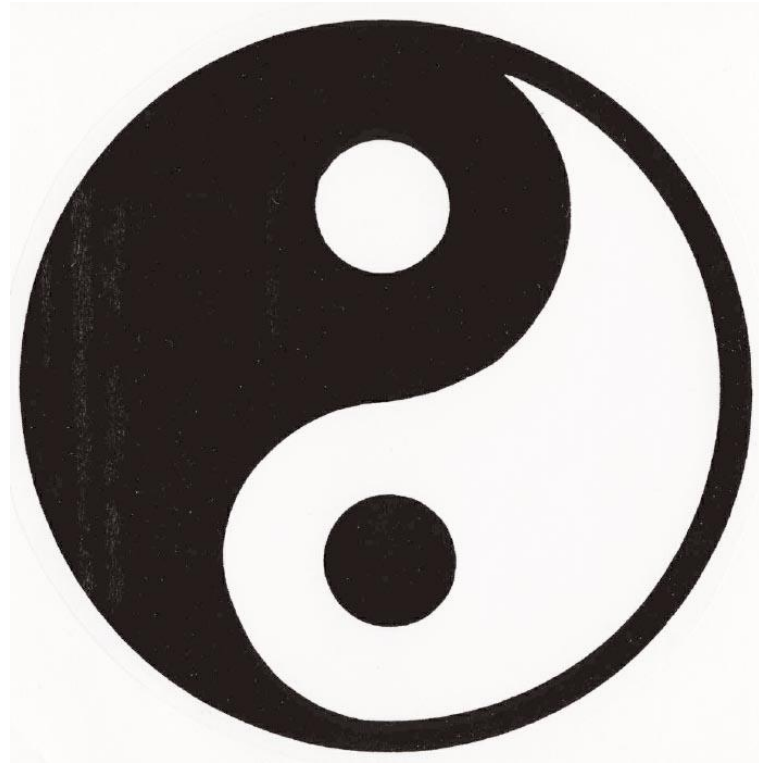
–Laozi



Daoism (Taoism)

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

Yin(dark forces) Yang (light forces)



“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?
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