



THE TAOIST GATHERING Call for Papers

Zhi Dao Guan, The Taoist Center, in Oakland, CA, will host the **Seventh** Annual Taoist Gathering on October 22-24, 2010 at Samuel Merritt University – Health Education Center in Oakland, CA – a weekend devoted to the study, practice, and promotion of Taoism. Our themes have been: Invitation to come down from the mountains (2004), Student (2005), Teacher (2006), Seeker of the Path (2007), Renewal (2008), and Being and Becoming (2009).....

The theme for the 2010 Gathering is **YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE**. What is your practice? How do you live your life as a Practitioner? How do you, as a Taoist, deal with stress, disappointment, and conflict? How do you practice – exercises, mindset, meditation, reading - what do you eat? What is your practice? Who are you?

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration for inclusion in this important conference. Given this year's topic, we are especially interested in presentations that are interactive with the audience. Presentations are 50 to 90 minutes in length with some offered to the general audience and others in concurrent sessions.

The purpose of the Gathering is to:

- Encourage a more in depth understanding of Taoism by providing a forum for discussion of provocative, reference-based presentations on Taoist philosophy and approaches to studying Taoism
- Demonstrate the multiple aspects of Taoism – spiritual, physical, ceremonial, alchemical, and medical
- Continue the development of an international community of Taoists with common goals of sharing Taoism and promoting Taoism as a spiritual, healing path

Criteria for selection of abstracts for presentation at the Gathering:

1. Author is a Taoist practitioner/scholar
2. Presentation is based on published Taoist teachings rather than a personalized or anecdotal presentation
3. Abstract is clear in its purpose and scope of what will be covered
4. Bibliography that supports the paper is included with the abstract

Please submit your typed abstract on the enclosed Abstract Submission Form (you may make copies) and mail/fax/email it to Zhi Dao Guan no later than **April 15, 2010**.

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Abstract Submission Form

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Title of Paper:

Abstract (500 or less word abstract that defines the purpose and summarizes the major points to be covered. Attach a bibliography to support the thesis of the paper.)

If accepted, I consent for my paper to be published in a Taoist Gathering Conference Proceedings with the copyright held by Zhi Do Guan, The Taoist Center.

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Signature

Please attach a short bio of the author. a description of the author's Taoist education and practice, and a 4x6 photograph for the Conference Proceedings. Send to: Dr. Alex Feng, Zhi Dao Guan, The Taoist Center, 3824 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland CA 94619 (510-336-0129) **by April 15, 2010**. Questions can be directed to our email info@thetaoistcenter.com or to Charlene at 510-566-3044.