

Ancient China

Religion & Philosophy Part 2



嬰兒現形圖

他日雲飛方見真人朝上帝



潘龍今已化靈
愛現講述不可窮
一則跳出珠光外
淨身直到紫微宮

主母梅嬌字翠
昔年結髮今
世世同生
九世同生
九世同生

我聞空中陳氏子
他日是你主人翁

更須惹夢惜嬰兒

孟秋
行水金丹
攝攝金丹
念在空





Religion & Philosophy in Ancient China, Part 2

- Confucianism 儒學
- Daoism 道教
- Buddhism 佛學

- Legalism 法家
- Militarism 軍國主義
 - Kung Fu 功夫

Confucianism 儒學

- Founded by Confucius (Kongfuzi) – 551 BC
– “confusing?”
- *The Analects* 論語



Confucianism 儒學

Some proverbs from The Anelects 論語

- To know, is to know that you know nothing. That is the meaning of true knowledge.
- A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.
- Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Confucianism 儒學

More proverbs from *The Anelects* 論語

- Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.
- All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Confucianism 儒學

Cardinal Relationships 五倫

- Correct relationships between...
 - ruler and subject (君臣),
 - father and son (父子),
 - husband and wife (夫婦),
 - elder and younger brother (兄弟),
 - between friends (朋友).
 - teacher and student
- Loyalty (忠) is key to relationships



Confucianism 儒學



- Polite, respectful behavior
- **Ethics** - Good moral values
- Kind leaders
- Ruler as father, subjects as obedient family
- Education is important
 - Civil service tests
 - Scholars

Daoism 道教

- Daoism (Taoism; pronounced “DOW-ism”)
- Laozi (Lao-Tzu “Old Master) – 570 BC
- “Dao De Jing” (Tao Te Ching) 道德經 is the most important book
- Dao (Tao) = “The Way”

道經



圖形現兒嬰

此時丹契更須悉孝情嬰兒

氣穴法名無盡處
應也於寂寂私空
我聞空中誰氏子
危云是你主人翁

行此生財
龍蟠守神
錦繡若存
念茲在茲

夫胎中之氣
孕結於子宮
傳正指交氣
精液是神丹
其神固無天
小兒得此其

他日雲飛方見真人朝上帝

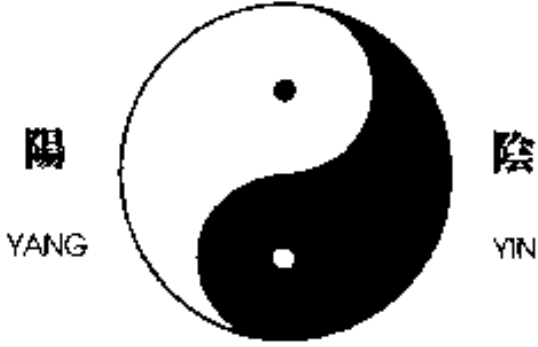
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內外無塵
長養聖服

A black and white illustration of a seated man in traditional Chinese robes, holding a small object in his hands.

Daoism 道教

- Order and harmony from nature; Yin and Yang

Yang		Yin
Active		Passive
Hot		Cold
Life		Death
Summer		Winter
Male		Female
Day		Night
Odd		Even
Sun		Moon
Fire		Water



Daoism 道教

- Pull back from the world of humans
- Clear your mind and connect with nature
- Don't seek useless things or create argument



Buddhism 佛學

- Introduced to China from India via the Silk Road
- Adapted to fit into Chinese philosophy
- Zen “Meditation” Buddhism
- Most common religion in modern China



Legalism 法家

- “School of Law”
- Founded by Han Fei – 250 BC
 - Warring States Period
- Belief in the “Rule of Law”
 - Like in the USA
 - “the law is king”, not “the king is the law”



Legalism 法家



- **Humans are naturally bad and must be controlled**
 - Powerful government
 - Strict laws
 - Punished family members
- The only way to preserve social order is through discipline and law enforcement.

Legalism 法家

- Qin and Han governments
- Qin Shi Huangdi
 - burned books
 - buried Confucian scholars
- Still used in China today



Militarism 軍國主義

The Art of War 孫子兵法

- Written by **Sun Tzu** 孫子 – 6th century BC
- Military strategy and tactics



故曰：知彼知己，百戰不殆；不知彼而知己，一勝一負；不知彼，不知己，每戰必殆。

So it is said that if you know your enemies and know yourself, you will have no losses in a hundred battles; if you do not know your enemies but do know yourself, you will win one and lose one; if you do not know your enemies nor yourself, you will lose every single battle.

是故百戰百勝，非善之善者也；不戰而屈人之兵，善之善者也。

One hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the most skillful. Seizing the enemy without fighting is the most skillful.

Militarism 軍國主義



Confucianism :

- Respect for your master (teacher) or military commander
- Focus on education; know your opponent
- Be righteous and protect the country



Daoism :

- Do not react with force; thought before action
- Be one with nature; be natural
- Change is important; prepare for and embrace change



Buddhism :

- Life is sacred; show mercy
- Be mentally disciplined; avoid uncontrolled emotion
- Meditate to achieve focus

Militarism 軍國主義

- Crossbow and other metal weapons
- Gunpowder
 - 火药 *huo yao* “fire medicine / fire chemical”
 - Used by the military and for fireworks



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Militarism 軍國主義

- **Kung Fu 功夫** = Chinese Martial Arts
 - Hand and foot strikes, throws, joint manipulation, and use of pressure points
 - Shang Dynasty or Zhou Dynasty ???
 - Book burnings by Qin Shi Huangdi make it difficult to know

Kung Fu 功夫





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