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**Summary/Abstract:** The paper aims to discuss two popular interpretations of Daoism and its application to contemporary world: The Dao of Poo by Benjamin Hoff and The Truth of Tao by Alex Anatole. In the first part, it will concentrate on the interpretation of Daoist concept of simplicity (pu 朴) in B.Hoff's book, pointing out to the problem of its simplification and elucidating the cluster of the meanings (or aspects) of pu in this book and in comparison with its understanding in Classical Daoism. In the second

part, it will discuss the main points of interpretation of Daoism as a “reflective mirror” for illuminating the problems of Western (in this case, American) contemporary consumer culture, presented in Alex Anatole’s book, with the particular attention on his ideal of “contentment” and “ideal day”. It is claimed, that such popular versions of Daoism, although seemingly contradictory and superficial, and because of this rather mostly ignored by sinologists and investigators of Daoist practices, deserve more careful study by professional scholars, since they are the manifestations of the process of globalization of Daoism, which is inevitable in 21st century. Moreover, they are especially influential in forming a popular image of Daoist teaching, since the messages of such books spread to a far wider public, than the monographs by academic specialists in Chinese (Daoist) studies.

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This article was published in 2017. People think they know everything about slavery in the United States, but they don't. They think the majority of African slaves came to the American colonies, but they didn't. They talk about 400 years of slavery, but it wasn't. They claim all Southerners owned slaves, but they didn't. Some argue it was all a long time ago, but it wasn't. Slavery has been in the news a lot lately. From the discovery of the auction of 272 enslaved people that enabled Georgetown University to remain in operation to the McGraw-Hill textbook controversy over calling slaves "work Foods and diets as per bible precepts. Orthodoxy and modernity: their contact facets in russian society. The origin and evolution of the romanian liturgikon: between the byzantine and slavonic liturgical tradition. A sociological-religious probe into contemporary global salafi jihadism. The don cossacks and orthodoxy: religious and moral traditions in the framework of modern education. Interaction of health and religion in the modern world: ways of rapprochement. The art of recovering pace and sounds of deep mexico. Certainly American literature attained a new maturity and a rich diversity in the 1920s and '30s, and significant works by several major figures from those decades were published after 1945. Faulkner, Hemingway, Steinbeck, and Katherine Anne Porter wrote memorable fiction, though not up to their prewar standard; and Frost, Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Marianne Moore, E.E. Cummings, William Carlos Williams, and Gwendolyn Brooks published important poetry. After World War II. The literary historian Malcolm Cowley described the years between the two world wars as a "second flowering" of American writing. Certainly American literature attained a new maturity and a rich diversity in the 1920s and '30s, and significant works by several major figures from those decades were published after 1945. Laozi 老子 (Master Lao) and combined aspects of "Daoism" and "Legalism." But what does such revisionist scholarship mean for the Daoist tradition and practicing Daoists? Thus, one may tentatively identify at least five phases in the historical compilation of the received Daode jing 道德經 (Scripture on the Dao and Inner Power): (1) oral traditions, including mnemonic aphorisms; (2) collections of sayings; (3) early anthologies; (4) codified, classified, and edited anthologies; and (5) fully integrated and standardized editions. 88 PRECEPTS. By David Lane. Member of The Order. Until the White race realizes that there is only one source from which we can ascertain lasting truths, there will never be peace or stability on this earth. In the immutable Laws of Nature are the keys to life, order, and understanding. The. (Note here that the American Indians are not Native Americans, but are racially Mongolians.) In the 8th century, hundreds of years before Negroes were brought to America, the North African Moors of mixed racial background invaded and conquered Portugal, Spain and part of France. So, the attempted guilttrip placed on the White race by civilizations executioners is invalid under both historical circumstance and the Natural Law which denies inter-species compassion.