

道之宗旨

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The Essence of Dao

To respect Heaven and Earth; To follow the ways of the saintly; To love all nations and act with loyalty; To have a sincere character and to esteem the proper behavior; To be filial toward parents; To uphold teachers; To trust friends; To be harmonious with neighbors; To transform evil into good; To understand and to elucidate the Five Human Relationships* and the Eight Cardinal Virtues†; To spread the profound truth of the Masters of the Five Religions‡; To scrupulously abide by the Four Ethical Principles§ and the Five Constant Virtues**; To purify the heart/mind and wash away anxieties; To utilize the false self to cultivate the True Self††; To uncover one's Original (Buddha) Nature; To manifest the inherent perfection of one's conscience and virtues; To establish oneself and help others to establish themselves; To achieve one's goals and help others to achieve their goals; To transform the world into a peaceful, honest, and harmonious society; To enlighten people to manifest their humanity; To bring about world unity and harmony—this is the purpose of the marvelous Dao.

禮運大同篇

大道之行也 · 天下為公 · 選賢與能 · 講信修睦 · 故人不獨親其親 · 不獨子其子 · 使老有所終 · 壯有所用 · 幼有所長 · 鰥寡孤獨廢疾者 · 皆有所養 · 男有分 · 女有歸 · 貨惡其棄於地也 · 不必藏於己 · 力惡其不出於身也 · 不必為己 · 是故謀閉而不興 · 盜竊亂賊而不作 · 故外戶而不閉 · 是謂大同 ·

The Confucian Ideal for World Harmony

When the perfect order prevails, the world is like a home shared by all. Virtuous and worthy men are elected to public office, and capable men hold posts of gainful employment in society; peace and trust among all men are the maxims of living. All men love and respect their parents and children, as well as the parents and children of others. There is caring for the old; there are jobs for adults; there are nourishment and education for the widowers, for all who find themselves alone in the world, and for the disabled. Every man and woman has an appropriate duty to perform within family and society. A sense of sharing displaces the effects of selfishness and materialism. A devotion to public duty leaves no room for idleness. Intrigues and conniving for ill gain are unknown. Villains such as thieves and robbers do not exist. The door to every home need never be locked and bolted by day or night. These are the characteristics of an ideal world, the commonwealth state.

* Five Confucian Relationships: Ruler-Subject (e.g. employer-employee), Husband-Wife, Parent-Child, Brother-Sister (sibling), Friendship.

† Eight Virtues: Filial piety, Brotherly love, Loyalty, Trust, Propriety, Righteousness, Integrity, Shame/Regret.

‡ Five Religions: Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam.

§ Four Ethical Principles: Propriety, Righteousness, Integrity, Shame/Regret.

** Five Constant Virtues: Benevolence (humanity), Righteousness, Propriety, Wisdom, Trust

†† The world of forms (physical world) is relative (False) whereas our True Nature is formless and absolute (True).