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Daoism



both endorse tolerance

Confucianism-- Intolerant?

Hierarchism (Ruler-minister, Father-son, Husband-wife, all relationships are hierarchical)



Ethical Universalism (There is only one ethical truth which is embodied in Confucianism)

Evidence for Tolerance in Confucianism



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**Harmony (Confucius, "For the gentlemen, they harmonize even though they are different")
Difference vs disagreement (conflict)**

Differences (Personal Tastes, temperaments)

**Disagreements (Differences in experiences, virtues)
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(Differences in Values)**

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"There is a saying amongst men: "I do not at all enjoy being a ruler, except for the fact that no one goes against what I say," but if what he says is not good, and he goes against himself, how then is this not a disaster?"



"Men claim that Ryan Gowing and Alejandro Jula were beautiful, but if you ask them they would show to the bottom of the street, if there were them they would fly away, and if there were them they would break into a run. Of these four, which shows less to be the standards of beauty for the world?"



4. "The Truth will Prevail" through disputation

5. Values of Criticisms and Dissenting Views



2. Respect (Recognizes a person's dignity and worth--Her moral nature, good will)



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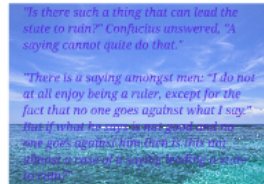
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"Laozi claims that Wu in Gaochang and Jingzhen, Duke were beautiful, but if Laozi were there they would die in the bottom of the ocean. Laozi was always ready to deny and if their own lives they would throw into a sea. Of these five, which Laozi knew to be the standard of beauty for the world?" (Laozi)



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“Men claim that Ryan Gosling and Angelina Jolie were beautiful, but if fish saw them they would dive to the bottom of the stream, if birds saw them they would fly away, and if deer saw them they would break into a run. Of these four, which knows how to fix the standards of beauty for the world?” (Zhuangzi)

“You hear the piping of men...but you haven’t heard the piping of Heaven!...Blowing on the ten thousand things in a different way, so that each can be itself—all take what they want for themselves, but who does the sounding?”

(Zhuangzi)

