
Immortalization

What is a Taoist? Anyone who has a desire to live longer, happier, healthier, and wiser is a Taoist. Anyone who seeks and practices something in order to achieve these goals is a good Taoist. And good Taoists have everlasting lives.

As mentioned before, we must experience God to gain everlasting life. We can charge our bodies with energy and function like the perpetual-motion machines dreamed of by many scientists. Perpetual-motion machines do not exist, but perpetual human machines do, because human beings are imbued with God's spirit—the desire to improve themselves and the power to rejuvenate themselves. Since the prerequisites for immortality—the desire to improve and rejuvenate—innately exist within each and everyone of us, all we need is Taoism to refine and guide our efforts. Because Taoism is the only



Figure 2. Figurine of immortality, holding four symbols of longevity. Ch'ing Dynasty.

philosophy that deals with immortality.

Over 6,000 years ago, the ancient Taoists began to study ways to extend longevity. They were not looking for artificial ways, such as injections, implants, etc., to add a few years to life. They knew that materials foreign to human bodies can cause more complications and may ultimately lead to earlier deaths. The ancients sought for *natural*, effective, practical ways to prolong life indefinitely. Their research resulted in methods that help human beings walk with God. To have everlasting life, we have to walk with God.

All the progeny of Adam, listed in the book of Genesis, had a time of birth and a time of death, except for Enoch. Enoch did not die because God chose him, and God chose him because he walked with Him. Without having to commit to monasticism—Enoch was married and had three sons—he was able to eternalize his physical body, simply through spending his days walking with God.

Elijah is another example of mortals whose physical bodies were eternalized. Jesus is still another. His resurrection involved his *physical body*, not his spirit. He could eat, talk, and be touched by others, but his body was not limited by space or time. He could pass through walls and doors. In other words, Jesus possessed a *spiritualized body*. His body became spiritualized at the time of his resurrection.

The Bible, specifically the book of Revelations, tells us that either before or after the coming disaster on earth, 24,000 people will be picked up physically and be spared from death. But, prayers and donations to the church will not guarantee one's inclusion among the 24,000 people. One has to walk with God.

Presently, there are many saints and holy men in India and China who are not limited by space or time. In Chinese historical records, one can find the detailed personal histories of 2,000 Taoists who have been spiritualized.

God gave us life and time on earth to learn and practice the lessons of Godliness, which are necessary for spiritualizing the physical body. The objective of our lessons, then, is immortalization. All must reach that objective. Those who do not learn their lessons well are forced to come back in successive reincarnations to learn and relearn their lessons, in increasingly painful situations. Reincarnation provides physical bodies—physical carriers in which lessons are learned—for those who need to learn their lessons, and sex and reproduction support reincarnation through succeeding generations. Sex is inevitably and undeniably a part of the process of immortalization.

With the appearance of Jesus, immortality assumed unprecedented importance in the West. In the Old Testament, except for a few references to Enoch and Elijah, immortality was not mentioned. Jesus may have acquired an interest in immortality during his travels to India and China. His travels

occurred after his childhood and before his return to a public life with the apostles. During his preachings, he made many philosophical statements concerning elevated planes of existence: *a person must be reborn to enter the Kingdom of God*, and so on.

(Unfortunately, Jesus never described the practical ways of attaining immortality; he discussed only philosophy. It is doubtful that his disciples learned anything practical from him, since he was with them for only three years and, in that time, was preoccupied with healing and preaching. His disciples were also preoccupied with healing and preaching.)

Coincidentally, rebirth also plays an important role in the attainment of immortality in Taoist teachings. According to Taoism, birth is associated with the sexual glands. But, obviously, no one could go back to his or her mother's womb to be reborn. Taoists define rebirth as the use of sexual glands to rejuvenate bodily cells and tissues to transform or spiritualize the body. This process will be explained later in the chapter on the Seven Glands Theory.

The Kingdom of God is said to be for spiritualized individuals. This teaching of Jesus is one of many that coincides with Taoist teachings. If one reads the Bible with the insight of Taoist knowledge, one will find many instances of coincidence, and many expressions in the Bible, which could appear rather vague or mysterious otherwise, will be clarified.