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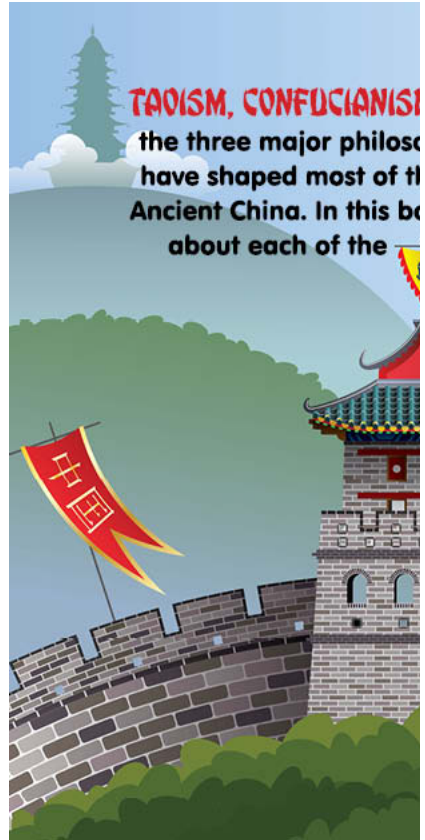
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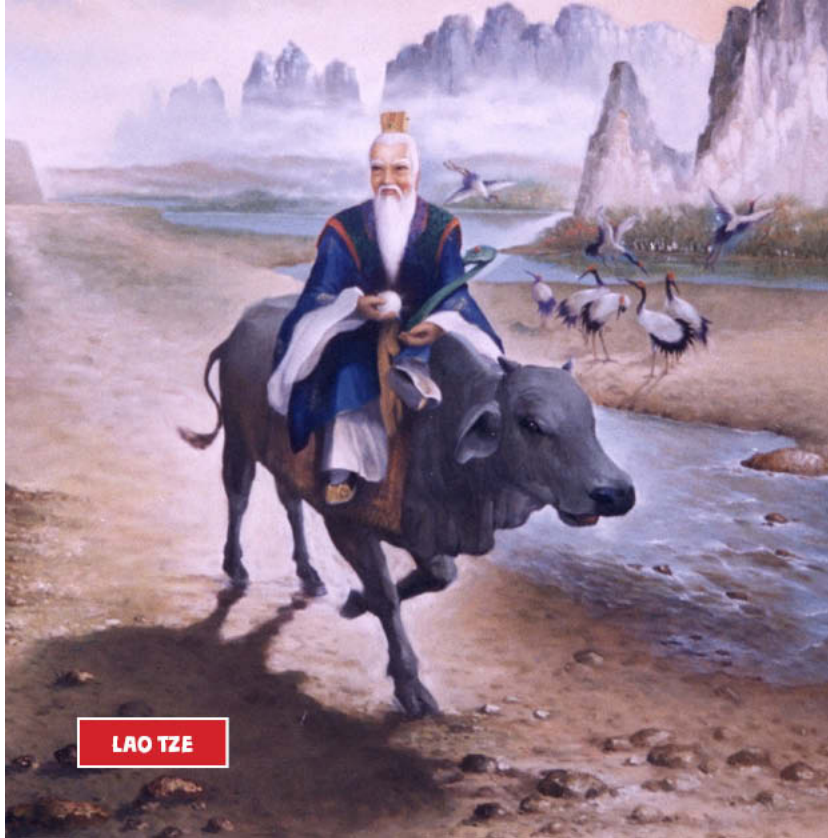
## WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF TAO?

Pronounced dow, Tao means “way”.

The Taoists believe that the Way is the underlying spiritual force of the universe and considered to be a part of all things. While it is believed to be a part of all things, it is considered to be larger than all things and is believed to be the ultimate reality.



YIN AND YANG, SYMBOL OF TAOISM



Lao Tze, who was a philosopher and the Supreme Being of Taoism, lived during the same time as Confucius, who was a philosopher.



It is believed that Lao Tze decided one day to leave his job and left on an ox towards the west. The guardian of a mountain pass asked to write about his teachings and the result was the Doodejing, which is the sacred book of Tao. In addition, this is why you will find figures and statues of Lao Tze riding an ox.





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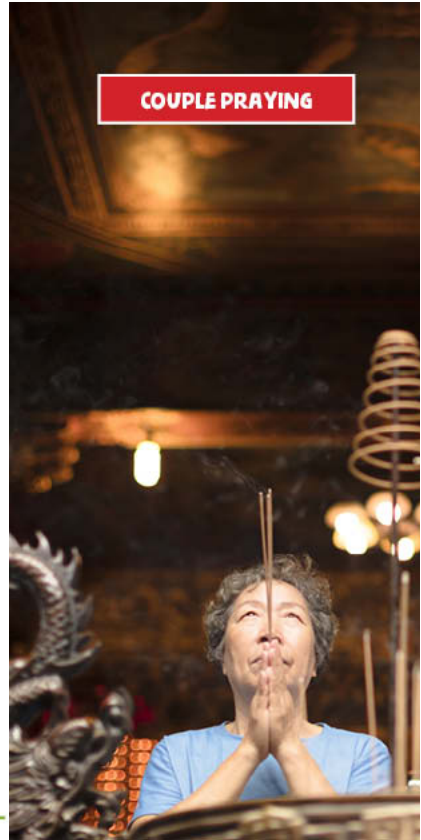


YUANXUAN TAOIST TEMPLE, CHINA



## WHAT ARE THEIR BELIEFS?

People that practice Taoism believe they should live in harmony with the Way or Tao. If they believe in this philosophy they will unite with the Tao, their soul will be free, and they will become an Immortal.







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## WHAT IS THE TAOISTS CODE OF BEHAVIOR?

It is believed by Taoists that good actions will result in a better life for their soul, and they follow guides and rules for the way they live. It is not permissible for them to steal, tell lies, drink alcohol, commit murder, or commit adultery.



GIRL HELPING HER GRANDMOTHER



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## HOW DOES T'AI CHI CH'UAN RELATE TO TAOISM?

T'ai Chi is a series of slow-moving, controlled exercises that discipline the mind and the body and is both a form of meditation as well as a form of physical exercise, that was created by a Taoist. It is practiced by millions today, particularly Chinese.





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## CONFUCIUS

Not much is known about the early life of Confucius. Born in 551 BC in the state of Lu to a soldier named Kong, who died when Confucius was only three. Confucius spent his remaining childhood raised by his mother, living in poverty.







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## HIS EARLY CAREER

**Confucius did not begin as a wise teacher, but had previously worked several normal jobs, including being a clerk and being a shepherd. He eventually went to work for a government entity. He started this career as a small-town governor and moved up the ladder becoming a top-level advisor for the government.**





THE CONFUCIUS TEMPLE AREA IN NANJING, CHINA

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Born 551 B.C.E., Confucius held a job with the government that he chose to leave so that he was able to devote his entire life instructing people how to behave. More than 5 million people, mostly in the Far East and China, now practice Confucianism.





GRANDDAUGHTER KISSING HER OLD GRANDMOTHER



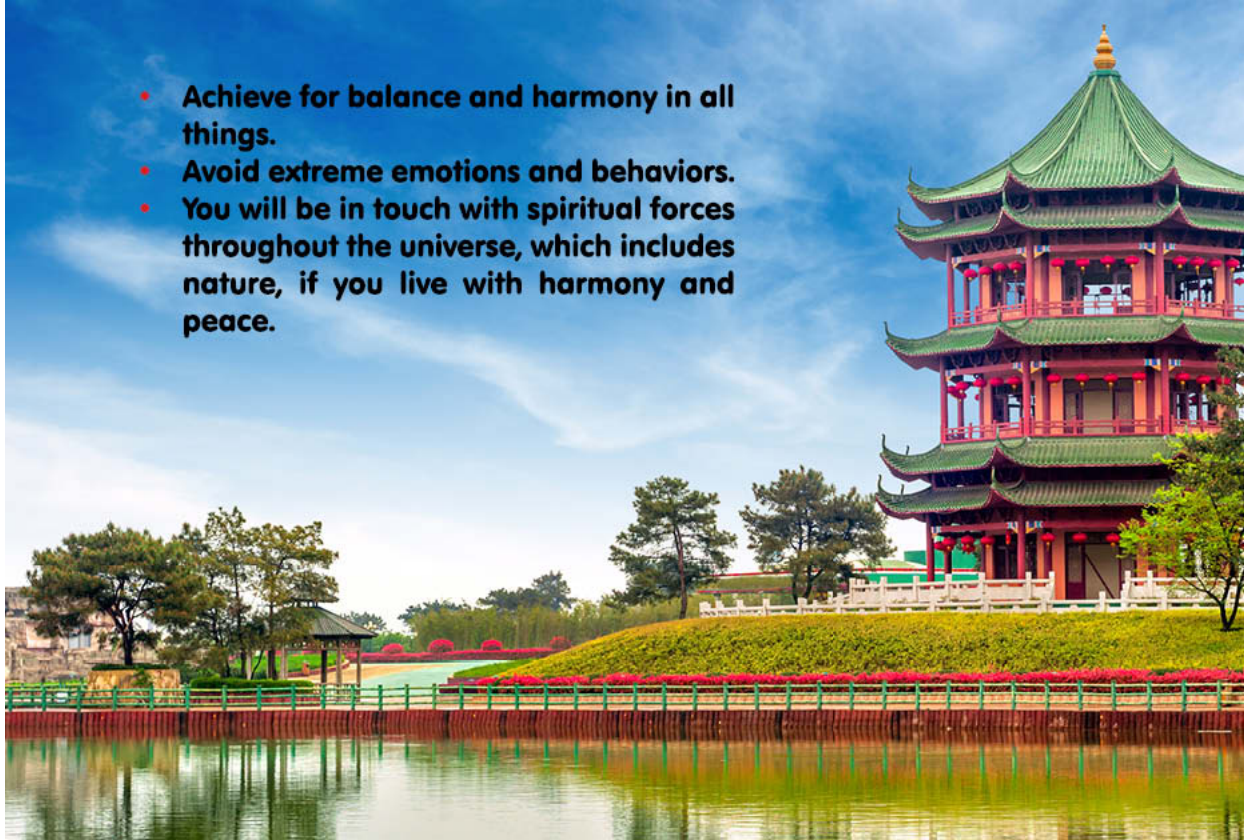
# WHAT LEARN CONFU

People were taught five  
Confucius:

- Be considerate to
- Show respect for



- **Achieve for balance and harmony in all things.**
- **Avoid extreme emotions and behaviors.**
- **You will be in touch with spiritual forces throughout the universe, which includes nature, if you live with harmony and peace.**







**YOUNG MAN HELPING A SENIOR GENTLEMAN WITH HIS GROCERIES**

**Listed below are 1  
taught by Confucius:**

- 1) kindness**
- 2) righteousness**
- 3) sobriety**
- 4) wisdom**
- 5) trustworthiness**

**In addition, Confucius  
being of others plays  
own well-being. This idea  
it stresses the importance  
and courtesy to others.**



**Confucius also teaches that one's family and their family values are quite important. Children are instructed to be respectful to their parents as well as obeying their parents.**



**GIRL HELPING HER**



**Confucian scriptures  
different texts that in  
sayings, and rituals.**



## WHERE DO THE CONFUCIANS WORSHIP?

Some believe that Confucianism consists more of being a moral person than it is a practice of spirituality. Following Confucius's death, however, temples were built to honor him and they have ceremonies in the temples. It was believed by Confucius that "Heaven is the author of the virtue that is in me".



MEMORIAL ARCH IN NANJING



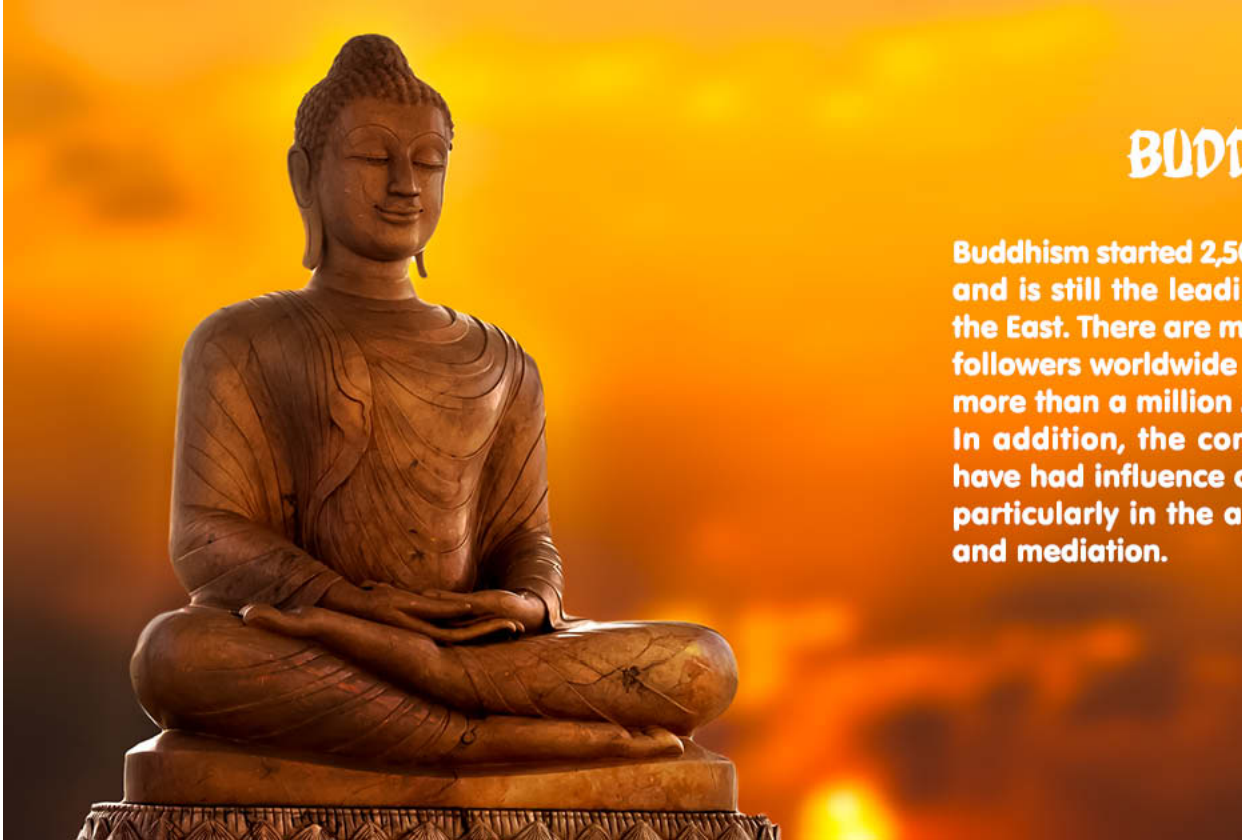


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**Listed here are only a few of Confucius's many popular sayings that are still famous today:**

- **Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses.**
- **It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.**
- **Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in getting up every time we do.**
- **When anger rises, think of the consequences.**
- **Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.**

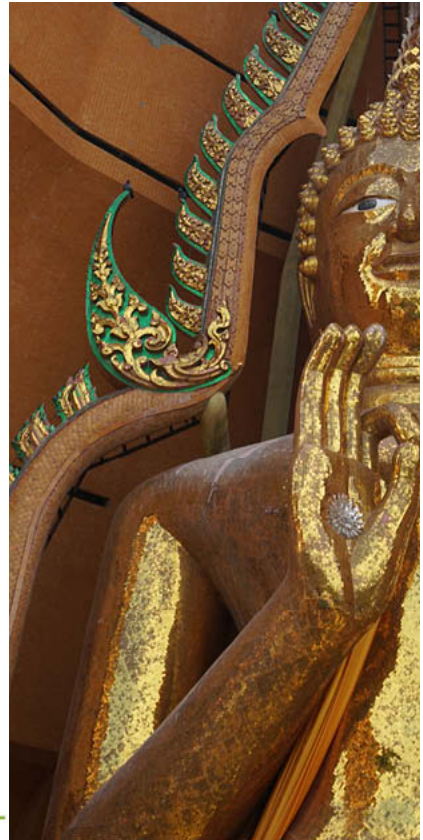




## BUDH

Buddhism started 2,500 years ago in India and is still the leading religion in the East. There are more than 500 million followers worldwide, with more than a million new converts each year. In addition, the core teachings of Buddhism have had influence on other religions, particularly in the West, and meditation.

The practice of Buddhism is based on Siddharta Gautama's teachings, who was a Nepali prince living around 500 BCE. In accordance with Buddhist tradition, this young, sheltered prince became shocked when observing life outside of the palace walls, and he left this luxurious life to find answers. He eventually succeeded, and became the Buddha – also referred to as the “Enlightened One”. He went on to spend his remaining life of 45 years teaching about the dharma (the path from suffering to liberation) and established the sangha (which was a community of monks).







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Prominent throughout Southeast Asia, Theravada Buddhism is philosophical and atheistic in nature and also focuses on meditation and the monastic life as a means towards liberation. Prominent in Japan and China, Mahayana Buddhism incorporates many celestial beings, deities, as well as other religious elements. The path towards liberation in Mahayana includes devotion, meditation, religious ritual, or even a combination of these elements. Pure Land, Tendai, Zen, and Nichiren are the major types of Mahayana Buddhism.

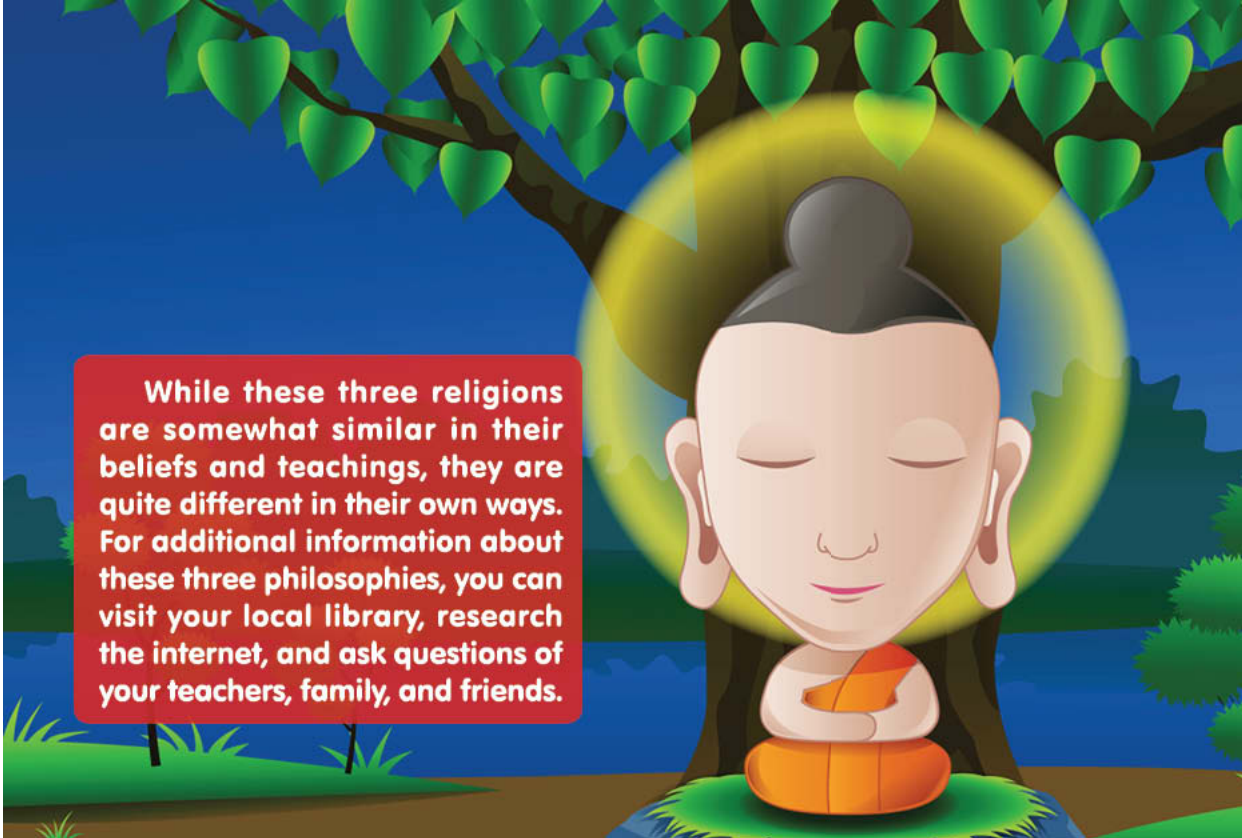


## KARMA

Additionally, Buddhism teaches that actions taken today have consequences in the future. Karma is dependent upon what actions were taken today.







**While these three religions are somewhat similar in their beliefs and teachings, they are quite different in their own ways. For additional information about these three philosophies, you can visit your local library, research the internet, and ask questions of your teachers, family, and friends.**





