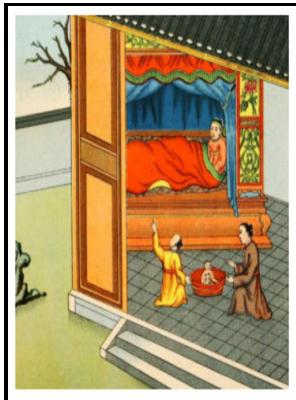


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It was this that ensured their survival during that period, as kings who sought to emulate the imperial court of the Zhou Dynasty had to rely on this class for their knowledge of ritual and ceremony.

Confucius Biography

This was an unhappy period for Confucius.

Life of Confucius timeline

The most detailed traditional account of Confucius's life is contained in the Records of the Historian Shih chi by Ssu-ma Ch'ien, who lived from 145 B.C. Confucius emerges in the text as a paragon of humility and modesty, a trait that Americans often remark upon when they deal with East Asian people personally or in business. The character of those below is like that of grass.

The Lasting Legacy of Wiseman Confucius

So I retired at 55, the soonest that I possibly could. Men who knew him on his travels wondered whether his eagerness for a political position might have led him to overplay his hand and whether he had compromised his principles by allowing disreputable men and women to act as his intermediaries. This elaborate system of mutual dependence was based on blood ties, marriage alliances, and old as well as on newly negotiated contracts.

Just Who Was Confucius, Anyway?

A father would conceal such a thing on behalf of his son, and a son would conceal it on behalf of his father.

10 Major Contributions of Chinese Philosopher Confucius

The order found in the music of shao or in the conduct of a person suggests the ultimate good, but it is not an abstract idea, for it effects an

emotional pull—a gravitating toward the music or the person possessing it. Many biographies begin their description of his life with a story of Confucius at an early age performing rituals, reflecting accounts and statements that demonstrate his prodigious mastery of ritual and music. In fact, he barely existed in that world, since most of his life was spent either in preparation for such a career or in exile.

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