

When you begin down an Eastern path, and Cha Dao mostly heads East, you quickly realize the important role language can play in our thinking, and consequently our insights. For the most part, we come to love the ancient spiritual words in languages like Sanskrit and Chinese—for their subtlety and breadth. There is one English word we’ve come to like better than its Eastern equivalents, however: “Enlightenment”. When most people think of “Enlightenment” they see in the word the “light” and are reminded of the light in us, which we all travel towards. But “light” in English has another meaning: not heavy! Being enlightened means, literally, lightening up! Don’t take yourself serious, or anything else for that matter. There is an old Indian saying: “beware the spiritual/religious man that takes himself seriously!” And many of you know how we here do so love laughter and humor. We thought that these newsletters might be getting a bit heavy and that we would en-lighten them up.

As many of you know, we are huge Tolkien fans here at the center. The release of the Hobbit fulfilled two of our loves: film and Middle Earth. As a result, we thought we would show you a couple movie posters to promote the film. These posters are all throughout Taiwan—on telephone poles, old houses, along the highway and even in public bathrooms. We have already seen the movie once and plan to go again. It was great!



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