

Chapter Review- ‘Things As They Are’Reference

Hoff, B. (1993). *The Te of Piglet*. New York: Penguin Books.

Goals

- reflect on how the character(s) relates to us
- relate presentation to our growth as a leader
- relate presentation to our growth in spirituality

Taoism – Chinese Civilization vs. Egotism – Western Civilization

“Chinese are practical people – they have no respect for things that sound good, but don’t work” (Hoff, 1993, p145). It is about reality appreciation - appreciation of everyday living things. Once you make a habit of observing, deducing, and applying, you may sense a pathway opening up ahead of you – or inside of you, or both – leading to a deeper understanding of things (Hoff, 1993, p153).

“The typical Mind of the West says: So who needs Eastern philosophy? To such a mind, Eastern philosophy has two things wrong with it. First, it is Eastern – exotic and mystical, quaint, but useless. Second, it’s Philosophy. And what good does that do anybody” (Hoff, 1993, p146).

How does this relate to leadership & spirituality?

Leadership	Spirituality
reforms should be practical	balance between id and superego
establish insight into our reality tunnel	never mind the Jones
don’t be stuck being an either/or - Owl	work with the natural laws around us - Fate

Principle of Effortless Action

“When a stream come to some stones in its path, it doesn’t struggle to remove them, or fight against them, or think about them. It just goes around them. And as it does, it sings. Water responds to What’s There with effortless action” (Hoff, 1993, p157). What some people view as a problem aren’t really problems at all. Compounding any problem is the traditional Western response to difficulties real or imagined, the tendency to see them emotionally, perceiving them as threats to one’s personal survival...” (Hoff, 1993, p171).

How does this relate to leadership & spirituality?

Leadership	Spirituality
collaboration	don’t fight the small stuff
shared visioning	cannot impose your will on others
collegiality	see things as having a purpose