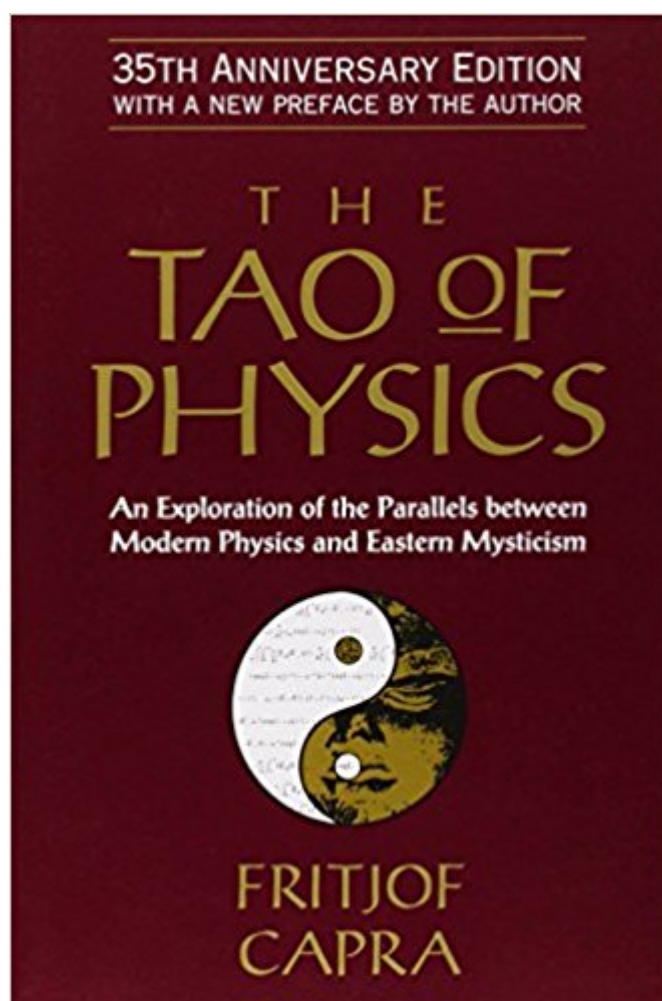


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The Tao Of Physics: An Exploration Of The Parallels Between Modern Physics And Eastern Mysticism



Synopsis

Here is the book that brought the mystical implications of subatomic physics to popular consciousness for the very first time—way back in 1975. This special edition celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of this early Shambhala best seller that has gone on to become a classic. It includes a new preface by the author, in which he reflects on the further discoveries and developments that have occurred in the years since the book's original publication.

“Physicists do not need mysticism,” Dr. Capra says, “and mystics do not need physics, but humanity needs both.” It's a message of timeless importance.

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First published in 1975, *The Tao of Physics* rode the wave of fascination in exotic East Asian philosophies. Decades later, it still stands up to scrutiny, explicating not only Eastern philosophies but also how modern physics forces us into conceptions that have remarkable parallels. Covering over 3,000 years of widely divergent traditions across Asia, Capra can't help but blur lines in his generalizations. But the big picture is enough to see the value in them of experiential knowledge, the limits of objectivity, the absence of foundational matter, the interrelation of all things and events, and the fact that process is primary, not things. Capra finds the same notions in modern physics. Those approaching Eastern thought from a background of Western science will find reliable introductions here to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism and learn how commonalities among these systems of thought can offer a sort of philosophical underpinning for modern science. And those approaching modern physics from a background in Eastern mysticism will find precise yet

comprehensible descriptions of a Western science that may reinvigorate a hope in the positive potential of scientific knowledge. Whatever your background, *The Tao of Physics* is a brilliant essay on the meeting of East and West, and on the invaluable possibilities that such a union promises.

--Brian Bruya --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Great book! One of my favorite books! It clearly shows the connection between eastern mysticism (Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism) and western philosophies in science; and how they're just different ways of explaining the same thing. A bit longer than I expected, but the kind of long that you appreciate. Again, Great book, and recommended to anyone who has any interest at all in physics, the universe, math, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, or even history.

Fritjof Capra knows very well how to expose and articulate complicated technical concepts of modern physics. Even though complete beginners will probably not understand and learn every single scientific concept and model without really studying them by means of additional material in different moments, the curious, sensitive readers will surely have an illuminating experience with this work and may feel stimulated not only to explore its implications soon but also to read it again after one or more years. As for the cosmologist concepts underlying systematic meditation, yoga, Chinese traditional medicine, religious or artistic rituals, and other ancient, traditional practices of India, China, and Japan's highly educated culture, Capra keeps the same level of writing quality. And, of course, the link between quantum-relativistic physics and Eastern mysticism is extremely responsible. Simply put, the book is a must!

An excellent read for anyone interested in the relationship between sophisticated modern physics and the human experience. It is a little in depth on some of the physics concepts if you are not familiar with much, but a few breaks for some research on the internet cleared up the jargon for myself and helped me grasp some of the concepts better. Very satisfying read.

Heavy on the mysticism, a little light on the physics. If that's your bag, this book is for you. If what your into is the history of science and quantum physics, you may want to look elsewhere. Still, it's something of a new age classic; and for those folks for whom the name "Eschelon" and Shambala Press mean something, this book is a must read.

The Tao of Physics is an oldie but a goodie! And, of course, adding your "old friends" to the huge library you can fit onto a Kindle is a no-brainer! The Kindle version includes the preface for the fifth edition and the afterwords to the second and fourth editions. The "index" is...well...I would not call it an index. It's a list of words, terms and names, some of which are listed under subheadings of other words, terms and names. It says it is for doing searches but one would assume one would already know what one was searching for...I don't know. It may be my first generation Kindle. I suppose the younger generations have more navigating options...

A difficult read for me. Physics is not my strong suit. However, I DO recommend it. There are parts that I found fascinating.

bought it for a math nerd friend,,who thoroughly enjoyed it

For beginners and experts. This book rocks

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