



ren- Humaneness

“... perfect virtue, kindness, goodness, human heartedness, benevolence ...how a human being should really behave towards other human beings.”

Dawson, Raymond. trans. *Confucius The Analects*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993. xxi-xxvii.

“But ren is foremost the process of growing...relationships into vital, robust, and healthy participation in the human community.”

Ames, Robert and Rosemont, Henry, Jr. trans. *The Analects of Confucius: A Philosophical Translation*. New York: Random House., 1998.

*Wisdom from The Analects:*

1:16

The Master said: Do not worry about not being acknowledged by others; worry about failing to acknowledge them.”

Have you ever done something nice or amazing and no one noticed? What did you do? How did you feel when you did not receive any recognition?

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Confucian Virtues

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What does “failing to acknowledge” others mean? How do we overlook others? What impact does our neglect have?

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Read: “The Land of Bliss” Vietnamese Folktale

What aspects of “ren” do Tu Thoc’s actions illustrate?-----

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What are some synonyms for bliss?

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What are some antonyms for bliss?-----

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