

WELCOME TO HUM103 PRESENTATION

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INTRODUCTION

Confucians:



Confucius (551-479BCE)
Xunzi(310-235BCE)



Mencius (372-289 BCE)



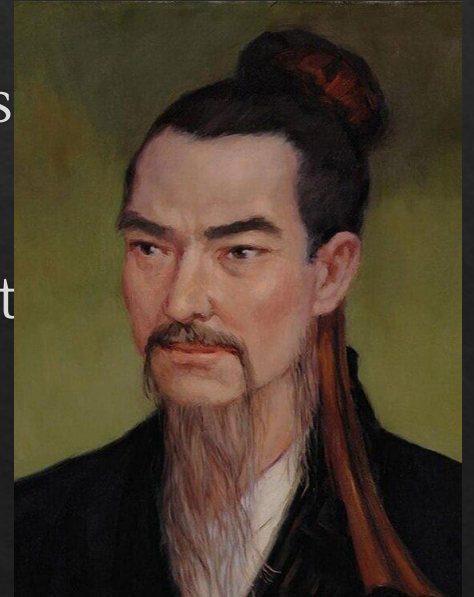
Mencius on Human Nature



1. Human nature is good.
2. Virtue is born within us.
3. The great man is he who does not lose his child's
4. Human beings have minds that cannot stand seeing another suffer and recoil from another's sorrow

Prominent Critics of Confucianism : Mozi (470-391 BCE)

- ❑ Confucians are atheists who do not believe in God or spirits.
- ❑ People become lazy and resigned to fate because of Confucianism's belief in a predetermined fate.
- ❑ The Confucians insistence on elaborate funerals and rituals is a waste of people's wealth and energy.
- ❑ The Confucian emphasis on musical ritual practice is likewise a waste of money and energy.

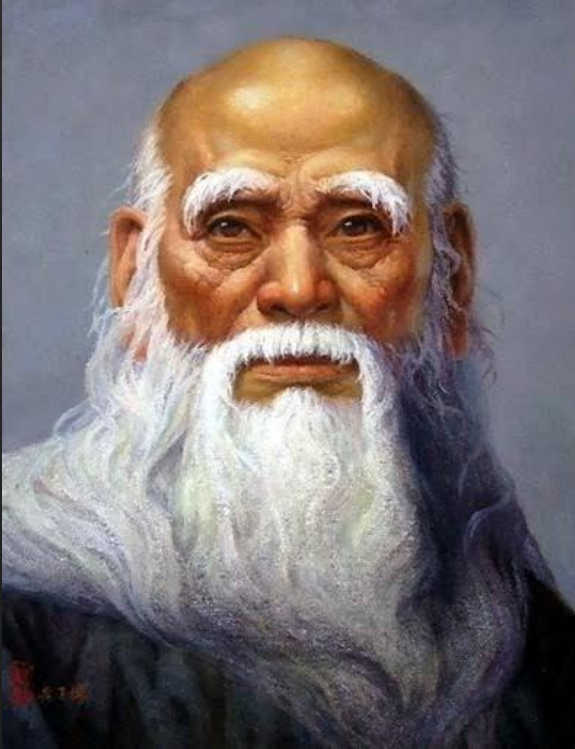


Mozi's Philosophical Thought

- ◆ Mozi focuses on the qualities of Ren(human-heartedness) and Yi(righteousness).
- ◆ For Mozi, Ren and Yi signify “all-embracing love for humanity” - concept of Mohist.
- ◆ Mozi's ideal world created only through the practice of “all-embracing love for humanity”
- ◆ Human beings should love one another in an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner.



Prominent Critics of Confucianism : Laozi

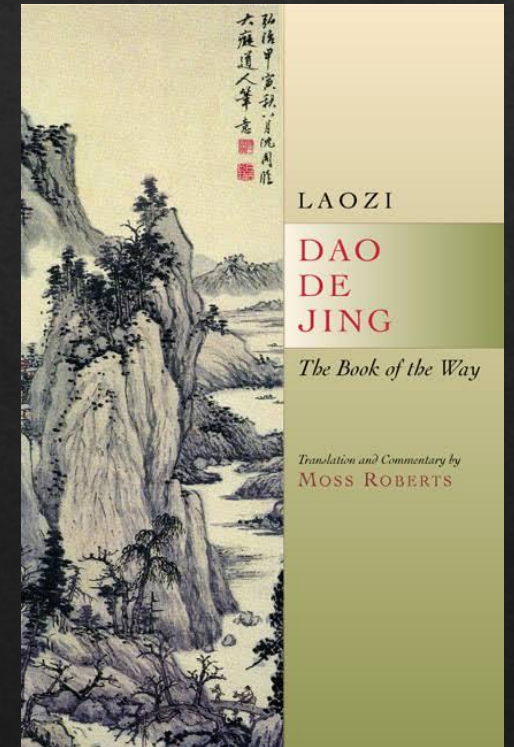


1. Disputes Confucianism's emphasis on culture and morality.
2. Different conceptions of the function of government and moral ideal of the ruler.
3. According to him, The cause of evil is moral understanding
Confucian precepts.
4. Laozi is a promoter of returning to nature, or the natural itself.

Laozi`s Philosophical Thought

The Dao De Jing is a religious text of Daoism. It is written by Laozi. Things discussed in Dao De Jing :

- ◆ Look within yourself and you will find everything you need.
- ◆ Kindness and Compassion Will Always Win Out In The End.
- ◆ Be Yourself Without Caring What Others Think.
- ◆ You Become Free By Letting Yourself Go.



Thank you