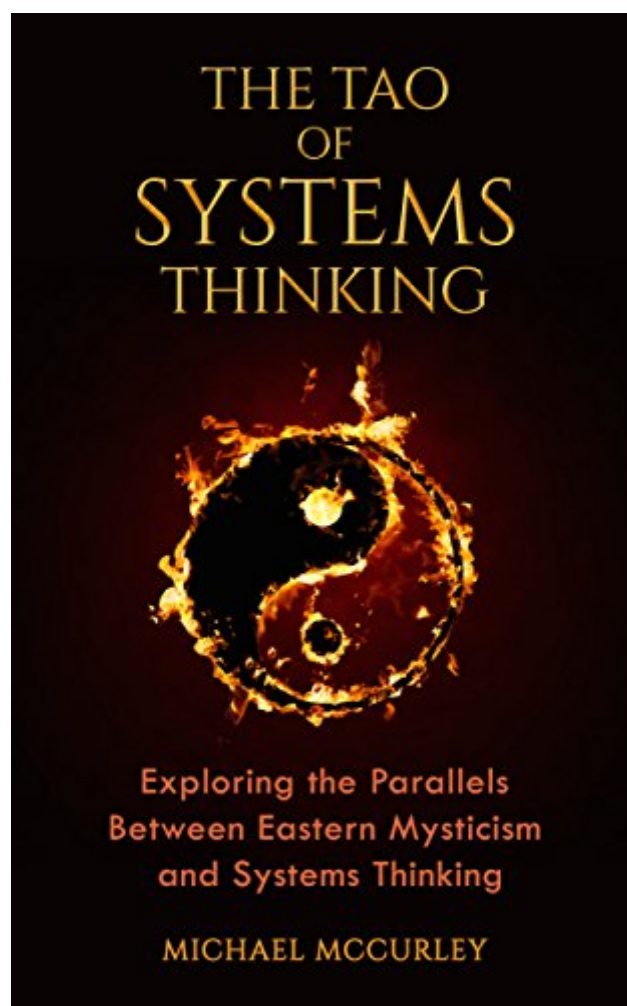




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The Tao Of Systems Thinking: Exploring The Parallels Between Eastern Mysticism And Systems Thinking



Synopsis

There are many parallels between the ideas of Tao Te Ching , written 2,500 years ago by Lao Tzu, and those of Systems Thinking, which has come into prominence with the advent of modern personal computers, through people like Jay W. Forrester, and other thinkers such as Donella Meadows and Fritjof Capra. This book invites us to consider certain timeless wisdoms related to Systems Thinking, and provides us with a few points to explore as we face major challenges for resolving issues we confront for our future. Implicit in all of this are the roles we play in what our world has become, and how we could change or improve if we become more aware of who we are individually and collectively as a species. This book also contains a complete English version of Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu, which has been translated by the author. The book has also been updated to match passages and commentaries for easier reading. Commentaries have been carefully researched and include hyperlinks to more than a hundred sources in the Bibliography of Links and References for further exploration.

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The scope of your book was very grand, touching on philosophical subjects throughout its context, among other things. However, the tone and style of the writing was very natural, smooth, and easy to comprehend. There was never a moment where I felt confused or lost, even when the subjects took on a profound nature. The author clearly knows his audience and how to captivate them to the best of his ability. I was never bored and felt very engaged with the book and the content as I read. The formatting and layout made for an even greater break down in content that divided the information into easy to absorb sections. The subheadings and sections within each chapter helped to center the topics of discussion. This was a huge asset to the book, as many other books present such information in blocks that lead to an overwhelming of the reader. My favorite part of this book was the upbeat, optimistic view the author takes and the call to action theme that was underlying the surface. I felt uplifted and hopeful, more so the further I read. In addition, the translation at the end was exquisite. The poetry and verse form flowed beautifully and seemed to be an accurate translation as far as I could tell. It really enhanced the book as a whole. All in all, I really, really enjoyed reading this book. I have to say that the author's knowledge and optimistic viewpoint on the subject really comes through in the writing. It certainly has a very original voice and paints a truly beautiful picture of the concept of Systems Thinking!

I was always intimidated by the term 'Systems Thinking' and never came close to attempting to get my head around it. This book exposes the term eloquently and makes it totally accessible. Using the Tao Te Ching as a cross reference, the author synthesizes Eastern and Western approaches and providing another perspective on what I term as 'Deep Ecology', incorporating elements of psychology, environment and ecology, politics, culture and more. For the western analytical thinker this is a nice introduction to Taoist principles. Systems Thinking is something we are constantly surrounded by, and influenced by, both externally and internally. A book that should raise any reader's awareness at least a notch or so.

I highly recommend this book, it has amazing insight for anyone who wishes to improve their self-awareness and live a happier, more meaningful life. It boldly addresses the harsh reality of all the problems with the world and humanity, bringing clarity to these complex issues, yet it is very easy to read and comprehend.

A meeting of the old, revered perceptions of eastern thinking, Lao Tsu's observations of how all

nature works and the new systems dynamics created through the new western computer age. Together they can find function and provable systems of logic, but much more importantly, they may lead to wise thinking, in consideration of our human plight upon this beloved planet. Good thinking must dictate our collective actions. Filled with both humble and the clearest of thinking.

Great read, incredible author.

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