

# TAO CEREMONIES

## Funeral & End-of-Life Training

### *Learning guide*

METAPHYSICAL CAREER ENHANCEMENT TRAINING



SELF STUDY



WORKSHOP

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A photograph of a man with a mustache, wearing a patterned shirt, sitting at a wooden desk. He is leaning forward, resting his head on his hand, and writing in a spiral-bound notebook with a pen. A white mug is on the desk to his right, and a plate with some food is visible in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a window nearby.

LET'S BEGIN

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# Introduction

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# Welcome.

What an honour it is to walk a soul home, to be the anchor of hope, to be in trust.

This Funeral and End-of-Life ceremony training is career enhancement for registered clergy. It will heighten your understanding of the metaphysics of ceremony, and you will learn how to officiate meaningful ceremonies.

This study guide will walk you through the necessary understandings to complete your training, to feel confident and to move forward on your career path.

To your every success!

*The Academy Team*

Academy of Inner Wisdom  
Metaphysical Career Enhancement Training  
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*You are here to...*



## Connect with the Tao

### PART ONE: A TAO EXPERIENCE

Through the primary understanding of this material, you will come to connect with the balance inherent in the Tao. Learn how these beautiful energies of the building blocks of nature support you in the creation of powerful and meaningful ceremony.

## *And* Learn the Metaphysics of

### PART TWO: FUNERALS AND END-OF-LIFE CEREMONIES

When you understand the energetics and plan for them in your ceremony creation, you connect to the deepest aspect of the many souls who are in attendance at your ceremonies. Create, hold and anchor sacred space. Step confidently and powerfully into your role as metaphysical clergy and as an ambassador of the Divine.



# Metaphysical Career Enhancement TRAINING

## Certificate of Completion for Tao Funeral and End-of-Life Ceremonies



Cost: \$749

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## Home Study

### BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

You will **complete the Meditation Experience of the Tao**. This includes video instruction and personal contemplation. You will experience the natural energies of the Tao through quiet contemplation; energies that have an influence on your daily experience.

During the workshop, there will be instruction on these natural energies, and how to incorporate them into your Funeral service and End-of-Life ceremony.

**Time commitment: 6-7 hours.** We recommend doing each energy of the Tao on a separate day to give it the space to have a little fullness in your daily experience. **Ideally over 9-10 days.** \*Training materials are accessible upon receipt of registration and payment.

## And The Workshop

### THE ENERGETIC & PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF FUNERALS

- Overview of the Tao
- Client Connections
- Honouring the Deceased
- Tao Funeral Ceremony Structure
- Creating a Tao Funeral Ceremony
- Delivering the Ceremony

**Time commitment: One day workshop. (7 hrs)**  
Offered quarterly.



# Let's take 3 Simple Steps...

## Follow the Symbols

These symbols will help guide you in your time as you prepare for the instructional training day. It is highly recommended to review all the curriculum materials prior to the training day.



SELF STUDY



INSTRUCTION



SUPPORT

## Connect with a Program Advisor

Before and after your training, please know that our program advisors are here to support you in your success. Please connect through email or book some time during the program advisor office hours.

## Get Clear on your Priorities

### Ask yourself:

- What are your priorities?
- What aspect of ceremony do you wish to develop more deeply?
- Do you have **6-7 hours of pre-study time** available to review all the curriculum content before the workshop training?

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# MCE Advisors

SUPPORT

Our Metaphysical & Career Enhancement (MCE) training advisors know the ins and outs of the training and the professional requirements for success in this field. They are here to offer guidance and assistance where necessary. Our program advisors have regular office hours for your convenience.



## Rev. Janice Brown SCM

**Dean of Academics, Academy of Inner Wisdom & Instructor of Metaphysics**

Rev. Janice is a co-instructor and co-creator of the '**Celebrant and Spiritual Practitioner**' training, as well as, the '**Metaphysical Career Enhancement Training**' programs offered through the **Academy of Inner Wisdom**. She is an ordained metaphysical minister through CIMM. She has a career focus on metaphysical educational training and development.



## Rev. Cathy Yost

**Ceremonial Instructor and Advisor**

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# Teachings of the Tao

METAPHYSICAL CAREER ENHANCEMENT TRAINING



INSIGHT

Our curriculum developers bring a depth of knowledge and insight to our learners that facilitates a fullness of understanding and appreciation of the work and the role of metaphysical clergy. Our program developers are experts and professionals of the highest level in their field.



## Dr. Debra Ford Msc.D.

Dr. Debra is one of the world's foremost experts in metaphysical energy. She has a doctorate in metaphysical science and is a metaphysical philosophy teacher. Dr. Debra continues to expand on the metaphysical understandings of the Tao, SolePath and Modern Metaphysics. It is her life purpose to share wisdom on these beautiful understandings.

The courses at the **Academy of Inner Wisdom** are based on Dr. Debra's insights and interpretation of the Tao. Dr. Debra is the creator of SolePath and a member of the CIMM board.



A hand holding a magnifying glass over a landscape. The magnifying glass is held by a hand on the right side of the frame. The lens of the magnifying glass is focused on a landscape that appears to be a dirt road or path leading through a field towards a line of trees and hills in the distance. The background of the entire image is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white, suggesting a bright, open space. The text "PART ONE" is centered above the magnifying glass lens.

PART ONE

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# Connect with the Tao



# The Tao

A MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

PART ONE

The Tao is the natural order of the universe.  
The Tao keeps the world balanced and flowing.  
The Tao encompasses chi, the natural energy of all.

The Tao is your being-ness, your deep knowing that you are more than your physical body and that the purpose of your life on earth is to make a difference.

## THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF NATURE ~ THE 8 TRIGRAMS

Learn about the building blocks of nature, the 8 trigrams of the Tao.

These are natural energies that we experience simply by living on Earth, they have been on our planet since creation.

These trigrams are called:

- Thunder and Lake,
- Mountain and Wind,
- Water and Fire,
- Earth and Heaven.

These 8 trigrams combine together to form the Yin Yang or Tai Chi.

*Connect*



# The Tao

A MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

PART ONE

For each natural energy of the Tao, explore how the trigram energy expresses itself through the fundamental principles of the Tao - **connect, balance** and **flow**.

Learn the resonant, expansive vocabulary that can be used to bring your ceremony into energetic alignment.

Discover everyday tools that can be used to connect with the spiritual resources of each trigram, including affirmation, intention and prayer. There will be a discussion on how to practically use these tools for your own energetic alignment.

## MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

You will be guided through a meditative process for each of the natural energies of the Tao.

These breath prayers are energetically aligned to anchoring you into the resonant energy of each of the natural energies of the Tao.

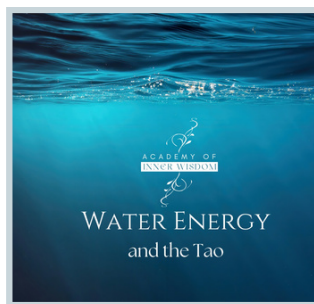
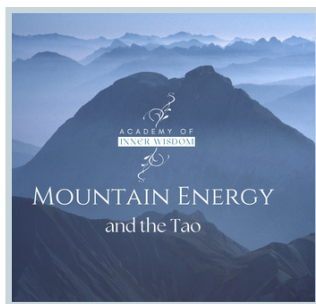
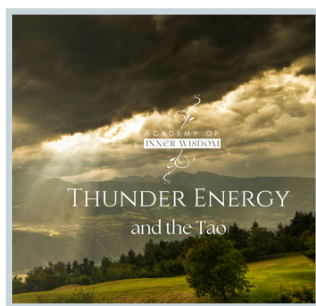
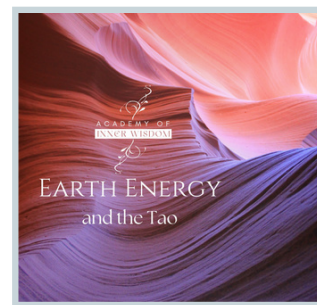
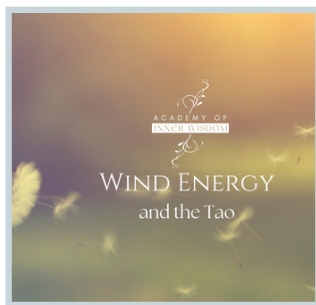
*Balance*



# The Tao

THE ENERGETICS OF THE TAO

PART ONE



Flow



# The Tao

LEARNING OUTCOME

PART ONE

## A Measure of Success

The rhythm of the Tao is present in all our daily lives. It holds influence over your experience, both the joys and the challenges. Coming to a deeper understanding of the Tao, helps you to understand how you are in alignment or misalignment with the fundamental principles of **connect**, **balance** and **flow**. This will change your life personally and the lives of all those you offer ceremony to.

## How is it Impactful?

When you learn about the natural energy of the Tao, you can bring this balanced energetic of the divine whole into all your ceremonies. This is a powerful doorway for anchoring into and holding sacred ceremonial space.

All the truth that lies within you can only be known when you know who you are. And the Tao is a most powerful first step in this joyous exploration. Your SolePath is the next, it lets you know how your personal energetic is reflected in the Tao.

*Peace*



PART TWO

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# The Metaphysics of Ceremony



# Funerals

AND END-OF-LIFE CEREMONIES

PART TWO

When you bring the natural energy of the Tao into your ceremony creation, you connect to the deepest aspect of the many souls who are in attendance.

You step confidently and powerfully into your role as metaphysical clergy and an ambassador of the Divine.

## CLIENT CONNECTIONS

Working with the family to develop the most meaningful ceremony for them and for their loved one.

*Connect*



# Funerals

AND END-OF-LIFE CEREMONIES

PART TWO

The Tao encompasses the natural energy that exists on our planet; and provides the perfect structure for your Funeral or End-of-Life Ceremony. Bringing in the natural wonder of our planet never conflicts with any belief system.

These teachings of the Tao include vocabulary that will touch those attending your ceremony. Words are pockets of energy. Let us show you how words used with intention, in this perfectly balanced way, will have an impact on those who witness and participate in your ceremony.

## CEREMONY STRUCTURE

Working with the natural order of the Tao in the development of ceremony. Creating a balanced ceremony that will have a profound impact on all who participate.

*Balance*



# Funerals

AND END-OF-LIFE CEREMONIES

PART TWO

The Tao (in literal translation) means your path or life's journey, and the Tao is experienced by all.

Through the teachings of the Tao, you deeply understand that you are more than your physical body and that we are all connected to each other.

Celebrating the life journey of the deceased individual, in this perfectly balanced way, brings fullness to the family, completing the cycle.

## **CEREMONY DELIVERY**

Offering sacred ceremony, representing the journey of the individual, bringing in the divine.

*Flow*



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# Confidently Moving Forward



CIMM

*Supporting your Ministry*

## Canadian International Metaphysical Ministry

This career enhancement study is for registered clergy with CIMM, and other recognized metaphysical or religious bodies.

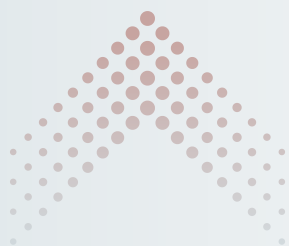
At the Academy of Inner Wisdom, our programming is recognized by CIMM as an authority in the education in philosophical study of the Tao, SolePath and Modern Metaphysics. SolePath is the cornerstone of modern metaphysics.

CIMM will be a key organization in your metaphysical ministry opportunities and life. CIMM seeks to grow educational and ministry opportunities for their membership and will offer guidance in supporting your flock.

### **CIMM's Purpose:**

To assist graduates from Theological Educational Institutions, most specifically of a metaphysical nature, as well as, other qualified metaphysical ministers in Canada, by providing them with information necessary to set up spiritual centres in their own communities.

*Stay Connected*





# Going Forward

## *Your Next Best Step*

### Some parting thoughts...Being Who I Am

The study of metaphysics and the Tao is a documentary-type process of watching your life evolve while you are participating in that evolution. Understand that this course is a feathering of the new knowledge you are gaining with the deep inner wisdom you already hold. Your work is You, and you will find yourself growing in purpose and worth as you carry forward into the depths and reaches of your career potential as a metaphysical minister.

Remember: this is not a one-and-done process; expansion moves onward and upward. So, when you feel adrift, where do you position yourself when you don't know what things really look like for you...yet?

**Do what you can. Do what you may. Know that you will.**

And when you feel stuck, know that we are expanding too. You can always come home to the **Academy of Inner Wisdom** because we are going to be here to provide you with new tools of transformation to keep you feeling your very best. Until then...

*Keep riding that Wave  
until you land on the shore of  
your Beingness.*

CELEBRATE YOUR  
SERVICE

# Metaphysical Career Enhancement Training



*In Service and Joy!*

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