

## Commentary on “A Chinese View of the Western Nursing Metaparadigm”

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Drs. Kao, Reeder, Hsu, and Cheng fused three convergent world views—Taoism, Confucianism, and Rogers’ Unitary View of Human Beings—in an unambiguous review of the nursing metaparadigm. Their discussion is framed by the need for holism and cultural competence in an ever-evolving, multicultural world. Although the authors seemed to delicately balance the relative merits of both Eastern and Western thought, it is clear from their writing that holistic nurses should not heuristically put Western philosophies above all others.

Nurses in the Western world are constantly inculcated by the medical model of Western philosophy. This article provides holistic nurses with theoretical knowledge of other ways of viewing the nursing metaparadigm by giving a refreshing look at an “alternative” way of seeing the world and, more specifically, a way of looking at the work of nursing. The article, therefore, acts to counter the ever-present Western discourse. On a more abstract level, the article aids the reader in questioning long-held Western beliefs about the nursing metaparadigm. More pragmatically, it relates information about Taoism, Confucianism, and Rogers’ Unitary View of Human Beings that can be useful to inform culturally competent holistic nursing practice.

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