

PHILOSOPHY 301

Spring 2021

2nd Essay Assignment

Due Monday, March 22

All papers must be properly word processed or typed with 1" margins on the top, sides and bottom. Use double-spacing and no larger than 12pt font. Turn in by uploading to Laulima as either a Word file or pdf file. Use the following format to title your file: lastname Phil 301 #2.

Write a 3-4 page essay on the following topic:

The Dao of Lao Zi

Explain the Daoist view of the *dao* as introduced in the *Dao De Jing*, the classic text by the legendary Lao Zi. How is the *yin* emphasis suggested in this text, and how might this *yin* emphasis in Daoism be explained? To what extent do you think the recommendations of Lao Zi about the *dao* are relevant today?

| Grading | Maximum Points |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1) Writing Grammar and spelling, composition and style. Your essay should be well organized. There should be an introduction, development of a theme, and a conclusion. | 20 _____ |
| 2) Philosophical Content The essay should reflect an adequate understanding of the texts. Your exposition of the text should include <i>at least two quotations</i> from the primary text material. All quotes should be properly marked within the text and must include a reference to the text cited. | 50 _____ |
| 3) Commentary Your own thoughtful reflections on the topic. | 30 _____ |