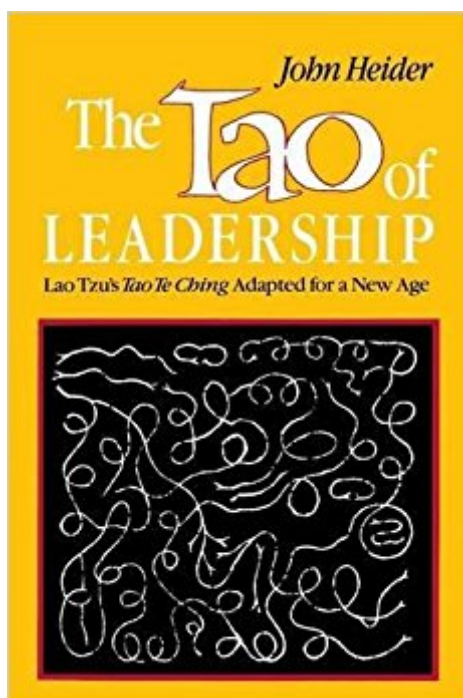


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# The Tao Of Leadership: Lao Tzu's Tao Te Ching Adapted For A New Age



## Synopsis

The Tao of Leadership is an invaluable tool for anyone in a position of leadership. It provides the simplest and clearest advice on how to be the very best kind of leader: be faithful, trust the process, pay attention, and inspire others to become their own leaders. Heider's book is a blend of practical insight and profound wisdom, offering inspiration and advice. This book is used as a Management/Leadership training text by many Fortune 500 corporations, including IBM, Mitsubishi, and Prudential.

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This is a particularly readable and accessible version of a great but difficult work. --Publisher's Weekly

Valuable insights about leadership. Focuses on how your behavior can make you a more effective leader and help those you lead be better, too. Each chapter or observation is brief but often articulates some insight one kind of had but never quite articulated. When hearing complaints or objections, for example, pushing back is generally the wrong thing to do, certainly at first; better to absorb the complaint or objection, the energy of the complainer and then try to illuminate the situation. Or, seeing that the role of the leader is to illuminate what needs to be worked on, to help others see it clearly so that the group's energy can be best used to solve the issue or pursue the goal. I have not read this book in perhaps 20 years, but it sticks with me. I found it the most useful

book on leadership I ever encountered.

I am in a Tao Teh Ching study group, and we use The Tao of Leadership as one of our interpretive sources. It is not- and doesn't pretend to be- a translation. It offers a slant on the TTC as a guide to wise group leadership, whether you are a business owner, a middle manager, or leading a TTC study group. Fortunately, the TTC is, among other things, a guide to leadership since it frequently addresses the ruler, so it lends itself to Heider's approach. His interpretations are sensitive, revealing, nuanced, and fresh. A welcome addition to the vast body of literature on the TTC.

I love how each chapter is only a page so it's super sort yet packed with great insight. Great advice for leaders of all types: parents, teachers, corporate managers, business owners-- anyone really would benefit from this book.

I have used this book as a reflective companion to leadership development in organizations across the world for more than 20 years. It can be a great tool for individuals and teams to take a pause for reflection while moving into impactful action

The book is good, but very abstract. It's not only about leadership, but about how to live in general. It has many abstract points about how things work in life, and how we should work on understanding our surroundings. I wished if the book had more real life examples as the abstract points can be very hard to fully and clearly understand. It's the kind of book you have to read many times, and probably you won't understand most of its points until you find yourself in a real life situation that matches one of the points mentioned in the book.

One of the best management books ever written. This book is a must for any principal, superintendent, CEO, CFO, regional manager, or vice president. Anyone who leads groups or leads others in any field will benefit from the practical wisdom offered by Heider. I've loved this book for more than 20 years, and there's a good reason it's still in print: timeless truths of management and leadership. One can, you know, really use this information in this book to make almost everything better in your organization or life situations requiring leadership and group dynamics. This is not a book about how to get what you want, but about gently nudging the flow for the benefit of all.

This book surprised me by being fairly straightforward for the most part but with a strong mystical

element. By that I mean, many of the chapters have an obvious lesson and a not-so-obvious lesson. The modern language used is a relief from the direct translations I have tried before. I was encouraged enough by this translation to be willing to tackle the Tao Te Ching again at some point in the future when I finish the 20 or so other books ahead of it on my bedside table and other locations.

I have been reading and re-reading and using this book as a teaching tool for nearly 15 years. For me it is clearly one of the most valuable books in my library. I recommend it for anyone interested in group facilitation.

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