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The objectives of this research were: 1. to study Tao Philosophy 2. to study Zen Philosophy 3. to compare the similar concept between Tao Philosophy and Zen Philosophy

The result shows that Tao philosophy and Zen Philosophy have similar concepts in metaphysical concepts epistemological concepts and ethical concepts.

In metaphysical concepts, the ultimate reality of Tao philosophy is 'Tao' whereas the ultimate reality of Zen philosophy is 'Original mind'. Both of theirs are similar because they reject the metaphysical being. In terms of epistemological concepts, the way to the ultimate truth of Tao philosophy is Wu-wei (non-action) Whereas the way of Zen philosophy is Sunyata (non attachment). Both are alike, they purify self (Atta) to selfless. With regard to ethical concepts. Tao philosophy and Zen philosophy are in the same way, they reject ethics.

Besides, there are other concepts which are apart from metaphysical, epistemology and ethical concepts namely, aesthetics, book refusal, simplicity, idealistic viewpoint. These are significant concept which Tao philosophy and Zen philosophy have.

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