

On the Conversational Chapters of
“Tai-ping-jing” (太平經)

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In the text of Tai-ping-jing, there are twelve chapters, where two dieties named Tai-shen and Tian-jun play important parts, unique both in their style and in their tendencies of thought. In this paper the author tries to clear complicated construction of these chapters, at the same time, analyse their religious thought, which is in a sense innovative, for in attaining immortality personal self-cultivation is prior to intention of gods. In addition, some prose chapters akin to the above-mentioned are analysed.