

# As I Enter

- Think about...
  - How you view the world
    - Glass half-full or half-empty?
- Agenda
  - Chinese Religions ppt.
  - Tao of Pooh!
  - Tasting
- Homework: Tasting Essay

- 1. Which of the following originated in South Asia and subsequently spread throughout much of Southeast and East Asia?
  - (a) Hinduism
  - (b) Christianity
  - (c) Buddhism
  - (d) Sikhism
  - (e) Confucianism

- 2. Currently, the world's third-largest religion, in terms of number of adherents, is
  - (A) Sikhism
  - (B) Hinduism
  - (C) Islam
  - (D) Christianity
  - (E) Judaism

- 3) Animists believe that
  - A) people should complete God's creation of the Earth.
  - B) inanimate objects and natural events have spirits.
  - C) people should make complete use of the Earth's resources.
  - D) natural disasters are preventable.
  - E) enlightenment can be achieved by all people.

- 4) When geographers study the sites where religions originated as well as the processes by which those religions diffused to other locations, they are focusing on the

- A) spatial connections in religion.
- B) geo-religious linkages of culture.
- C) role of history in the social sciences.
- D) lack of spatial connections in religion.
- E) loss of historical processes in the formations of religions.

- 5) The dominant branch of Islam is
  - A) Druze.
  - B) Eastern Orthodoxy.
  - C) Sikh.
  - D) Sunni.
  - E) Shiite.

# Chinese Philosophies & Ethical Codes



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# Confucianism

- \*Origins:

- \*5-6<sup>th</sup> century BCE

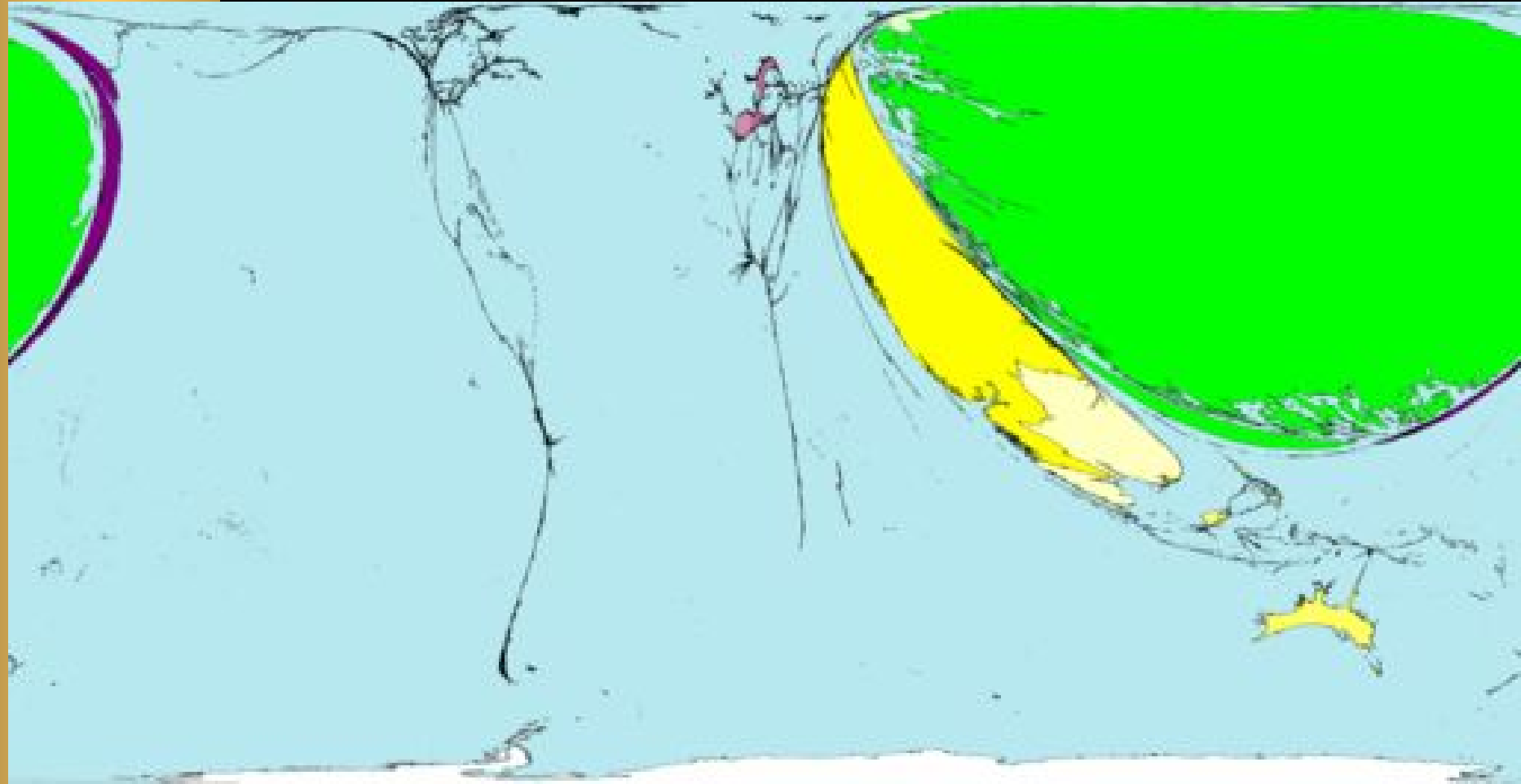
- \*China (still most widely practiced here)

- \*Adherents

- \*5-6 million



- WOW



# Confucius

\* 551 - 479 B.C.E.

\* Ancestors = aristocracy...gone by time born

\* Dad dies - age 3

\* Mom - values ed. and teaches him to value it as well.

\* Appointed to several government posts

\* Leaves due to discontent with leaders.

\* Disappears - voluntary exile!

\* Becomes a Teacher!



# Overall...


- Highly optimistic view of human nature...
  - Ordinary people can do GREAT things.
- Believed those great things should be tied to service to others.


*"Some people are born great, some people achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."*


*-Shakespeare.*


# 5 Principle Relationships

1. Ruler  Subject

2. Father  Son

3. Husband  Wife

4. Older  
Brother  Younger  
Brother

5. Older  
Friend  Younger  
Friend

# Organizing Principles

- Concerned primarily with restoring social stability and order
  - What is the basis of a stable, unified, and enduring social order?

# Organizing Principles

\* Status

\* Age

\* Gender

# Major Confucian Principles

*Li* --> Rite, rules, ritual decorum (Binding force of an enduring stable society)

*Ren* --> **\*\*Humaneness**, benevolence, humanity

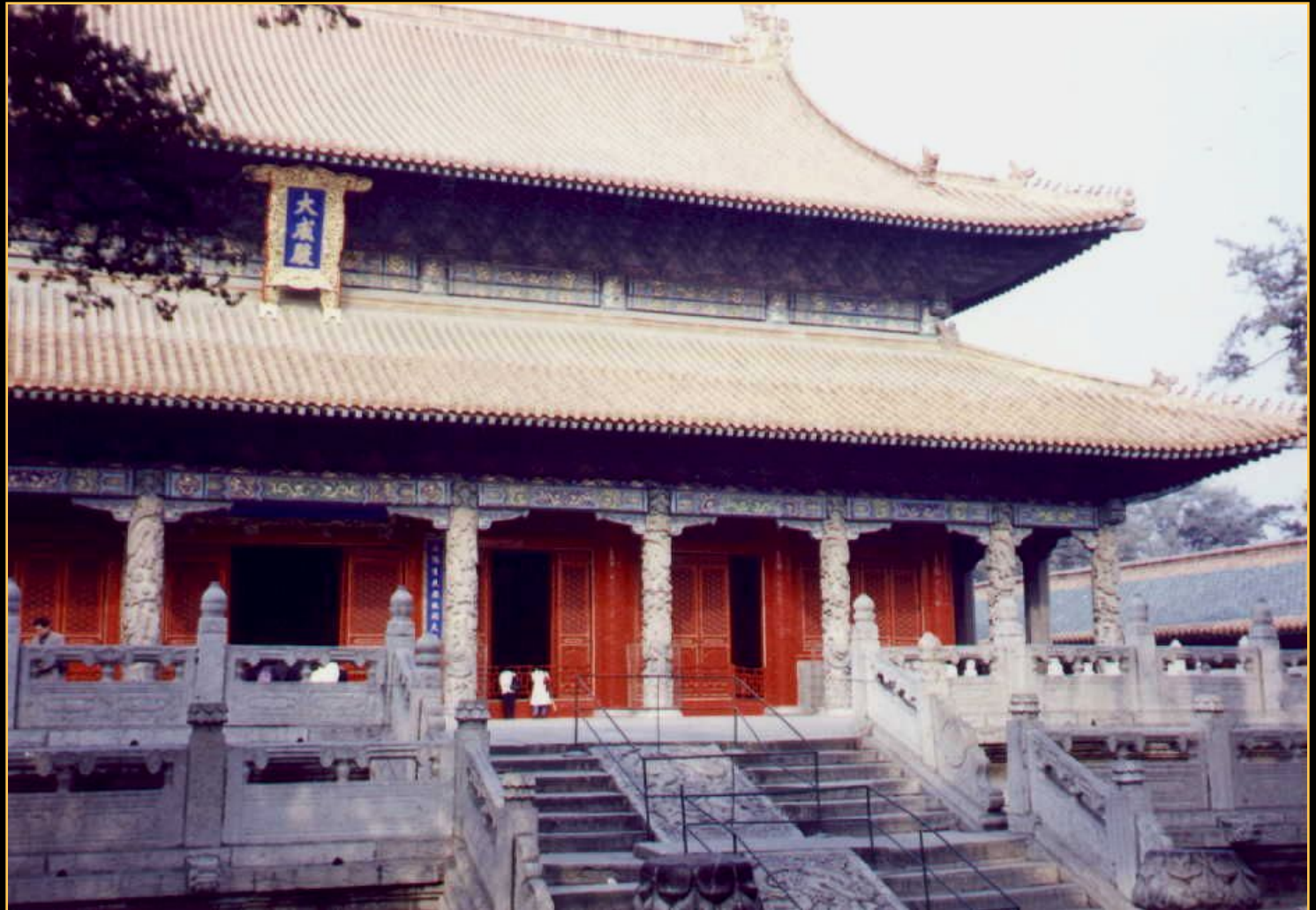
*Shu* --> Reciprocity, empathy

*Do not do unto others what you would not want others to do unto you.*

*Yi* --> Righteousness

*Xiao* --> Filial Piety (Respect your elders!)

# Confucian Temple Complex





# The Analects

- \* The single most important Confucian work. Recorded by his followers.
- \* Focus on practicalities of interpersonal relationships and the relationship of the role of rulers and government.

# From the Analects

- "At 15 I set my heart on learning; at 30 I firmly took my stand; at 40 I had no delusions; at 50 I knew the Mandate of Heaven; at 60 my ear was attuned; at 70 I followed my heart's desire without overstepping the boundaries of right."

# Stones Engraved with Confucius' Life Stories



# Confucius' Tomb





# Keys to Confucianism

- If someone does something bad, education, not punishment, is the answer.
  - Good people will mend their ways in accordance to their inherent goodness
- Do you believe that punishment does more harm than good?

# Social Cohesion is Paramount

- The emperor is the example of proper behavior --> "big daddy"
  - All should strive to live like the Emperor.

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# Factoids...

- Neither affirms nor denies the existence of heaven
- Confucius = Kung-fu-tzu (master kind)



# Legalism



# Han Fei

- \* 280ish-233 B.C.E.
- \* *Han Fe Zi.*
- \* Lived during the late Warring States period.
- \* Legalism became the political philosophy of the Qin [Ch'in] Dynasty.



# Tools to govern subjects...

- Fa - the Law or Codes of the land must be clearly written.
- Shu - Special tactics must be put in place so that people do not usurp power!
- Shi - this is the position of the ruler. (the position has power not the actual ruler)

# Major Legalist Principles

1. Human nature is naturally selfish.
2. Intellectualism and literacy is discouraged.
3. Law is the supreme authority and replaces morality.
4. The ruler must rule with a strong, punishing hand.
5. War is the means of strengthening a ruler's power.

# Authoritarian



One who favors the principle that individuals should obey a powerful authority rather than exercise individual freedom.

The ruler, therefore, "cracks his whip" on the backs of his subjects!

# Daoism

# Lao Zi [Lao-Tzu]



- \* Not sure when he died.  
[604 B.C.E. - ?]
- \* His name means  
"Old Master"

# The Dao De Jing

- \* The basic text of Daoism.
- \* In Chinese, it means *The Classic in the Way and Its Power*.
- \* "Those who speak know nothing:  
Those who know are silent."

*These words were spoken by Laozi.  
If we are to believe that Laozi,  
Was himself one who knew,  
How is it that he wrote a book,  
Of five thousand words?*

# Major Daoist Principles

1. *Dao [Tao]* is the first-cause of the universe. It is a force that flows through all life.
2. A believer's goal is to become one with *Dao*; one with nature
3. *Wu wei* --> "Let nature take its course."  
--> "The art of doing nothing."  
--> "Go with the flow!"
4. Man is unhappy because he lives acc. to man-made laws, customs, & traditions that are contrary to the ways of nature.



# The "Dao" [Tao]



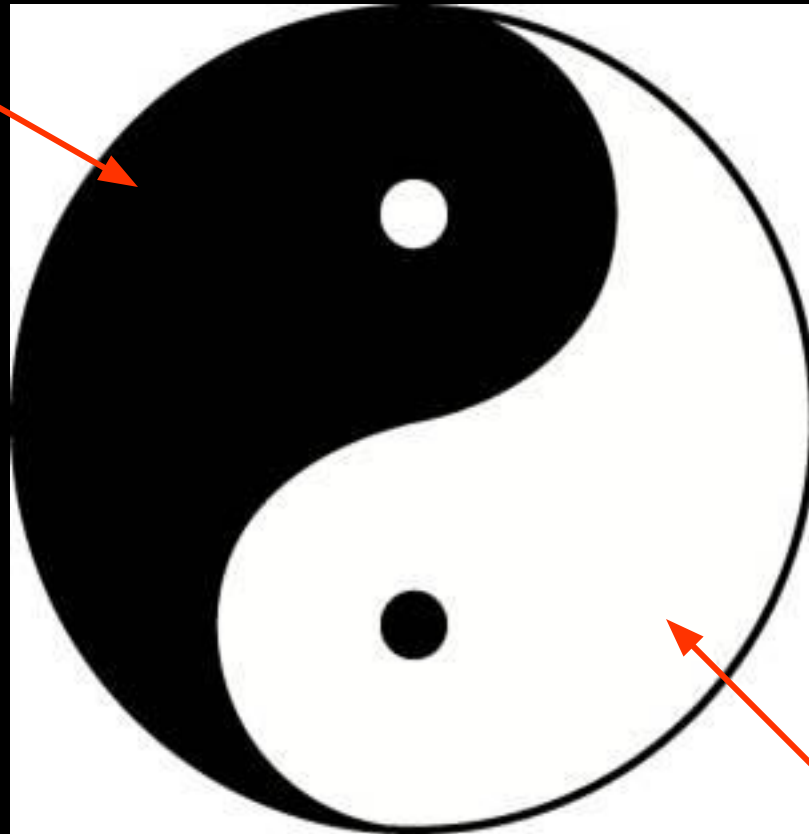
To escape the "social, political, & cultural traps" of life, one must escape by:

1. Rejecting formal knowledge and learning.
2. Relying on the senses and instincts.
3. Discovering the nature and "rhythm" of the universe.
4. Ignoring political and social laws.

# The Universe of Opposites: Find the Balance!

## Yin

- \* Feminine
- \* Passive
- \* Darkness
- \* Cold
- \* Weak
- \* Earth;  
Moon



- \* Masculine
- \* Active
- \* Light
- \* Warmth
- \* Strong
- \* Heaven;  
Sun

## Yang

# Summary

**Confucianism** --> Moral order in society through relationships and hierarchy.

**Legalism** --> Rule by harsh law & order-government rules.

**Daoism** --> Freedom for individuals and less govt. to avoid uniformity and conformity. Natural law should rule.

# The Vinegar Tasters





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# Tao of Pooh