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论语 *The Analect (Confucius' Analect)*  
Cf. 論語 in the traditional Chinese characters

“to know what you know and know what you do not know – this then is wisdom.” (2.17)

**Start reading the text by focusing/following/analyzing a few key concepts such as:**

- Humanism: *Ren* 仁
- Functionalism – *Role Ethics*
  - Role – positional
  - Act – situational
- Familialism: near and dear
- Naturalism: in nature, one with “nature”

**Some Passages: Suggested Reading for Beginners**

- 1.1 Three Confucian pleasures in life
- 2.17 (2.16, 2.18, 4.21, 7.9, 7.10, 9.29) Knowing
- 2.3 Shame
- 5.19 Assassinations
- 7.9 Compassion
- 11.8 Outer coffin, ok?
- 11.12 Death/life
- 13.18 The father stole a sheep and the son knows that: what next?
  - The problem of *Yi* (rightness/righteousness/justice 义 or 義), familial discretion/obligation/duty, role ethics ... dilemma/controversy

[13-18] 葉公語孔子曰。吾黨有直躬者。其父攘羊而子證之。孔子曰。吾黨之直者異於是。父爲子隱、子爲父隱、直在其中矣。

The Duke of She told Confucius: “In my land, there are righteous men. If a father steals a sheep, the son will testify against him.”

Confucius said, “The righteous men in my land are different from this. The father conceals the wrongs of his son, and the son conceals the wrongs of his father. This is the correct way!”

- 15.2, 18-22 The small/petty person vs. the exemplary person
  - (cf. 1.1 Three Pleasures of the Confucian Gentleman)
- 15.24 Shu – reciprocity/forgiveness/empathy 恕 (cf. gendered)