

儒與道教

THE GREAT LEARNING & THE DOCTRINE OF THE MEAN

大學與中庸

Great Learning (*Ta-hsüeh*)

大學 [dàxué] [Vietnamese=Đại Học]

Doctrine of the Mean (*Chung yung*)

中庸 [Zhōngyōng] [Vietnamese=Trung dung]

Concepts

Root/branch 本末 [běnmò]

Sincerity 誠 [chéng] [Vietnamese=thành]

Human Nature 人性 [rénxìng] (*jen hsing*)

Learning 學 [xué] (*hsüeh*) – more than mere accumulation of knowledge, but includes the practical application of the knowledge acquired in daily life

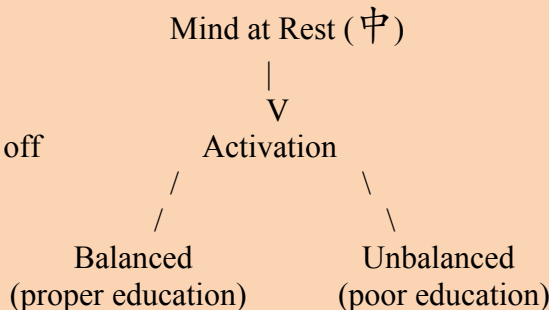
Great Learning's 8-Step Program

- (1) Investigate all things 格物 (*ko wu* [géwù]).
- (2) Investigation of things lead to a knowledge of the world
- (3) This makes the will sincere 誠 [chéng]
- (4) With this pure motivation, the mind is rectified.
- (5) This is personal cultivation.
- (6) Filial piety.
- (7) Family life.
- (8) State will be in harmony

Doctrine of the Mean

naturally in harmony ←

has the capacity to be in in harmony, or knocked off balance depending on one's education



sincerity (誠) is the key to cultivating the trinity of human with heaven and earth 天地人一