

## Excerpts from the *Analects*

1:1 The Master said, “Is it not a pleasure, having learned something, to try it out at due intervals? Is it not a joy to have friends come from afar? Is it not gentlemanly not to take offence when others fail to appreciate your abilities?”

1:4 Tseng Tzu said, “Every day I examine myself on three counts. In what I have undertaken on another’s behalf, have I failed to do my best? In my dealings with my friends have I failed to be trustworthy in what I say? Have I passed on to others anything that I have not tried out myself?”

1:6 The Master said, “A young man should be a good son at home and an obedient young man abroad, sparing of speech but trustworthy in what he says, and should love the multitude at large but cultivate friendship of his fellow men...”

1:8 “... Make it your guiding principle to do your best for others and to be trustworthy in what you say. Do not accept as friend anyone who is not as good as you.”

2:14 The Master said, “The gentleman enters into associations but not cliques; the small man enters into cliques but not associations.”

3:7 The Master said, “There is no contention between gentlemen. The nearest to it is, perhaps, archery. In archery they bow and make way for one another as they go up and on coming down, they drink together. Even the way they contend is gentlemanly.”

4:2 ... “The humane man is attracted to humaneness because he feels at home in it. The wise man is attracted to humaneness because he finds it to his advantage.”

4:3 The Master said, “It is only the humane man who is capable of liking or disliking other men.”

4:26 Tzu-yu said, “To be importunate with one’s lord will mean humiliation. To be importunate with one’s friends will mean estrangement.”

5:17 The Master said, “Yen P’ing-chung excelled in friendship: even after long acquaintance he treated his friends with reverence.”

5:26 Yen Yuan and Chi-lu were in attendance. The Master said, "I suggest you each tell me what it is you have set your hearts on." Tzu-lu said, "I should like to share my carriage and horses, clothes and furs with my friends, and to have no regrets even if they become worn." Yen Yuan said, "I should like never to boast of my own goodness and never to impose onerous tasks upon others." Tzu-lu said, "I should like to hear what you have set your heart on." The Master said, "To bring peace to the old, to have trust in my friends, and to cherish the young."

5:28 The Master said, "In a hamlet of ten households, there are bound to be those who are my equal in doing their best for others and in being trustworthy in what they say, but they are unlikely to be as eager to learn as I am."