CHINESE RELIGIONS

“RU” TRADITION (CONFUCIANISM): LUNYU (THE ANALECTS)

儒教: 論語

Appropriateness/Rightness 義 [yi] [= 羊 (sheep) + 我 (= 戈 [ge/dagger-axe]) cf. 4:16, 17:23

Culture (literally, “to inscribe”) 文 [wen] cf. 6:25, 7:24

Filiality (filial devotion/piety) 孝 [xiao] [= 老 (lao/elder) + 子 (zi/child/younger)]

 Harmony 和 [he] [= 禾 (he/grain) + 女 (mouth)]

“Tian”/“Heaven” 天 [Tian]

Humaneness/being human 仁 [ren] [= 人+ 二] cf. 1:2, 7:29, 12:2, 12:22 (愛人=loving all peoples)

Know 知 [zhi] [= 矢 (shi/arrow) + 女 (speech that hits the target)] [cf: 知道]

(cf. Wisdom 智 [zhi] [知 + 日 (ri/sun)] cf. 6:20, 16:9, 20:3)

Learning 學 [xue] 2:15 = learning and thinking

Thinking 思 [si] cf. 7:7, 7:8, 15:38, 16:9

Loyalty 忠 [zhong] cf. 3:19, 4:15, 7:24

Mandate of “Tian” 天命 [tianming]


Rectification of Names 正名 [zhengming] (= “putting words right”) [cf. 6:23, 12:11, 13:3]

Ritual Propriety 禮 [li] [= 示 (altar) + 曲 (sacrificial offering) + 豆 (pedestal)]
(cf. 3:4, 3:19)

Shame 恥 [chi] (cf. 2:3 shame rather than fear of punishment)

Sincerity 信 [xin] [=人+言 (one who stands by one’s word)] cf. 7:24

Virtuous Action/Conduct 德 [de] [= 彳 (chi/footstep) + 直 (zhi/straight) + 心 (xin/heart)]
(cf. 聽 (ting/listening)) cf. 2:1, 2:3, 7:3

Way 道 [Dao] [cf. Lunyu 2:4, 15:28]

“Noble/ Superior Person” 君子 [junzi] (literally, “crown prince”) [尹 (prince) + 女]

“Sage/Wise Person” 聖人 [shengren] [= 耳 (listen) + 呈 (cheng/proclaim)]

[cf. 6:30, 7:26, 7:34, 9:6, *16:8, 19:12]

“Small/Petty Person” 小人 [xiaoren] [cf. 2:14, 17:25]

by example: 15:4 (無為 wuwei/“effortless action”)
On women: 8:20, 17:25
On spirits: 7:20 (神/shen), 11:11 (鬼/gui)
On balance/moderation: 11:15
Under the four seas, all are siblings 12:5
Transmitter, not innovator: 7:1
This worldly/immanent focus: 11:11