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Preface

I-Kuan Tao is the abbreviated name for the I-Kuan True Transmission of the Heavenly Great Tao. Its rituals are the prerequisite course of instruction in Tao cultivation. Its disciplines not only serve as the moral compass of Tao cultivators, but also possess the power to educate and transform all people.

The ancient Confucian scholars taught that the one who understood rituals was also the one who could manage the world and interpersonal relationships. The basis of this power existed even before heaven and earth separated from one another. The sages utilized none other than this principle to excel in everything from spiritual practice to statesmanship. Therefore, it is said: "With sincere intent, cultivate the self, the family, and the nation, thus bringing peace to the world." This is the ripple effect of the Tao that we seek.

Since its inauguration in Los Angeles on October 6, 1996, the World I-Kuan Tao Headquarters has joined the ranks of global religious institutions. It has participated in international religious summits and spread the Great Tao to more than eighty countries. Due to its charitable works in society and active promotion of teachings to purify the mind, I-Kuan Tao has become widely recognized as one of the major religions of the world.

In view of the tireless work of all the Masters and Shrine Owners inspired by the Heavenly Decree to spread the Tao, and out of concern for the language differences becoming a barrier in expressing the teachings, we felt the need to translate and compile I-Kuan Tao Disciplines and Rituals into English. We believe this work will facilitate the fulfillment of Shi Zun’s great wish to share the Tao with the entire world.

Under the compassionate directive of Senior Grand Master Chang, we published the first edition of this handbook in April, 1995. Subsequently, we revised the ceremonial forms in March, 2001, to better serve the needs of these modern times. Now, to further the understanding of the readers, we hereby release the second edition. Our intent is to make the English
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translations as readable as possible, and yet still preserve the original intent of
our Revered Teacher.

If this compilation is inadequate in any way, please do not hesitate to let
us know. This edition was compiled and translated by a group of dedicated
members. I feel truly fortunate to have taken part in this project as the editor,
and would like to hereby express my humble gratitude.

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The Meaning of Rituals

There is a question about rituals that comes up from time to time: "Why do we need to practice any rituals at all? Aren't rituals all about dogma? And isn't dogma the opposite of the Tao, which is all about freedom?"

This is an idea that makes sense to those caught in the trap of kong tan (empty talk), but fails the reality check. If we really don't need rituals, then what about weddings and funerals? Do these rituals not have a special power in and of themselves? Why is it that every group of people throughout history has its own highly specific customs for such special occasions?

Those who speak against rituals may not be aware that they themselves practice small, personal rituals as they go about their daily activities. The truth is that rituals have their integral place in the human psyche. We can say that it is the way of human beings to have rituals. Rituals are an inextricable part of the human experience, part of the Tao of humanity.

Discipline

It is a misconception to say that the Tao is all about freedom. Freedom and discipline are two sides of the same coin. They complement each other in yin-and-yang interactions and dynamics. The Tao is about the totality, not just one side of it.

It is possible to practice discipline to excess, which the principle of moderation informs us is at odds with the Tao. Discipline by itself is a neutral quantity. It represents the middle road between imposing impossible demands on yourself and letting yourself do whatever your whims dictate. Therefore, discipline is completely congruent with the principle of moderation, and thus the Tao.

It is a general rule in the world that your achievements will usually correspond to the extent to which you impose discipline on yourself, up to but not exceeding the optimum point. The same is true in cultivation. Discipline leads to spiritual progress, which in turn leads to improvements in every aspect of life. This is why we regard rituals as being very important — they are a reliable, proven way of practicing consistent self-discipline.

Meditation

A ritual of the Tao is a form of moving meditation. This is unlike sitting meditation, where the body is kept as still as possible. In the Tao, we recognize that everything in the world is constantly changing, and yet it is still possible to maintain peace of mind no matter what is happening around us. The design of the ritual reflects this wisdom. The body may go through continuous movements, but the mind settles down, like muddy water gradually becoming clear. This allows us to access a fundamental state of tranquility and clarity - a state that is unaffected by any chaotic external conditions.

Gratitude

The rituals of the Tao are not transactions with deities where you ask for blessings, health, prosperity or protection in exchange for promises of good behavior on your part. Those who cultivate correctly will automatically enjoy such benefits as a natural consequence of cultivation. Therefore, in rituals we do not request the good things in life. Instead, we connect with a profound sense of appreciation for all the good things that have already come into our lives. When we do that, the power of gratitude elevates us to an entirely new level of spirituality.

Reflection

Rituals of the Tao are also not a form of therapy where you confess your sins and beg for forgiveness. This does not mean we disregard the bad things we have done. Rituals are a time for deep contemplation when we reflect upon the past in order to learn from it. What has occurred? What exactly did I do? Have I been able to follow the Tao in both actions and words? Have I done others wrong? What can I do differently, or better?

The divine beings in a Tao ritual play an important role in this process of reflection. They represent virtues we can cultivate and they set examples for us to follow. As we pay respects to each deity, we are also asking ourselves specific questions: Have I acted toward others honorably, as Guan Gong would? Have I treated people with the generosity of the Maitreya Buddha? Have I been able to come to someone’s rescue, mirroring the great compassion of Guan Yin Bodhisattva?
The Meaning of Ritual

Awareness

In addition to reviewing the past, we also need to focus on the present when we practice rituals. By centering ourselves, we can bring our fragmented mind back together into a coherent whole. We can then direct our attention to the here and now. We notice not only what is happening at this very moment, but also the goodness, power and joy inherent in it. When we are completely present in this manner, we can bring ourselves into alignment with the Tao.

Humility

Finally, rituals are a crucial practice in humility. We can all agree that being humble is a defining characteristic of a great cultivator. We often talk about the danger of arrogance and the necessity of managing the ego. We pay much lip service to the virtue of humility, and yet the questions still remain: Can we actually be humble? Can our actions match our words?

A ritual can be seen as a microcosm of life. It’s a practical, real-world application of the Tao. It represents the point where the rubber meets the road. What happens to your ideal of humility when you have to actually put it into action? When it comes right down to it, are you capable of lowering yourself, or will your ego prevent you from doing so? Are you able to recognize not just your specialness, but also your insignificance?

Rituals are a critical test for every cultivator of spirituality. Those who consider themselves knowledgeable in the Tao, and yet look down on rituals - they don’t really know much about the Tao at all. They are destined to fail this critical test. How about you? Can you pass this test with flying colors?

Translation Notes

Those who have studied Chinese formally may notice that the romanization system used in this handbook is neither the Wade-Giles nor the Pinyin system. This is a deliberate choice based on years of observation that the established systems require extensive instructions to use correctly. Most native English speakers, having never been exposed to such instructions, will end up pronouncing many words incorrectly.

The purpose of this handbook is to help English speakers master I-Kuan Tao rituals as quickly as possible. Therefore, we have designed with specific intent a system that makes it easy to pronounce words correctly without special training. Extensive tests have shown that people with no knowledge of Chinese at all can pick up this handbook and, within a few minutes, sound out Chinese characters more accurately than they can with any other method.

Those who have attempted to translate I-Kuan Tao concepts before may also notice that a few specialized terms are translated phonetically — terms like Ming Ming Shang Di, Lao Mu, Shi Zuen and Shi Mu. Each term is further explained in the glossary section for those who wish to delve deeper into the meaning behind the characters.

This approach may seem unfamiliar to some, but is in fact the best way to preserve the beauty and undiluted truth of the source material. A simple way to understand it is to consider the word Yahweh or Jehovah — an English rendering of a Hebrew vocalization. Note that with Yahweh there is no attempt to map it into an actual English word or to explain it through translation. Instead, it is left to be as close to the original as language differences allow. Those who wish to understand it more can always delve deeper to discover that its meaning is I am that I am. In this handbook, we treat comparable I-Kuan Tao terms with the same degree of care and reverence.
The Rituals
The Arrival / Departure Ritual

1. Meaning

A shrine is the place for revering Lao Mu. Therefore, whenever we arrive at or depart from a shrine, we must use the Arrival / Departure Ritual to pay respect appropriately.

If there are Masters present, we must also include them in the ritual, in order to express reverence for the Heavenly Decree.

(The Primary and Secondary Conductors of Ceremony are the ones who call out the steps of the ritual.)

2. Procedure

Primary: Bow, kneel
Greeting / farewell to Ming Ming Shang Di, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: All heavenly deities, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Maitreya Buddha, three kowtows
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Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Shi Zuen
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Shi Mu
Secondary: One kowtow
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Primary: Master
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Introducer and Guarantor
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: All seniors and all cultivators, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow
Arrival / Departure Ritual is completed
Secondary: Step back

Note: When Chien Ren, Lao Dien Chuan Shi and Masters are also participating in the Arrival / Departure Ritual:
Primary: All seniors; Secondary: One kowtow

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上執禮：點傳師
shang zhi li: dien chuan shi.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：引保師
shang zhi li: yin bao shi.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：前賢大眾
shang zhi li: chien shien da zhong.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：起 作揖
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi.

參（辭）幾禮舉鞠躬
tsan (tsi) jia li bi, jiu gong.

下執禮：退
shia zhi li: tuei.

備註：前人，老點傳師，點傳師同時參辭驾车時，
上執禮：前賢 下執禮：一叩首
Worship Ritual

1. Meaning

1) The goals of the Worship Ritual are to cleanse our minds and rectify our actions.

2) The Worship Ritual is divided into three types: daily, semimonthly and seasonal.

3) During the Worship Ritual, we present incense to express our heartfelt reverence toward Lao Mu and all heavenly deities. In the Daily Worship Ritual, we use twelve incense sticks for the following: Ming Ming Shang Di, five sticks; all heavenly deities, three sticks; the Kitchen God, one stick; Shi Zuen and Shi Mu, three sticks. In the Ba Gua Censer, the positions of the twelve sticks are illustrated in the following diagram:
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In the Semimonthly Worship Ritual, we use thirty sticks together in the center of the Ba Gua Censer. In the Seasonal Worship Ritual, we use sandalwood incense instead of regular incense.

2. Requirements

1) Conduct the Daily Worship Ritual three times per day: in the morning between 5 and 7 AM; at around noon time between 11 AM and 1 PM; late in the day between 5 and 7 PM.
2) Prior to this ritual, we must cleanse our hands.
3) During this ritual, our attitude should be of the utmost sincerity and respect.

3. Procedure

1) Daily Worship Ritual
2) Semimonthly Worship Ritual
3) Seasonal Worship Ritual (The Nine-Five Great Ritual)
一、每日獻香禮進行步驟:

上執禮：作揖跪

shang zhi li: zuo yi, guei.

明明上帝  十叩首
ming ming shang di, shi ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、

六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,


上執禮：起 作揖跪

shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei.

天地君親師  五叩首

 tien di jun chin shi, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首


上執禮：諸天神聖  五叩首

shang zhi li: zhu tien shen sheng, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首


上執禮：彌勒祖師  五叩首

shang zhi li: mi luh zhu shi, wu ko sho.

Worship Ritual

1. Daily Worship Ritual

Primary: Bow, kneel

Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel

Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers,

five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: All heavenly deities, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Maitreya Buddha, five kowtows
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 南海古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: na hai gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 五教聖人 五叩首
shang zhi li: wu jiao sheng ren, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 活佛師尊 五叩首
shang zhi li: huo fo shi zuen, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 月慧菩薩 五叩首
shang zhi li: yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 各位法律主 五叩首
shang zhi li: guh wei fa liu zhu, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

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Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Saints of the Five Religions, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: The Masters of Dharmic Laws, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
上執禮：長生大帝 五叩首
shang zhi li: chang sheng da di, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：灶君 三叩首
shang zhi li: zao jin, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：師尊 三叩首
shang zhi li: shi zun, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：師母 三叩首
shang zhi li: shi mu, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：鎮殿元帥 三叩首
shang zhi li: zhen dien yuan shuai, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：鎮殿將軍 三叩首
shang zhi li: zhen dien jiang jin, san ko sho.

Primary: The Emperor of Longevity, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: The Kitchen God, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Shi Zun, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Shi Mu, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: The Guardian Marshal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: The Guardian General, three kowtows
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### I-Kuan Tao Disciplines and Rituals - Worship Ritual

**Primary:** Introducers and Guarantors

**Secondary:** One kowtow

**Primary:** Our own ancestors

**Secondary:** One kowtow

**Primary:** Kneel to read the Prayer of Atonement

I, [state your name], kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming Shang Di, blessed with the authentic transmission of the Tao. Three kowtows

**Secondary:** First, second, third kowtow

**Primary:** Maitreya Buddha, with wondrous dharma that is infinite, protects all sentient beings, I repent before the Buddha to correct my errors and renew myself so that we may complete the heavenly work together. Three kowtows
下執禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：  凡務堂  頭倒錯亂
             望新祖師  敘罪容寛  十叩首
shang zhi li:  fan shi fo tang, dien dao tsuo luan, wang chi zhu
            shi, shuh zuei rong kuan, shi ko sho.

下執禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
            六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li:  yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮：  南無阿彌十佛天元  十叩首
shang zhi li:  na wu ah mi shi fo tien yuan, shi ko sho.

下執禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
            六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li:  yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮：  起 作揖  跪 叩求
shang zhi li:  chi, zuo yi, guei, ko chio

老中大慈大悲  眾生免劫  一百叩首
lao mu da tsi da bei, zhong shen mien jieh,
yi bai ko sho.

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: For everything related to the temple, if I have done anything wrong, may the Great Teacher forgive me.
Ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow
Primary: Nan Wu Ah Mi Shi Fo Tien Yuen
Ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel, beseech the great mercy of Lao Mu
Keep all sentient beings away from calamities
One hundred kowtows
下執禮： 一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，一
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，再
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，三
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，四
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，五
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，六
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，七
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，八
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，九
一，再，三，四，五，六，七，八，九，一百叩首

shia zhi li:  yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, san.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, si.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, lio.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, chi.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, ba.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, jio.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi bai ko sho.

上執禮： 金公祖師 五叩首
shang zhi li:  jin gong zhu shi, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩，再叩，三叩，四叩，五叩首

上執禮： 天然古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li:  tian ran gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩，再叩，三叩，四叩，五叩首
上執禮： 中華聖母 五叩首

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

shang zhi li: zhong hua sheng mu, wu ko sho.


上執禮： 考試院長 三叩首

shang zhi li: kao shi yuan zhang, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首


（請依各組歸前人禮拜）
（以下為基礎忠恕為例）

上執禮： 慈離大仙 三叩首


下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首


上執禮： 慈化真君 三叩首

shang zhi li: tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首


上執禮： 慈佑帝君 三叩首

shang zhi li: tsi yo di jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首


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Primary: Divine Mother of China, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Principal of Examination, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

(Please continue to revere the Chien Ren who have passed away for each branch)

(Below are examples from the Ji Chu Zhong Shu branch)

Primary: Tsi Li Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Tsi Hua Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Tsi Yo Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Tsi Zheng Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: All Chien Ren who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow

Morning Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu
Eliminate evil temptations, one thousand kowtows
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Evening Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu
For our sincere repentance, one thousand kowtows

Primary: Rise, bow, the Morning (Midday, Evening) Worship
Ritual is complete

Secondary: Step back
二、初一、十五獻香禮進行步驟

上執禮： 作揖 鞠
明明上帝 十叩首
shang zhi li: zuo yi, guei
ming ming shang di, shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
liao ko, chi ko, ba ko, jio ko, shi ko sho.

上執禮： 起 作揖 鞠
天地君親師 九叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei
tien di jiun chin shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
liao ko, chi ko, ba ko, jio ko sho.

上執禮： 起 作揖 鞠
諸天神聖 九叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei
zhu tien shen sheng, jio ko sho.

2. Semimonthly Worship Ritual

Primary:  Bow, kneel
Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows

Secondary:  First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary:  Rise, bow, kneel
Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers, nine kowtows

Secondary:  First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary:  Rise, bow, kneel
All heavenly deities, nine kowtows
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| Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow |
| Primary: Rise, bow, kneel |
| Maitreya Buddha, nine kowtows |
| Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow |
| Primary: Rise, bow, kneel |
| Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, five kowtows |
| Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow |
| Primary: Saints of the Five Religions, five kowtows |
| Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow |
| Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha, five kowtows |
下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敘禮： 月慧菩薩 五叩首
shang zhi li: yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敘禮： 各位法律主 五叩首
shang zhi li: guh wei fa liu zhu, wu ko sho.

下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敘禮： 長生大帝 五叩首
shang zhi li: chang sheng da di, wu ko sho.

下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敘禮： 堅君 三叩首
shang zhi li: zao jiun, san ko sho.

下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上敘禮： 師尊 三叩首
shang zhi li: shi zuen, san ko sho.

下敘禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首
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Primary: Shi Mu, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: The Guardian Marshal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: The Guardian General, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: The Bodhisattva of Enlightenment, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Great immortals, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Tao Zhang, one kowtow
下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 前人
shang zhi li: chien ren.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 點傳師
shang zhi li: dien chuan shi.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 引保師
shang zhi li: yin bao shi.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 自己祖先
shang zhi li: zi ji zhu shien.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 跪讀恩篇文
shang zhi li: guei du yuan chan wen.

(乾) 養贈
(Male) yu yun  (guh bao guh ming)

(坤) 信士
(Female) shin shi  (guh bao guh ming)

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Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Chien Ren

Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Masters

Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Introducers and Guarantors

Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Our own ancestors

Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Kneel to read the Prayer of Atonement
I, [state your name],
虔心跪在 明明上帝蓮下 幸受真傳 三叩首
chien shin guei zai, ming ming shang di lien
shia, shing sho zhen chuan, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 彌勒祖師 妙法無邊 護庇眾生 懷悔佛前
改過自新 同註天盤 三叩首
shang zhi li: mi luh zhu shi, miao fa wu bien, hu bi zhong
sheng, chan huei fo chien, gai guo zi shin, tong
zhu tien pan, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 凡係佛堂 傾倒錯亂
望祈祖師 救罪容寬 十叩首
shang zhi li: fan shi fo tang, dien dao tsuo luan, wang chi zhu
shi, shuh zuei rong kuan, shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮： 南無阿彌十佛天元 十叩首
shang zhi li: na wu ah mi shi fo tien yuan, shi ko sho.

kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming
Shang Di, blessed with the authentic transmission of
the Tao.

Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Maitreya Buddha, with wondrous dharma that is infinite,
protects all sentient beings, I repent before the Buddha
to correct my errors and renew myself so that we may
complete the heavenly work together.

Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: For everything related to the temple, if I have done
anything wrong, may the Great Teacher forgive me.
Ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth,
ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Nan Wu Ah Mi Shi Fo Tien Yuen
Ten kowtows
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 叩求
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, ko chio

老中大慈大悲 罪生兇劫 一百叩首
lao mu da tsi da bei, zhong shen mien jieh,
yi bai ko sho.

下執禮： 一再三四五六七八九一
一再三四五六七八九再
一再三四五六七八九三
一再三四五六七八九四
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一再三四五六七八九八
一再三四五六七八九九
一再三四五六七八九一百叩首
shia zhi li: yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi.
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yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, san.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, si.
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yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, ba.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, jio.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi bai ko sho.
上執禮：金公祖師 九叩首
shang zhi li: jin gong zhu shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
       六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
           lio ko, chi ko, ba ko, jio ko sho.

上執禮：天然古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: tien ran gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：中華聖母 五叩首
shang zhi li: zhong hua sheng mu, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：考試院長 三叩首
shang zhi li: kao shi yuan zhang, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

（請依各組歸空前十禮）
（以下為基礎忠懇為例）

上執禮：悲難大仙 三叩首

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

Primary: Jin Gong Patriarch, nine kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Tien Ran Ancient Buddha, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Divine Mother of China, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Principal of Examination, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

(Please continue to revere the Chien Ren who have passed away for each branch)
(Below are examples from the Ji Chu Zhong Shu branch)

Primary: Tsi Li Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Tsi Hua Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Tsi Yo Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Tsi Zheng Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
       All Chien Ren who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: All Masters who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
早獻香

上執禮：起、作揖、跪、再叩求
老中大慈大悲、消魔息考、一千叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, zai ko chio
lao mu da tsi da bei, shiao muo shi kao,
yi chien ko sho.

晚獻香

上執禮：起、作揖、跪、再叩求
老中大慈大悲、真心懺悔、一千叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, zai ko chio.
lao mu da tsi da bei, zhen shin chan huei,
yi chien ko sho.

上執禮：起、作揖
早（午、晚）獻香禮畢鞠躬
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi
zao (wu, wan) shien shiang li bi, jiu gong.

下執禮：退
shia zhi li: tuei.

Morning Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu
Eliminate evil temptations, one thousand kowtows

Evening Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu
For our sincere repentance, one thousand kowtows

Primary: Rise, bow, the Morning (Midday, Evening) Worship Ritual is complete

Secondary: Step back
三、四季大典（九五大禮）進行步驟

上執禮：作揖 跪 初獻香三炷
shang zhi li: zuo yi, guei, chu shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：三叩首
shang zhi li: san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：起 跪 亞獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, guei, ya shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：四獻、五獻、六獻
shia zhi li: si shien, wu shien, lio shien.

上執禮：三叩首
shang zhi li: san ko sho.

下執禮：四叩、五叩、六叩首

上執禮：起 跪 終獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, guei, zhong shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：七獻、八獻、九獻
shia zhi li: chi shien, ba shien, jio shien.

3. Seasonal Worship Ritual (The Nine-Five Great Ritual)

Primary: Bow, kneel
Present initial set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, kneel
Present second set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: Fourth, fifth, sixth incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: Fourth, fifth, sixth kowtow

Primary: Rise, kneel
Present final set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: Seventh, eighth, ninth incense
上執禮： 三叩首
shang zhi li: san ko sho.

下執禮： 七叩、八叩、九叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 献香五炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, wu zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻、四獻、五獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien, si shien, wu shien.

上執禮： 五叩首
shang zhi li: wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 献香五炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, wu zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻、四獻、五獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien, si shien, wu shien.

上執禮： 明明上帝 十叩首
shang zhi li: ming ming shang di, shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
       六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

Primary: Three kowtows
Secondary: Seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, five sticks
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth incense
Primary: Five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, five sticks
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth incense
Primary: Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: All heavenly deities, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense
上執禮：彌勒祖師 九叩首
shang zhi li: mi luh zhu shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
        六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
        lio ko, chi ko, ba ko, jio ko sho.

上執禮：起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：南海古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: na hai gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：五教聖人 五叩首
shang zhi li: wu jiao sheng ren, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首
上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 活佛師尊 五甲首
shang zhi li: huo fo shi zuen, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 月慧菩薩 五甲首
shang zhi li: yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shiang, san shien.

上執禮： 各位法律主 五甲首
shang zhi li: guh wei fa liu zhu, wu ko sho.

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: The Masters of Dharmic Laws, five kowtows
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shang zhi li: shi zuen, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首  

上執禮：獻香三炷  
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻  
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：師母 三叩首  
shang zhi li: shi mu, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首  

上執禮：獻香三炷  
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻  
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：鎮殿元帥 三叩首  
shang zhi li: zhen dien yuan shuai, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首  

上執禮：獻香三炷  
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

Primary: Shi Zuen, three kowtows  
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow  
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Primary: Tao Zhang, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Chien Ren
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Masters
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Introducers and Guarantors
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Our own ancestors
Secondary: One kowtow
上執禮： 謹讀懺文
shang zhi li: guei du yuan chan wen

（乾）餘馥
(Male) yu yun,
（坤）信士
(Female) shin shi,
（各報各名）
(guh bao guh ming)

虔心跪在 明明上帝蓮下 幸受真傳 三叩首
chien shin guei zai, ming ming shang di lien
shia, shing sho zhen chuan, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 彌勒祖師 妙法無邊 護庇眾生 懺悔佛前
shang zhi li: mi luh zhu shi, mioa fa wu bien,
改過自新 同註天盤 三叩首
    hu bi zhong sheng, chen huei fo chien,
gai guo zi shin, tong zhu tien pan, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

Primary: Kneel to read the Prayer of Atonement
I, [state your name],
kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming
Shang Di, blessed with the authentic transmission of
the Tao. Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Maitreya Buddha, with wondrous dharma that is infinite,
protects all sentient beings, I repent before the Buddha
to correct my errors and renew myself so that we may
complete the heavenly work together.
Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
上執禮：凡孫佛堂 顛倒錯亂
shang zhi li: fan shi fo tang, dien dao tsuo luan,
            wang chi zhu shi, shuh zuei rong kuan, shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

shang zhi li: 南無阿彌十佛天元 十叩首
            na wu ah mi shi fo tien yuan, shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
            yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

shang zhi li: 起 作 搁 叩求
            chi, zuo yi, guei, ko chio
            老中新慈大悲 罹生免劫 一百叩首
            lao mu da tsi da bei, zhong shen mien jieh,
            yi bai ko sho.

Primary: For everything related to the temple, if I have done anything wrong, may the Great Teacher forgive me. Ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Nan Wu Ah Mi Shi Fo Tien Yuan
            Ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel, beseech the great mercy of Lao Mu
            Keep all sentient beings away from calamities
            One hundred kowtows
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Jin Gong Patriarch, nine kowtows
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Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Tien Ran Ancient Buddha, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Divine Mother of China, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense
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Primary: Principal of Examination, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

(Please continue to revere the Chien Ren who have passed away for each branch)
(Below are examples from the Ji Chu Zhong Shu branch)

Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Tsi Li Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Tsi Hua Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks

上執禮：考试院長三叩首
shang zhi li: kao shi yuan zhang, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

（請依各組祖先前禮拜）
（以下為基礎練習為例）

上執禮：獻香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：慈化真君三叩首
shang zhi li: tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：獻香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：慈化真君三叩首
shang zhi li: tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：獻香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.
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Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Tsi Yo Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Tsi Zheng Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
   All Chien Ren who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: All Masters who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
下執禮：
shia zhi li: 一叩首

上執禮：
shang zhi li: 起 作揖 跪
道喜 明明上帝 十叩首

dao shi, ming ming shang di, shi ko sho.

下執禮：
shia zhi li: 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩、十叩首


上執禮：
shang zhi li: 起 作揖 跪
道喜 天地君親師 九叩首

dao shi, tien di jiun chin shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮：
shia zhi li: 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首


上執禮：
shang zhi li: 起 作揖 跪
道喜 諸天神聖 九叩首

dao shi, zhu tien shen sheng, jio ko sho.

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Congratulate Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth,
sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Congratulate Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents /
Teachers, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth,
ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Congratulate all heavenly deities, nine kowtows
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上敟禮： 道喜 月慧菩薩 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

下敟禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敟禮： 道喜 各位法律主 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, guh wei fa liu zhu, wu ko sho.

下敟禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敟禮： 道喜 長生大帝 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, chang sheng da di, wu ko sho.

下敟禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上敟禮： 道喜 醮君 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, zao jiun, san ko sho.

下敟禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上敟禮： 道喜 師尊 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, shi zuen, san ko sho.

下敟禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首
-primary Congratulate Shi Mu, three kowtows
-secondary First, second, third kowtow
-primary Congratulate the Guardian Marshal, three kowtows
-secondary First, second, third kowtow
-primary Congratulate the Guardian General, three kowtows
-secondary First, second, third kowtow
-primary Congratulate the Bodhisattva of Enlightenment, three kowtows
-secondary First, second, third kowtow
-primary Congratulate the great immortals, three kowtows
-secondary First, second, third kowtow
-primary Congratulate Tao Zhang, one kowtow
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jia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首

上執禮： 道喜 天然古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, tien ran gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩 二叩 三叩 四叩 五叩首

上執禮： 道喜 中華聖母 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, zhong hua sheng mu, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩 二叩 三叩 四叩 五叩首

上執禮： 道喜 考試院長 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, kao shi yuan zhang, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩 二叩 三叩首
（請依各組歸前所施行禮）
（以下為基礎忠懹為例）

上執禮： 道喜 慈離大仙 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, tsi li da shien, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩 二叩 三叩首
上執禮：
道喜 慈化真君 三叩首  
shang zhi li: dao shi, tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩，再叩，三叩首  

上執禮：
道喜 慈佑帝君 三叩首  
shang zhi li: dao shi, tsi yo di jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩，再叩，三叩首  

上執禮：
道喜 慈正天君 三叩首  
shang zhi li: dao shi, tsi zheng tien jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩，再叩，三叩首  

上執禮：
起 作揖 跪  
起作揖跪  
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei  
dao shi, cheng dao chien ren, yi ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩首  
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：
道喜 成道點傳師 一叩首  
shang zhi li: dao shi, cheng dao dien chuan shi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩首  
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Hua Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Yo Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Zheng Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel  
Congratulate all Chien Ren who have attained of  
the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate all Masters who have attained the Tao,  
one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
早獻香

上執禮：起 作揖
早獻香禮畢鞠躬
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi
zao shien shiang li bi, jiu gong.

下執禮：退
shia zhi li: tuei.

晚獻香

上執禮：起 作揖 跪 再叩求
老中大慈大悲 真心懺悔 一千叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, zai ko chio.
lao mu da tsai da bei, zhen shin chan huei,
yi chien ko sho.

上執禮：起 作揖
晚獻香禮畢鞠躬
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi
wan shien shiang li bi, jiu gong.

下執禮：退
shia zhi li: tuei.

Morning Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, the Morning Worship Ritual is complete
Secondary: Step back

Evening Worship Ritual

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu
For our sincere repentance, one thousand kowtows

Primary: Rise, bow, the Evening Worship Ritual is complete
Secondary: Step back
The Offering Ritual

1. Meaning

The Offering Ritual was established three thousand years ago during the Zhou Dynasty. It was used exclusively by the Emperor for communion with Heaven. Today, we use it as the ultimate expression of sincere reverence for Lao Mu and all heavenly deities.

2. Goals

1) Present offerings to Lao Mu and all heavenly deities to demonstrate our sincere intent.
2) Express gratitude to Lao Mu for the Tao descending into the world to be spread far and wide.
3) Express respect to Heaven and Earth and reverence toward all divine beings.

3. Preparations

1) Position five kneelers before the altar according to the diagram below:
2) The offering plates and cups must be cleaned and dried.
3) Prepare the Water of Clarity and the Tea of Opacity.
4) Clean the offering fruits and ensure that cookies and food items are vegetarian. Arrange them according to size and category.
5) Place three incense sticks for the first and the fifteenth of each month.

Place three sandalwood incense sticks for New Year’s Greeting Ritual, Seasonal Worship Ritual, Shrine Opening Ritual, Tao Transmission Ritual, Maitreya Buddha Receiving the Heavenly Charge, Maitreya Buddha Attaining the Tao, and the Birth of the Maitreya Buddha.
6) All Tao cultivators present should stand respectfully, with hands down both sides and the thoughts of sincerity and reverence in the mind.

4. Pre-Ritual Process

1) Primary: Presiding Master, all preparations are complete. May we begin the Offering Ritual? Presiding Master, please light the Mu Lamp. Thank you, Master.

(After lighting the Mu Light)

Primary: Welcome Lao Mu, bow once
Primary: Presiding Master, please present the affinity incense
Primary: Bow, kneel, present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, presentation of affinity incense is completed
Secondary: Step back

2) Offering Ritual participants shall face one another on both sides of the kneelers according to the diagram below:

五、進行步驟：

上執禮：兩邊豎立 對面作揖 各就拜位
作揖 馳 三甲首
shang zhi li: liang bien su li, dui mien zuo yi, guh jio bai wei
zuo yi, guei, san ko sho.
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<td>Bow, two rear participants kneel, three kowtows</td>
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<td>Carry offering, kneel, lift up to eye level</td>
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<td>Receive offering, lift up to eye level, bow</td>
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<td>(When there are seven participants in the Offering Ritual, the Water of Clarity and the Tea of Opacity are both called out by the Primary Conductor of Ceremony.)</td>
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下執禮：
shia zhi li: shia zhuo.

上執禮：
shang zhi li: zuo yi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：
shang zhi li: duan, guei, jiu mei chi jie, jiu mei chi, zuo yi jie, jiu mei chi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：
shang zhi li: shien

下執禮：
shia zhi li: shia sho jiu zhong

上執禮：
shang zhi li: zuo yi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

| Secondary: | The Tea of Opacity |
| Primary: | Bow, one kowtow |
| Secondary: | One kowtow |
| Primary: | Carry offering, kneel, lift up to eye level |
| Receive offering, lift up to eye level, bow |
| Receive offering, lift up to eye level, one kowtow |
| Secondary: | One kowtow |
| Primary: | Present |
| Secondary: | (Secondary Conductor of Ceremony places offering in the middle) |
| Primary: | Bow, one kowtow |
| Secondary: | One kowtow |
上執禮：端跪舉眉齊
接舉眉齊作揖
接舉眉齊一呷首
shang zhi li: duan, guei, jiu mei chi
jie, jiu mei chi, zuo yi
jie, jiu mei chi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：一呷首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：獻作揖一呷首
shang zhi li: shien, zuo yi, yi ko sho.

下執禮：一呷首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

（同前反覆操作到獻完為止，然後端果人回到前面拜墊，跪著等候上執禮的口令。）
(Repeat these steps until all the offerings have been presented, then the person carrying the offerings returns to the kneeler, kneels down and waits for the next order from the Primary Conductor of Ceremony.)

上執禮：作揖三呷首
shang zhi li: zuo yi, san ko sho.

下執禮：一呷、再呷、三呷首

上執禮：起同作揖後退歸拜位
作揖跪三呷首
shang zhi li: chi, tong zuo yi, ho tuei guei bai wei
zuo yi, guei, san ko sho.
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 兩邊分班
          對面作揖 獻供禮畢鞠躬
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, liang bien fen ban
              duei mien zuo yi, shien gong li bi, jiu gong.

下執禮： 退
shia zhi li: tuei.

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, return to two sides
          Both sides bow, the Offering Ritual is completed

Secondary: Step back
The Invitation Ritual

1. Meaning
This ritual invites Lao Mu and all heavenly deities to come to the shrine and extend their protective presence for all, so the Master can transmit the Great Tao to a seeker who wishes to receive the Tao.

2. Preparations
1) Position kneelers according to the diagram below:

   ![Diagram 1]

2) Place the sandalwood joss sticks on the altar.
3) Request permission from the Master to begin the Invitation Ritual.
4) Stand on both sides of the kneelers in order of seniority.

5) After the reading of the Invitation Sutra, stand in positions according to the diagram below:

   ![Diagram 2 and Diagram 3]

Note: Diagram 2 and diagram 3 show the positions after the Primary and Secondary Conductors kneel together for the Invitation Ritual. 1) Master. 2) Primary Conductor of Ceremony. 3) Secondary Conductor of Ceremony.
三、進行步驟：
上執禮： 兩邊肅立，敬聽請壇
shang zhi li: liang bian su li, jing ting ching tan.
（譔完請壇經）
(After the presiding Master reads the Invitation Sutra)

對面作揖，各就拜位。
Duei mien zuo yi, guh jio bai wei

下執禮： 第一位、第二位、第三位、第四位、
shia zhi li: di yi wei, di ni wei, di san wei, di si wei,
第五位、第六位，
(di si wei)

（其餘各就拜位）
(chi yiu guh jio bai wei.)

上執禮： 作揖 跪 初獻香三炷
shang zhi li: zuo yi, guei, chu shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 三叩首
shang zhi li: san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 起 跪 亞獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, guei, ya shien shiang, san zhu.

3. Procedure
Primary: Stand at attention,
respectfully listen to the Invitation Sutra
(After the presiding Master reads the Invitation Sutra)
Both sides bow, each takes the ritual position

Secondary: First position, second position, third position,
fourth position, fifth position, sixth position
(Remaining participants take their ritual positions)

Primary: Bow, kneel
Present initial set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, kneel
Present second set of incense, three sticks
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上執禮：跪讀未後一著
shang zhi li: guei du muo ho yi zhao.
            明明上帝蓮下 一叩首
            ming ming shang di lian shia, yi ko sho.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：彌勒古佛 一叩首
shang zhi li: mi luh gu fo, yi ko sho.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：明白通報中情 三叩首
shang zhi li: ming bai tong bao mu ching, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩，再叩，三叩首

上執禮：新求道人代表就位
shang zhi li: shin chio dao ren dai biao jio wei.
            作揖 三叩首
            zuo yi, guei, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩，再叩，三叩首

上執禮：跪（敬）聽講表
shang zhi li: guei (jing) ting du biao.
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Secondary: Those seeking the Tao today: have your names been included and read correctly.

Primary: Burn the declaration, ten kowtows.

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow.

Primary: Rise, bow, return to two sides.

Secondary: First position, second position, third position, fourth position, fifth position, sixth position.
(Remaining participants return to original positions)

Primary: Both sides bow, Invitation Ritual is completed.

Secondary: Step back.
The Tao Transmission Ritual

1. Meaning

The Tao Transmission Ritual is the ceremony for transmitting the Tao and initiating new Tao seekers into I-Kuan Tao.

2. Preparations

1) Arrange sandalwood joss sticks neatly on the altar in advance.
2) Fill out the Initiation Registration Form and the Initiation Declaration. (Use the Tao seeker's birth name, do not use married name.)

3. Procedure

Primary: Presiding Master, please take position to present incense
Bow, kneel, present five incense sticks

Secondary: First, second, third, fourt, fifth incense

Primary: Ten kowtows
Second: First, second, third, fourt, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow  
Presiding Master, please take position to transmit the Tao Introducer(s) and Guarantor(s), please take position to recite vows  
(Males go first, followed by females) Bow, kneel, (representative) present three incense sticks  
(For two people or more, one person will represent them in presenting three sticks of incense.)

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Vow takers, state your name

Secondary: Repeat after me  
(The Vow of the Introducer / Guarantor)
Primary: Three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, The Vow of the Introducer / Guarantor is completed
Secondary: Step back

Primary: Tao seeker(s), take position(s) Bow, kneel, (representative) present three incense sticks
Secondary: Hold three sticks of incense with both hands, bow once With the left hand, place one incense stick in the middle, first incense Bow again, place one incense stick to the right, second incense Bow again, place one incense stick to the left, third incense
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Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Presiding Master, please transmit the Ancient Seal

Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Listen respectfully to the Decree

(End of Decree)

Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Second Decree (not said aloud)

(End of Decree)

Three kowtows

(For male Tao seekers only; females are exempted)

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary:

Secondary:
Presiding Master: Your name
Reserved in Heaven
Removed from Hell

Primary: Vow takers, state your name
Secondary: Repeat after me
(The Vow of the Tao Seeker)

Primary: Three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Third Decree (not said aloud)
(End of Decree) Three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Keep your mind tranquil and quiet
Keep your eyes on the Buddha Light
(Those who wear glasses should take them off.)
Three kowtows
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 請點傳師傳口訣
（傳完） 三叩首
shang zhi li: dien chuan shi chuan ko jueh.
(End of transmission), san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 謝謝 老中間道之恩 三叩首
shang zhi li: shieh shieh, lao mu kai dao zhi en, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 諸天神聖 一叩首
shang zhi li: zhu tien shen sheng, yi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 彌勒祖師
shang zhi li: mi luh zhu shi.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 南海古佛
shang zhi li: na hai gu fo.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.
Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Shi Zuen, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Shi Mu, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Master, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Introducer and Guarantor, one kowtow
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1. Meaning
This is the dedication ceremony for a new shrine. It is as if we are building a ship in the mortal realm, to transport sentient beings to the far shore representing Heaven.

2. Preparations
1) The Offering Ritual.
2) The Invitation Ritual.

3. Procedure (The Nine-Five Great Ritual)

Primary: Bow, kneel
Present initial set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Rise, kneel
Present second set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: Fourth, fifth, sixth incense
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Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: Fourth, fifth, sixth kowtow

Primary: Rise, kneel

Present final set of incense, three sticks

Secondary: Seventh, eighth, ninth incense

Primary: Three kowtows

Secondary: Seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel

Present incense, five sticks

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth incense

Primary: Five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel

Present incense, five sticks
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Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth incense

Primary: Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: All heavenly deities, nine kowtows
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**Secondary:** First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Present incense, three sticks

**Secondary:** First, second, third incense

**Primary:**
- Maitreya Buddha, nine kowtows

**Secondary:** First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Present incense, three sticks

**Secondary:** First, second, third incense

**Primary:**
- Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, five kowtows

**Secondary:** First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Present incense, three sticks
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下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：五教聖人五叩首
shang zhi li: wu jiao sheng ren, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：起作揖跪獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：活佛師尊五叩首
shang zhi li: huo fo shi zuen, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮：起作揖跪獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮：一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮：月慧菩薩五叩首
shang zhi li: yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首
上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 各位法律主 五叩首
shang zhi li: guh wei fa liu zhu, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 長生大帝 五叩首
shang zhi li: chang sheng da di, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 灶君 三叩首
shang zhi li: zao jiun, san ko sho.

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Present incense, three sticks

Secondary: First, second, third incense

Primary: The Masters of Dharmic Laws, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: The Emperor of Longevity, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: The Kitchen God, three kowtows
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 献香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 師尊 三叩首
shang zhi li: shi zuen, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 献香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 師母 三叩首
shang zhi li: shi mu, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 献香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.
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Primary: The Guardian Marshal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: The Guardian General, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: The Bodhisattva of Enlightenment, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
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Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Great immortals, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Tao Zhang, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Chien Ren
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Masters
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Introducers and Guarantors
Secondary: One kowtow

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上執禮： 各位大仙 三叩首
shang zhi li: guh wei da shien, san ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮： 道長 一叩首
shang zhi li: dao zhang, yi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 前人
shang zhi li: chien ren.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 点傳師
shang zhi li: dien chuan shi.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮： 引保師
shang zhi li: yin bao shi.

下執禮： 一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.
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Primary: Our own ancestors
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Kneel to read the Prayer of Atonement
I, [state your name],
kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming
Shang Di, blessed with the authentic transmission
of the Tao. Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Maitreya Buddha, with wondrous dharma that is infinite,
protects all sentient beings, I repent before the Buddha
to correct my errors and renew myself so that we may
complete the heavenly work together.
Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Our own ancestors
Secondary: One kowtow

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Three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
上執禮： 凡肅佛堂 顛倒錯亂
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shang zhi li: fan shi fo tang, dien dao tsuo luan,
shang zhi li: fan shi fo tang, dien dao tsuo luan,
wang chi zhui shi, shuh zuei rong kuan,
wang chi zhui shi, shuh zuei rong kuan,
shi ko sho.
shi ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮： 南無阿彌陀佛天元 十叩首
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shang zhi li: na wu ah mi shi fo tien yuan, shi ko sho.
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下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
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shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 叩求
上執禮： 起 作揖 跪 叩求
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, ko chio
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei, ko chio
老中大慈大悲 罡生免劫 一百叩首
lao mu da tsi da bei, zhong shen mien jieh,
lao mu da tsi da bei, zhong shen mien jieh,
yi bai ko sho.
下獻禮： 一、再、三、四、五、六、七、八、九，一
一、再、三、四、五、六、七、八、九，再
一、再、三、四、五、六、七、八、九，三
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一、再、三、四、五、六、七、八、九，一百叩首

shia zhi li: yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, san.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, wu.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, ba.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, bo.
yi, zai, san, si, wu, lio, chi, ba, jio, yi.

上獻禮： 獻香三炷
shang zhi li: shien shiang, san zhu.

下獻禮： 一獻，再獻，三獻
shia zhi li: yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上獻禮： 金公祖師 九叩首
shang zhi li: jin gong zhu shi, jio ko sho.

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, first
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, second
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, third
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, fourth
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, fifth
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, sixth
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, seventh
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, eighth
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, ninth
First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, one hundred kowtows

Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Jin Gong Patriarch, nine kowtows
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Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Tien Ran Ancient Buddha, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
Primary: Divine Mother of China, five kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow
Primary: Present incense, three sticks
Secondary: First, second, third incense
上貳禮：  考試院長  三叩首
shang zhi li:  kao shi yuan zhang, san ko sho.

下貳禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩首

（請依各組班前三跪之禮拜）
（以下為基礎忠恕為例）

上貳禮：  獻香三炷
shang zhi li:  shien shiang, san zhu.

下貳禮：  一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li:  yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上貳禮：  慈化真君  三叩首
shang zhi li:  tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下貳禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩首

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shang zhi li:  shien shiang, san zhu.

下貳禮：  一獻、再獻、三獻
shia zhi li:  yi shien, zai shien, san shien.

上貳禮：  慈化真君  三叩首
shang zhi li:  tsi hua zhen jiun, san ko sho.

下貳禮：  一叩、再叩、三叩首
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shia zhi li:  yi shien, zai shien, san shien.  

上執禮： 慈佑帝君 三叩首  
shang zhi li:  tsi yo di jiun, san ko sho.  

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首  

上執禮： 献香三炷  
shia zhi li:  shien shiang, san zhu.  

下執禮： 一獻、再獻、三獻  
shia zhi li:  yi shien, zai shien, san shien.  

上執禮： 慈正天君 三叩首  
shang zhi li:  tsi zheng tien jiun, san ko sho.  

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩首  

上執禮： 起 作揖 跪  
shang zhi li:  chi, zuo yi, guei  
    cheng dao chien ren, yi ko sho.  

下執禮： 一叩首  
shia zhi li:  yi ko sho.  

上執禮： 成道前人 一叩首  
shang zhi li:  cheng dao dien chuan shi, yi ko sho.  

下執禮： 一叩首  
shia zhi li:  yi ko sho.
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I-Kuan Tao Disciplines and Rituals - The Shrine Opening Ritual

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Congratulate Ming Ming Shang Di, ten kowtows

**Secondary:**
- First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth kowtow

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Congratulate Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers, nine kowtows

**Secondary:**
- First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

**Primary:**
- Rise, bow, kneel
- Congratulate all heavenly deities, nine kowtows

**Secondary:**
- First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow
上執禮： 起 作 拜 跪
道喜 献佛祖師 九叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei
dao shi, mi luh zhu shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
六叩、七叩、八叩、九叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
lio ko, chi ko, ba ko, jio ko sho.

上執禮： 起 作 拜 跪
道喜 南海古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei
dao shi, nan hai gu fo, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 道喜 五教聖人 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, wu jiao sheng ren, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 道喜 佛師尊 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, huo fo shi zuen, wu ko sho.

下執禮： 一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩首

上執禮： 道喜 月惠菩薩 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, yueh huei pu sa, wu ko sho.

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Congratulate Maitreya Buddha, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth,
sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Congratulate Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Saints of the Five Religions, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Ji Gong Living Buddha, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Yueh Huei Bodhisattva, five kowtows
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shang zhi li: dao shi, zhen dien yuan shuai, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：道喜 鎮殿將軍 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, zhen dien jiang jiun, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：道喜 教化菩薩 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, jiao hua pu sa, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：道喜 各位大仙 三叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, guei wei da shien, san ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：道喜 道長 一叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, dao zhang, yi ko sho.

下執禮：一叩首
xia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：道喜 前人
shang zhi li: dao shi, chien ren.

Primary: Congratulate the Guardian Marshal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate the Guardian General, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate the Bodhisattva of Enlightenment,
three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate the great immortals, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Tao Zhang, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Chien Ren
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Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Masters

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Introducers and Guarantors

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate our own ancestors

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Jin Gong Patriarch, nine kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth kowtows

Primary: Congratulate Tien Ran Ancient Buddha, five kowtows

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：道喜 點師
shang zhi li: dao shi, dien chuan shi.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：道喜 引師
shang zhi li: dao shi, yin bao shi.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：道喜 自己祖先
shang zhi li: dao shi, zi ji zhu shien.

下執禮：一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：起 作揖 跪
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei
dao shi, jin gong zhu shi, jio ko sho.

下執禮：一叩、再叩、三叩、四叩、五叩、
shia zhi li: yi ko, zai ko, san ko, si ko, wu ko,
si ciao, ciao, ba ko, jio ko sho.

上執禮：道喜 天然古佛 五叩首
shang zhi li: dao shi, tien ran gu fo, wu ko sho.
Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Divine Mother of China, five kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third, fourth, fifth kowtows

Primary: Congratulate the Chief Examiner, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

(Please continue to revere the Chien Ren who have passed away for each branch)

(Below are examples from the Ji Chu Zhong Shu branch)

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Li Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Hua Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: Congratulate Tsi Yo Immortal, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
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Primary: Congratulate Tsi Zheng Immortal, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Congratulate all Chien Ren who have attained the Tao, one kowtow
Secondary: One kowtow
Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Congratulate Wong Lao Chien Ren, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
Primary: Congratulate Chang Lao Chien Ren, three kowtows
Secondary: First, second, third kowtow
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Primary: Rise, bow, return to two sides
Secondary: First position, second position, third position, fourth position, fifth position, sixth position
Primary: Both sides bow, the Shrine Opening Ritual is completed
Secondary: Step back

上儀禮：起 作揖 兩邊分班
shang zhi li: chi, zuo yi, liang bien fen ban.

下儀禮：第一位、第二位、第三位、第四位、
shia zhi li: di yi wei, di ni wei, di san wei, di si wei,
第五位、第六位
  di wu wei, di lio wei.

上儀禮：對面作揖 請壇禮畢鞠躬
shang zhi li: duei mien zuo yi, ching tan li bi, jiu gong.

下儀禮：退
shia zhi li: tuei.
進行步驟：

一、獻供（插檀香木）
二、請壇
三、三跪九叩禮
四、大典燒香禮（全部道喜至「成道點傳師」）。

上執禮：
拜年 王老前人 三叩首
shan zhi li: chi, zuo yi, guei.

下執禮：
一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：
拜年 張老前人 三叩首
shan zhi li: bai nien chang lao chien ren san ko sho

下執禮：
一叩、再叩、三叩首

上執禮：
拜年 袁前人 一叩首
shan zhi li: bai nien yuen chien ren yi ko sho.

下執禮：
一叩首
shia zhi li: yi ko sho.

上執禮：
拜年 各位前人 一叩首
shan zhi li: bai nien guh wei chien ren, yi ko sho.

New Year’s Greeting Ritual

1. Offering Ritual (with sandalwood incense)
2. Invitation Ritual
3. The Three-Nine Ritual
4. The Great Worship Ritual
5. Participants congratulate all Masters who have attained the Tao

Primary: Rise, bow, kneel
New year’s greeting to Wong Lao Chien Ren, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: New year’s greeting to Chang Lao Chien Ren, three kowtows

Secondary: First, second, third kowtow

Primary: New year’s greeting to Yuen Chien Ren, one kowtow

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: New year’s greeting to all Chien Ren, one kowtow
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Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: New year's greeting to all Lao Dien Chuan Shi, one kowtow

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Rise, all below Masters bow, kneel
New year's greeting to all Masters, one kowtow

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: New year's greeting to Shrine Owners, one kowtow

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: New year's greeting to all Tao members, one kowtow

Secondary: One kowtow

Primary: Rise, bow, the Worship Ritual is complete

Secondary: Step back
The Declarations of the Tao
The Invitation Sutra

Please remain quiet. Take your places in an orderly manner. Straighten your clothes, and listen to this announcement with sincere reverence.

Auspicious smoke rises from the Ba Gua censer. The sacred nurturing Lao Mu is descending to this shrine with Guan Di to the left and Chun Yang to the right. The twenty-eight constellations protect the shrine.

Lao Mu has arrived with all deities attending solemnly, pointing to the right for orders, left for commands. The Thunder, Wind, Tiger and Dragon units all display their prowess.

Stand at attention and listen carefully. It is now the Third Phase and the Great Tao has appeared. All divine beings shall protect this shrine; all spiritual entities shall heed the decree without disobedience. For those who suffer, help them; for those in disasters, save them; for those who are good, assist them; for those with tasks, work with them. Let the great catastrophe withdraw far away.

The constellations and officers of the spiritual realm, receive the command of Ming Ming Shang Di. Attend quickly the heavenly work; proceed carefully the mission in the Three Realms. It shall be so eternally that retreat must never be permitted. Fulfill your duties and exert your influence over the Third Phase.

The command of Lao Mu passes from me to you. When you see those on the path, help them attain the Tao. Change the universe, and let the twelve branches take their positions in Heaven. The time is nearly upon us. Do not disregard this announcement.
The final movement of the Tao was never told
The enlightened one shall now explain it once
Let all the people recognize the way home
To see the source of life and death

Today, we have, by divine grace, [names of Shi Zuen and Shi Mu] leading all participants, kneeling sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming Shang Di, requesting that the Maitreya Ancient Buddha of the Third Phase, together with the three thousand disciples and all constellations, assist the three Buddhas in delivering countless sentient beings. We hereby report upon the great work in this final period clearly to Lao Mu.
The Declarations of the Tao - The Yang Declaration - Submitting the Declaration

The year [Year], [Month] [Date], [Time], at [Address], [City], [State].
In [Shrine Name] today, by the grace of [Shi Zuen's Name] and [Shi Mu's Name] leading the Introducer(s) [Name(s)] and the Guarantor(s) [Name(s)], we kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming Shang Di.

Since Creation, there have been three Buddhas coming to teach the people. However, the Great Tao has not been spread widely and the Truth has not been made clear. The heritage of the Tao has fallen into obscurity for more than three thousand years.

By the grace of Ming Ming Shang Di, the true tradition has been passed down in the East. By the compassion of the Maitreya Buddha, the authentic lineage has once again been restored.
The Declarations of the Tao - The Yang Declaration - Submitting the Declaration

Today, sentient beings are suffering and have not yet been rescued. Disasters of fire and water have come before us, so we establish this assembly to save countless sentient beings, to organize and summon all who have affinity to the Tao.

By the grace of Emperor Tang and Emperor Wu, by the virtue of Emperor Yao and Emperor Shun, at the shrine before Ming Ming Shang Di, with the protection of all deities, today we have (one or two people, write their names; three or more people, write "these individuals") who has / have broken through the perception of the material world, and has / have awakened into enlightenment.

We sincerely beseech Ming Ming Shang Di to grant us a clear path. We the children have nothing but vegetarian foods to present along with this declaration.

We the children, [Shi Zuen's Name] and [Shi Mu's Name] hereby lead all participants in the presentation of a hundred kowtows.

Each is willing to donate [Amount] as the token of merit.

We the children, [Shi Zuen's Name] and [Shi Mu's Name] hereby lead all participants in the presentation of a hundred kowtows.
引保師當愿文

yin bao shi dang yuan wen

虔心跪在
chien shin guei zai

明明上帝蓮下，今天願引願保大眾（二人以下報名，三人以上大眾）。求
ming ming shang di lian shia, jin tien yuan yuan bao da zhong (for two
people or less, call out their names; for three people or more, use "da zhong"),
chio

原一大道，性理真傳，如若引入保入，左道旁門，詐哄人之錢財，願受
yuan yi da dao, shing li zhen chuan, ru ruoyin nu bao ru, zuo dao pang men,
kuang hong ren ren zhi chien tsai, yuan shou

天人共鑒。
tien ren gong jian.

The Vow of the Introducer / Guarantor

I, [state your name], kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming
Ming Shang Di. Today, I am willing to introduce / guarantee [names if two
people or less; "these individuals" if three people or more] to seek the
original Great Tao and its authentic transmission of the Truth.

If I introduce / guarantee anyone into a cult, or embezzle money from
anyone, then may Heaven and all people testify against me.
The Declarations of the Tao - The Vow of the Tao Seeker

The Vow of the Tao Seeker

I, [state your name], kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming Shang Di. Today, I am willing to seek the original Great Tao and its authentic transmission of the Truth.

After I receive the Tao, I shall sincerely cherish it, and faithfully reform myself (male) / cultivate myself (female).

If I harbor false intentions, retreat from making progress, deceive the Teacher, deride the Patriarch, disrespect the Senior Masters, disobey the Buddha's disciplines, reveal heavenly secrets, conceal the Tao, or proceed without complete effort (male) / cultivate without sincere intent (female), then may Heaven and all people testify against me.
Disciplines of I-Kuan Tao
The Fifteen Disciplines

1. Revere the Buddhas
   The Tao is real, the Truth is real, the Heavenly Decree is real, therefore the Buddhas are also real. If any of the above is not real, the rest would also be false. Since we are cultivating ourselves with serious intent, we cannot be disrespectful to the Buddhas. We revere them as if they are present. If our hearts are in the right place, the Buddhas will always be with us.

2. Respect the seniors and mentor the novices
   In Tao cultivation, we all have people who went before us and those who follow after us. We should defer to the virtues of the senior cultivators and listen to their teachings. We should also look after new Tao cultivators, and patiently guide them on the right path.

3. Be restrained, dignified, centered and principled
   We should restrain and discipline ourselves, act with proper dignity, hold to the center, and maintain principles without compromise.

4. Follow rules and observe boundaries
   Following rules can make one well-rounded. Observing boundaries can make one morally upright. If we follow all the rules in the Tao, we can cultivate without crossing boundaries, and become the honorable person who can be both well-rounded and morally upright.

5. Accept responsibilities
   Since we are Tao cultivators, we have a heavenly task to be benevolent. We need to take on this responsibility with sincerity, so that we would not be remiss in our duties.

6. Emphasize the divine over the mundane
   Enlightened people all understand that the greater whole is the most important, while personal affairs are not as important. That is why we must emphasize the divine over the mundane. Although we usually spend more time on mundane matters than divine duties, we need to make sure that mundane will not interfere with the divine.
七、謙恭和諧
對上謙恭有禮，必受教益；對下和諧提攜，必受敬愛。

八、勿棄聖訓
仙佛揮筆訓誨，敬重之惟恐不及。何可棄棄，謹慎保存，亦可免招魔考。

九、莫著形相
著相修行，常被相縛，豈能超脫？是理即信，是道則進，是天命即拜，其餘即不著也。

十、金錢必清
金錢帳項，來清去白，處理事務，有條不紊。

十一、告出返入
有事遠行必報告長上，懇求慈悲指示，外出回來必面報經過，使長上安心。

十二、不亂系統
全線系統，有條不紊，領導不離等，請示不越級，要一以貫之。

十三、愛惜公物
公壇用品、贈閱經書，均稱公務，皆出自道親欣功，該用時不吝嗇，不該用時一針一線也要愛惜。

7. Be courteous and kind
If we can be humble and courteous to the older generation, we will receive the benefit of their teachings. If we can be nurturing and kind to the younger generation, we will earn their love and respect.

8. Do not discard the sacred admonitions
The messages written by the Buddhas are to be valued and cherished. They must never be discarded. Keep them with care, for they have the power to protect us against being tested by temptations.

9. Do not obsess over appearances
If we are too attached to appearance, it will tie us down and keep us from being able to transcend beyond. If it is the Truth, we should have faith in it; if it is the Tao, we should advance upon it; if it is the Heavenly Decree, we should revere it. Nothing else matters.

10. Keep all procedures transparent
When we work with financial accounts, we must keep everything clear. When we manage our work, we must keep everything organized.

11. Departing and returning
We should let the seniors know before going on a journey, and ask for their words of advice. We should also let them know when we return safely, so they wouldn’t worry about us.

12. Do not disrupt the system
Our Golden Thread system maintains order, so that leaders and followers never overstep their boundaries. This is a principle that runs through everything we do.

13. Protect public property
Items meant for public use, such as books to be given away, belong to everyone. They come from the resources donated by fellow Tao cultivators. Let us not be stingy when we use them for a good cause. At the same time, when it is not necessary to use them, we should not waste anything, not even a needle or a thread.
14. Be lively in handling affairs

Being energetic and upbeat is natural for the positive mind. When we work on tasks in the Tao, we should value this active, dynamic approach. When we sense there is something missing or imperfect, we should have the initiative to take action and find solutions.

15. Be cautious in words and actions

If we remain quiet when we should say something, we may miss the chance to communicate. If we talk when we should remain quiet, we may miscommunicate. A man of honor does make such mistakes. He proceeds cautiously, as if standing by a cliff or over thin ice, because he understands that loose talk and improper conduct can lead to failure.
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一貫道 I-Kuan Tao
In the Pinyin romanization system, I-Kuan Tao is written as Yi Guan Dao. This matches the way it is pronounced in Chinese. Yi means one, Guan means through, and Dao means the path. Together, I-Kuan Tao is the spiritual tradition focusing on the one true Tao that unites (goes through) all things.

明明上帝 Ming Ming Shang Di
Ming means clarity. Repeating the character twice emphasizes and amplifies its meaning from clarity to enlightenment. Shang means the utmost, the ultimate, or the highest. Di means ruler. Together, Ming Ming Shang Di can be translated as the Highest Ruler of Enlightenment. This is a reference to the Tao being the natural laws of the universe and the ultimate principle governing everything.

老母 Lao Mu
Lao means ancient. Mu is the Chinese character for mother turned sideways, indicating the Universal Female Essence that gave birth to the totality of existence as the supreme miracle of creation. Together, Lao Mu is another name for the Tao, focusing on its nurturing and life-giving aspects as the ultimate source of everything. The terms Ming Ming Shang Di, Lao Mu and the Tao are all synonymous with one another.

三界 Three Realms
The Three Realms are: Heaven, inhabited by divine beings; the material world, inhabited by mortals; Hell, inhabited by ghosts. The ideal of I-Kuan Tao is to spread the spiritual teaching and salvation of the Tao to all sentient beings whether they are in Heaven, Hell, or the material world between the two.

五教 Five Religions
The Five Religions are often misunderstood as Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Christianity and Islam. In actuality, “Five” in this context means multitude rather than a literal count of five. Thus, Five Religions point to the most significant traditions of the world that uplift and inspire people.

師尊 Shi Zuen
Shi means teacher and Zuen means reverence. Together, this term denotes I-Kuan Tao’s most revered teacher, Zhang Tian Ran (張天然, 1889-1947), who along with Shi Mu served as spiritual leaders of the I-Kuan Tao movement in the modern era, as well as the Eighteenth Patriarch of the Zen tradition that began with Bodhidharma. I-Kuan Tao followers recognize him as the reincarnation of the Ji Gong Living Buddha, and also know him by the name of Tian Ran Ancient Buddha.

師母 Shi Mu
Shi means teacher and Mu means mother. Together, this term refers to Sun Su Zhen (孫素真, 1895-1975), the great teacher of I-Kuan Tao who not only taught her followers the spiritual path, but also nurtured them as a maternal presence. Today, she is also known to I-Kuan Tao followers as the Divine Mother of China and the Yueh Huei Bodhisattva.

道長 Tao Zhang
Several advanced Tao cultivators assisted Shi Zuen and Shi Mu when they began their work decades ago. These individuals were all the more remarkable because the teachings of I-Kuan Tao were not at all well known back then. They achieved mastery of the Tao, and are therefore known as the Tao Zhang collectively.
Lao Chien Ren
Within a division in I-Kuan Tao, Lao Chien Ren holds the highest position of spiritual leadership. This position, like other positions in I-Kuan Tao, may be occupied by either a man or a woman.

Chien Ren
Chien Ren is the position below Lao Chien Ren and above the Lao Dien Chuan Shi.

Lao Dien Chuan Shi
Lao Dien Chuan Shi is the position below Chien Ren and above the Master.

Master
This is known as Dien Chuan Shi in Chinese. Dien means to point, as in pointing to the Great Truth. Chuan means to transmit, as in transmitting the Great Tao. Shi means teacher. Together, these three characters denote an ordained Master of I-Kuan Tao who has been charged with the Heavenly Decree to spread the message of the Tao far and wide.

Introducer
An Introducer is a Tao practitioner who introduces a Seeker of spirituality to I-Kuan Tao, and leads him or her into initiation.

Guarantor
A Guarantor is a Tao practitioner who guarantees the good character of someone who seeks initiation into I-Kuan Tao.

Token of Merit
The typical I-Kuan Tao temple never engages in regular solicitations of donations. Masters often support temples financially instead of drawing salary as ordained clergy often do in most traditions. They are able to sustain this long-term because they have mastered positive karma, so that the more they give, the more abundantly they receive. The requirement to collect the Token of Merit in the Initiation Ritual is a way to introduce new followers to the same karmic mechanism, which may seem inexplicable, but is quite real and has the power to benefit everyone.

Shrine Owner
A high-level cultivator of the Tao may decide to take the step to become the owner of an I-Kuan Tao shrine. This ownership comes with the responsibility to serve as an example to others, and is therefore charged with two requirements not imposed on the typical Tao cultivator. The first is the total willingness to practice the rituals every day as specified in this handbook. The second requirement is the Cleansing Ritual where one takes a vow to become a vegetarian and to refrain from telling untruths. The discipline of Shrine Owners makes them respected and important figures within the Tao Community.

Mu Light
Mu in this context is the same character as the one in Lao Mu. Also known as the Buddha Light, this is the central and most important element of the I-Kuan Tao shrine. Because the Tao is the ultimate force and principle rather than a human-like deity, it should be depicted with the energy of a flame rather than any sort of human likeness. The Mu Light is backed by a metal plate inscribed with the characters Wu Ji, meaning without boundary or unbounded. When the Mu Light is lit, it shines through these characters, representing the way reality itself reflects the brilliance of light shining from the Tao.

Tao Community
A community of the Tao exists whenever two or more Tao cultivators come together in a spirit of harmony and mutual respect. This can range from the formal setting of a temple to a small group of individuals working together informally to share the teachings of the Tao with the world.