

14. Xian (鮮) asked

1. Xian asked what was shameful. The Master said, "When the country is on the right path, to think only about money; when the country is on the wrong path, to think only about money; that is shameful." "How about refraining from vainglory, boasting, resentment, and covetousness? Can it be regarded as ethical integrity?" The Master said, "That would be achieving something which is difficult to achieve. But I do not know whether that is ethical integrity."

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2. The Master said, "If an officer cherishes comfortable dwelling, he is not fit to be regarded as an officer."

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3. The Master said, "When the country is on the right path, take some risk in your conduct and speech. When the country is on the wrong path, take the risk in your conduct but be careful about your speech."

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4. The Master said, "A virtuous man is bound to be eloquent. An eloquent man is not necessarily a virtuous man. A man of ethical integrity is bound to have courage. Courageous man is not necessarily a man of ethical integrity."

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5. Nan Gong Kuo (南公穀) posed a question to Confucius, "Yi (羿) was a good marksman. Ao (廑) was strong enough to push around a ship on land. But none of them died a natural death. Yu (禹) and Ji (啓) would themselves sow seeds like humble farmers. Yet Yu and Ji ruled the whole world." The Master did not respond. Nan Gong Kuo went out. The Master said, "That guy is a noble man indeed! He looks up to virtues!"

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6. The Master said, "There have been cases of a noble man lacking ethical integrity. There has been no case of the petty and the lowly having ethical integrity."

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7. If you love it, is it possible that you make no effort for it? If you have loyalty, is it possible that you do not share what you know?

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8. The Master said, "[in the state of Zheng] When preparing diplomatic speeches, Pi Shen made the first draft; Shi Shu examined and discussed its contents; Zi Yu, who is responsible for diplomatic missions, polished the style; Zi Chan of Dong Li gave it a final touch."

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9. Someone asked about Zi Chan. Confucius replied. "He is kind." Someone asked about Zi Xi. Confucius said, "Don't ask me about him! Not him!" Someone asked about Guan Zhong. Confucius said, 'A great man (a man of ethical integrity). He grabbed the town of Pian which had three hundred households from the Bo family. The villagers only managed to have coarse meals, but they had no resentment until the end (even when they had no teeth from old age).'

□□□ [Zi Xi was a minister of Chu. When duke Zhao (who styled himself as 'king Zhao □□') wanted to employ Confucius, Zi Xi advised against it. Zi Xi eventually invited Ba Gong with disastrous consequences.]

10. The Master said, "To be in poverty without a resentment, is difficult. To be in affluence without being arrogant, is easy."

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11. The Master said, "Meng Gong Chuo can serve well as a butler of the household of Zhao or Wei. He should not be made

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