



# Cultivating the Tao in the Journey of Life

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I would like to thank all the Masters, our wonderful teacher Derek, and the entire congregation here at the temple. It has been nine years since I was a student at the temple, applying the concepts of Tao to a very challenging life I live. Living in the Tao, I've found how time flies almost as swiftly as a blink of an eye. I do not feel the passage of time but the transformations in life. And what matters to me is not the number of years in life but the quality of those years in life. I am here to share my latest transformation.

March 5<sup>th</sup> this year, the voters, residents of Bell, CA, cast their ballot for 2 out of 6 hopeful candidates for city council. The City of Bell has been the talk of the news for almost 3 years now. It is trying to survive so many legal, political, financial and social entanglements and scandals. At first, I wanted to become informed then I got involved and now, I will officially serve. I feel I bring a different set of skills, and surely, I will develop more in the process, but I bring the most important thing and that is Tao. I bring up Tao repeatedly, because Tao has been present in the workings of my mind, heart and soul. I am here speaking to you because of the Tao. I am but a carrier — a vessel of Tao. I aim to apply Tao and transmit it to action, whether it be for peace, diplomacy, good governance and leadership. However way I can serve and help, I did not look for this, but it found me. This decision was startling to me at first, because I was not seeking a job, career, political advancement, notoriety or even power. There are angry residents infighting to take control of the council. All I want is to defend our democracy, community and public trust. I practice social justice in every transaction every day at work; I wanted to extend that to my city of 40,000 residents.



# 修道心路歷程

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後學感謝所有的點傳師，感謝英文班老師Derek（林信价講師），以及感謝道院的所有道親們。後學來道院參班已經9年了，後學把學到的道義應用到一個非常具有挑戰性的生活當中。生活中處處都是道，所以對後學來說這些年過得很快，它只是一眨眼而已。後學沒有感覺到時間的過去，但是生活中已有轉換。歲月的變化不是在於生活了幾年而是生活的品質。後學在這裡分享自己最新的轉變。

3月5日，加州貝爾市的居民投下他們的選票，要從6位有希望的候選人當中選出2位為市議會的議員。貝爾市議論了近3年的新聞是如何在法律上、政治上、經濟上和社會上的許多糾葛和醜聞之中有生存的機會。首先，後學想增廣見聞，與社會多接觸，所以後學參與這次市議員的選舉；現在，後學將正式服務貝爾市的市民。後學覺得自己具備不同的才能，當然，後學相信在未來學習的過程當中會進步成長得更多，但後學會把最重要的事情帶給貝爾市的居民，那就是「道」。後學常常提到「道」，因為「道」一直出現在後學的腦海中、生活中及心靈中。因為「道」，後學在這裡跟您分享心得。後學就是當一位道的運載者，後學的目的是想將「道」傳送出去並在行動中展現出來，無論是在和平、外交、良好的政府管理和領導上，後學都可以提供幫助。後學沒有去尋找這個使命，是它找到了後學。這個決定原先真的嚇到我了，因為後學不是在找工作求職，或尋求仕途上的升遷。有些憤怒的貝爾市居民想要趁混亂控制議會，後學只想要防衛我們的民主政治、防衛社區安全和取得公眾的信任。後學每天工作的每一件事情都期盼能實行社會正義，後學想把這個正義擴展給貝爾市的4萬居民們。

I was born and raised in the City of Bell. I have worked there and around the community. I have seen it change over 40 years. I witnessed what it once was. My father instilled in me to be civically involved, and be faithful to God and to help mankind. My father served this country in the Air Force Korean War. I will now serve as a decision maker on behalf of the residents of Bell. My father undertook the battle ground in war conditions, yet in the last years of his life, he was a volunteer for the city as well as environmental commissioner. He was a good man, husband, father, friend, neighbor and parishioner. He taught with simplicity and by example to serve. I know he would be very proud of me now. My mother helped me financially in my campaign. There were others who helped and supported me.

I give credit to the teachings of this temple to my previous successes such as when I became an academic counselor and dean of students. Both careers were extremely challenging due to many things and especially difficult at the beginning. But I managed to learn, grow and succeed at each one and each one being a stepping stone or stair to the next level. Many people want good government and want and expect instant results, but few people want to do the work. I have a new challenging mission ahead. 800 people have entrusted me to move a city forward despite its problems. This April 3<sup>rd</sup>, I had taken my oath of office at my swearing in. It will take strength, perseverance, and bravery for the next 4 years. Please do wish me good luck.



▲ 二位新任貝爾市市議員（右為作者）。

後學在貝爾市出生及成長，後學在那裡工作和在周圍的社區裡活動。後學看著它40年來的改變，後學親眼目睹了它過去的樣子。後學的父親灌輸給我的思想是參與社會、忠於上帝並幫助別人。後學的父親曾經在朝鮮戰爭（韓戰）中擔任美國的空軍，而後學現在將代表貝爾市居民成為決策者。後學的父親在戰場上為國家打仗，但在他生命的最後幾年裡，他在這個城市當志工以及一位環保專員。他是一個很好的男人、丈夫、父親、朋友、鄰居、教友。他的為人很純樸，且是為民服務的好榜樣，後學知道他現在會為我感到非常的驕傲。後學的媽媽在這次競選的財務上幫助我，還有其他人幫忙和支持後學參與競選。

後學非常感恩在全真道院所學到的，讓後學之前的工作成績有所成就，例如：當後學擔任學生學業上的指導老師和訓導長時。這兩種經歷非常具有挑戰性，有很多的事情要做，特別是開頭比較困難。不過，後學努力學習並成長；一路走來，一步一腳印漸漸提升到下一個水平。很多人都希望有好的政府及期望有立竿見影的好成績，但是很少有人願意去做。後學的未來有一個挑戰性的新任務，那就是有800位居民委託並支持後學去解決這個問題，向前進步。4月3日，後學宣誓就職，在接下來的4年當中，後學需要力量、堅忍及勇敢來完成自己的責任與使命。請祝後學好運，感恩慈悲！



▲ 與全真道院道親們分享喜悅。