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Words to Dr. Sass

Dr. Sass has brought Fritz Jahr to my attention. Biomedical ethics has always been my interest and concern in most of my life either in teaching or in private thinking. Prof. Fritz Jahr's writings have deeply touched my heart as I can feel my heart echoing to his thought through my readings of his works. Thank to Dr. Sass for introducing this inventor of the word "Bio-ethics" to me.

I first met Dr. Hans Martin Sass in Shanghai China at a European-China bioethics conference. His keen insight toward the bioethical issues attracted my attention and we have been keeping in touch through emails ever since. Dr.Sass has visited Taiwan, my country for at least two times. He came to share his profound knowledge at our international conferences and all the audiences who came to listen to him were deeply impressed. He is indeed a great friend as well as a mentor to me.

Dr. Sass is not only a renowned scholar in philosophy and bioethics, he is also very well versed in Chinese philosophy especially in Taoism. He has mastered Lao-tze' teachings and discovered many works of Taoism that I was ignorant before.

As Dr.Sass celebrates his 80th birthday, I feel privileged to write this few words of congratulation and thank to him.

Hans Martin: Happy Birthday. Please come to Taiwan anytime. Whenever you visit Beijing, China again, please make sure to detour and stop by here. I know that Dr.Sass is fond of Beijing very much and always enjoying their hospitality. God bless you, my friend.

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