



ENGLISH VERSION OF EXTRACT SENTENCES FROM THE ANALECTS OF CONFUCIUS

English Version of Extract Sentences from the Analects of Confucius

The 11th Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students is hold in Changsha City Hunan Province this summer. It has invited over one hundred oversea students to participate this competition and explore Chinese culture. With the spread of Chinese, more foreign friends are interested in Chinese and Confucius Institution has built all over the world. Confucius is the great thinker, educator, and the founder of Confucian. In this blog, we are going to present you some sentences from the Analects of Confucius, which is one of the classics of Confucianist.

子曰：“知者乐水，仁者乐山。知者乐动，仁者乐静。知者乐水，仁者乐山。知者乐水，仁者乐山。”


Confucius said, “The wise enjoy water, the humane enjoy mountains. The wise are active, the humane are quiet. The wise are happy; the humane live long lives. ”

林方问曰：“夫礼，天之经也，地之义也，民之行也。天地之经，民之行也。天地之经，民之行也。”

Lin Fang asked about the essence of the rites. Confucius said, “A very significant question! The rites should be performed in a frugal way rather than in an extravagant way. Funerals should be held with grief rather than with pomposity.”

子曰：“礼之用，和为贵。先王之道，斯为美。小大由之，无所不可。无所不可。”

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Confucius said, "One should worry not about having no official position, but about having no proper qualifications. "

“君子居则贵其身，

“One should not seek to be known to others, but seek to acquire the qualities worthy of being known.”

小人用则贱其身。”

Confucius said, "He who does not think of the future is certain to have immediate worries."

“人无远虑，必有近忧。”

Confucius said, "One can keep hatred and grievance away by putting more blame on oneself and less on others for any fault."

“躬自厚而薄责于人，

Confucius said, "A fault that is not amended is a real fault."

“过而不改，是谓过也。”

Confucius said, "What is there for me to observe of a man if he is not broad-minded when he is in high position, not reverent when he is performing the rites, and not sad when he is in mourning?"

“居上不宽，为礼不敬，

Confucius said, "While one's parents are alive, one should not travel to distant places. If it is necessary to travel, there should be a definite direction."

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Confucius said, “The gentleman knows what is right; the mean person keeps his mind only on gains.”

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Confucius said, “The gentleman unites and does not plot with others; the mean man plots and does not unite with others.”

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Confucius said, “The gentleman aims at harmony, and not at uniformity. The mean man aims at uniformity, and not at harmony.”

From the above selections, we can conclude that Confucius emphasizes harmony, benevolence, propriety. It shows the essence of Chinese culture and has a great influence on the nation, even the world.

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