

THE TAOIST GOD IN THE GOSPEL VAN

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The simple story of a gay Taoist, his Christian pastor boyfriend, and the Taoist god who commands him to take a road trip in the “Gospel Van” that will change his life forever.

Hsiao Wei-Cheng's father is the founder of a Taoist temple, so from a young age Hsiao became accustomed to the Wang Ye (the title of the god worshipped at the temple) taking a hand in family affairs. Even when his father goes out looking for work to pay off his debts, he does it all according to the Wang Ye's spiritually transmitted instructions.

As an adult, Hsiao has a son of his own and a life partner who happens to be a Christian pastor. Now that he is living life on his own terms, Hsiao feels it is finally time to separate from the messy temple enterprise his father has built. Unfortunately, the Wang Ye has other plans. Speaking through a spirit medium, the Taoist god urges him to take a pilgrimage to pray for guidance on the selection of a new caretaker for the temple. Furthermore, he instructs Hsiao to bring along his partner and son, and even specifies which vehicle they should take: the “Gospel Van” used by his partner for official church business.

Thus, the stage is set for an absurd and uplifting road novel that breezes through stoplights at every intersection between faith and family. Hop in the Gospel Van, and laugh along as Hsiao learns to strike the all-important balance between staying true to oneself, staying true to one's loved ones, and staying true to one's beliefs.



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