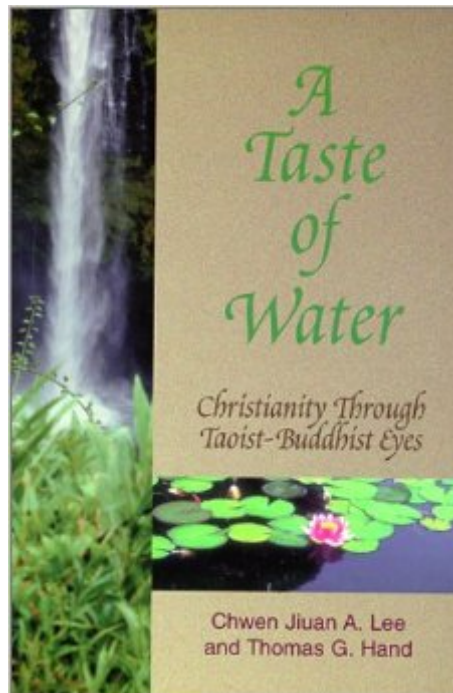


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# A Taste Of Water: Christianity Through Taoist-Buddhist Eyes



## Synopsis

"A Taste of Water" explores the possibility of a spiritual path that encompasses eastern religion/philosophy with Christianity. The book includes many little episodes from the authors' experiences that vivify Mahayana Buddhism and classical Taoism and practices on Jesus Christ and his teachings.

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## Customer Reviews

One wonders if the confused lone critic who is ranting against this beautiful book has read more than its title ... sad how some individuals feel the need to vent their own spiritual anger in the most inappropriate places. "A Taste of Water" is refreshing inspiration for anyone who is serious about exploring the possibility of a spiritual path that encompasses Eastern as well as Western religion/philosophy. I would highly recommend this book, and yes, it can be found by those who know where to seek ...

This is a very well done piece. Despite what some might think this book is NOT trying to Christianize traditional Chinese teachings. I found it to be just the OPPOSITE! The authors use the teachings of their childhood (mostly Taoist and Zen teachings) to explain eastern christianity. The Christianity of the Chinese and other eastern people is very different than that of the west. For western Christians who find their church's teachings no longer speak to them this is a wonderful book. I find myself very influenced by eastern teachings, they speak to beliefs I have always held and had no name for. If you are easily offended or feel that no religious teachings should ever be meshed this book is not

for you. As the authors would say, "teachings and dogma are only useful if we are not attached to them. As soon as we become afraid to change them, examine them, or modify them they become a stumbling block." So for those who are more interested in finding a universal truth than blindly clinging to teachings this book will truly be a "taste of water".

This book is a unique gem. In my own spiritual travels I have found that most who grow beyond the needs for "external" religion turn inward and are in great need of the tools and insights offered by these authors. The view that is presented here is neither strictly Buddhist nor mainline Christian--it is, though, authentic in its message and presentation. It focuses on the message of Jesus as so fundamentally important that it transcends efforts to enclose it in narrow walls of a single faith point of view. This book is an extremely valuable asset along the personal path of spiritual intimacy with the divine.

It's a shame that this book is already out of print! This is the only book I've ever read that revived the richness of imagery in the Bible while warning our obsession of Western LOGOS. I admit 'Christian theology' have done a great job to describe a half of what Christ is all about, but the thing is that too many people misunderstand that it explained the whole of it. I've found the other half coming to life so beautifully in this book. I found a copy of this book in a bookstore in Japan and was deeply moved because the translation was incredibly excellent. I desperately wanted the original English version. I will treasure it for life.

As more and more Christians are interested in Eastern practices and vice-versa, this little book provides some valuable insight into the key issues of a potential dual practice. I am very glad it is back in print and would highly recommend it.

Here we have another disturbing attempt to weave new age teachings into Christianity and claim that all paths lead to the same place. They do not. If all paths led to God then Jesus would not have said, "enter by the narrow way". The author calls the Genesis accounts of creation and Adam and Eve a "myth". If one does not believe the Genesis account as fact then why even bother calling yourself a Christian since the whole reason for Christ's coming is explained in Genesis. If Genesis is a myth then it renders the coming of Christ meaningless and Christianity an inept religion. The ideas presented in this book are a heresy to orthodox Christianity and are at odds with the Nicene Creed. I was very disappointed because I wanted to read this book in hopes of finding some new insight and

possibly find more evidence that God had revealed Himself to the people of the ancient east. Instead I found yet another attempt to weave the false beliefs and teachings of the new age movement into the truths of Christianity.

This is a wonderful interfaith dialogue, and it has an interesting "test" to help the reader discover his or her ideal approach to spiritual practice. I have gone back to this book many times over the years, and this was my second purchase to replace a well-worn copy years old.

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