

IN CLASS WRITING: 5/20/03 ((CONTINUE OUTSIDE CLASS IF NECESSARY.
AND IN BY WEEK 9 IN YOUR JOURNAL)

1. In the last two classes, you noted your personal preference for either the assertive mode of control (Prometheus' Way of Change), or the yielding, accepting mode of control (Lao-Tzu's Way of Harmony). Again, note your preference, and then write a few sentences about why you prefer that mode. (Continue on back if necessary).

2. From the perspective of whatever mode you chose, which negative mode seems worse to you: negative assertive or negative yielding (if you had to be "accused" of one, which would you rather be seen as. Why? (Continue on back if necessary).

3. Are there any childhood experiences you have had, or other "significant events" which you believe might have influenced your preferences (and aversions) in questions 1 and 2 above?)

4. From a control perspective, which political party or affiliation makes most sense to you and why. Please put something down here, even if your feelings are not strong, or you haven't thought it through very carefully. Just your general thoughts....e.g. what is government's role in providing a sense of control; the individual's role? To which do you give more weight? (Continue on back if necessary).

5.a) Do you have a theistic (belief in God: e.g., Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hindu) or non-theistic (e.g., existential, Buddhist, atheist, Taoist) view of the nature of the universe. Please comment briefly. (Continue on back if necessary).

5. b) Again, from a control perspective, given your belief in 5a, please write a few comments about what is the role of control for humans in your religious belief system. (please continue on back if needed).