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The Chinese Classic of Family Reverence

Few if any philosophical schools have championed family values as persistently as the early Confucians, and a great deal can be learned by attending to what they had to say on the subject. In the Confucian tradition, human morality and the personal realization it inspires are grounded in the cultivation of family feeling. One may even go so far as to say that, for China, family reverence was a necessary condition for developing any of the other human qualities of excellence. On the basis of the present translation of the *Xiaojing* (Classic of Family Reverence) and supplemental passages found in other early philosophical writings, Professors Rosemont and Ames articulate a specifically Confucian conception of "role ethics" that, in its emphasis on a relational conception of the person, is markedly different from most early and contemporary dominant Western moral theories. This Confucian role ethics takes as its inspiration the perceived necessity of family feeling as the entry point in the development of moral competence and as a guide to the religious life as well.

In the lengthy introduction, two senior scholars offer their perspective on the historical, philosophical, and religious dimensions of the *Xiaojing*. Together with this introduction, a lexicon of key terms presents a context for the *Xiaojing* and provides guidelines for interpreting the text historically in China as well as suggesting its contemporary significance for all societies. The inclusion of the Chinese text adds yet another dimension to this important study. The Chinese Classic of Family Reverence is sure to appeal to specialists of comparative and Chinese philosophy and to all readers interested in the enduring importance of the family.

Albert Schweitzer's Reverence for Life

Albert Schweitzer, philosopher, physician, Nobel Peace Laureate, theologian, and musician, developed a character-oriented ethics focused on self-realization, nature-centered spirituality, and moral idealism which anticipated the current renaissance of virtue ethics. Schweitzer's idea of 'reverence for life' underscores the contribution of moral ideals to self-realization, connects ethics to spirituality without religious dogma, and outlines a pioneering environmental ethics that bridges the gap between valuing life in its unity and valuing individual organisms. In this book Mike W. Martin interprets Schweitzer's 'reverence for life' as an umbrella virtue, drawing together all the more specific virtues, in particular: authenticity, love, compassion, gratitude, justice and peace loving, each of which Martin discusses in an individual chapter. Martin's treatment of his subject is sympathetic yet critical and for the first time clearly places Schweitzer's environmental ethics within the wider framework of his ethical theory.

Reverence For Life

Albert Schweitzer's system of ethics as a way of life in which individuals live with compassion and respect for all living things—humans, animals, and plants—or "Reverence for Life" is illuminated here through a series of compelling essays by Schweitzer and renowned contemporary Schweitzer scholars from around the globe. The selection of Schweitzer's writings includes, sermons, letters, and autobiographical and philosophical works chosen by the editors to outline the development of his thought throughout his lifetime.

Reverence for Life

Albert Schweitzer maintained that the idea of "Reverence for Life" came upon him on the Ogowe River as an "unexpected discovery, like a revelation in the midst of intense thought." While Schweitzer made numerous significant contributions to an incredible diversity of fields - medicine, music, biblical studies, philosophy and theology - he regarded Reverence for Life as his greatest contribution and the one by which he most wanted to be remembered. Yet this concept has been the subject of a range of distortions and misunderstandings, both academic and popular. In this book, Ara Barsam provides a new interpretation of Schweitzer's reverence and shows how it emerged from his studies of German philosophy, Indian religions, and his biblical scholarship on Jesus and Paul. By throwing light on the origin and development of Schweitzer's thought, Barsam leads his readers to a closer appreciation of the contribution that reverence makes to current ethical issues. Whereas previous commentators have focused on "reverence for life" as a philosophical ethic located in that tradition, this book demonstrates that it is in fact Schweitzer's theology that provides the hitherto undiscerned foundation for his ethic. Even among those who herald Schweitzer as the one who brought "reverence" to Christianity, there exists a tendency to underemphasize how his thinking also developed from his pivotal encounter with Indian religions. As Barsam shows, it is impossible to grasp the nature and the significance of Barsam's contribution without addressing that link. Life-centered ethics - in the broadest sense - have continued to flourish, yet Schweitzer's pioneering contribution is often overlooked. Not only did he help establish the issue on the moral agenda, but, most significant, he also provided much sought after philosophical and theological foundations. Schweitzer emerges from this critical study of his life and thought as a remarkable individual who should rightfully be regarded as a moral giant of the twentieth-century.

Reason and Reverence

"Though I was well aware that Albert Schweitzer preached a great deal both before and after he became a physician, I never encountered any of his sermons until I was privileged to read the present collection prior to publication. What I find in this increases my sense of wonder, though it does not increase my surprise. It pleases me to find that like other speakers and writers, the famous missionary doctor preached many of his ideas before they were cast into essay form, thus following the experimental method...On the whole the sermons seem contemporary... Very early in the twentieth century, he understood that Christianity is not a merely spiritual religion and that the popular arguments against missions are superficial ones... What pleases me most about the new publication is its revelation of the author's deep personal piety..." -- D Elton Trueblood (from the Foreword).

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In a world characterized by relentless change and uncertainty, we crave a sense of stability, purpose, and connection. **Virtues in Times of Tribulation: Navigating Our Way with Reverence** offers a timely and profound exploration of the ancient virtue of reverence, revealing its transformative power to guide us towards a more fulfilling and meaningful existence. Reverence is an innate human capacity to recognize and appreciate all that is greater than ourselves. It encompasses our relationship with the natural world, our fellow human beings, and the mysteries of the universe. When we approach life with reverence, we open ourselves up to wonder, gratitude, and a deeper sense of meaning. This book delves into the multifaceted nature of reverence, exploring its profound implications for our personal lives, our relationships, and our communities. Through a blend of philosophical insights, historical examples, and personal anecdotes, we uncover the transformative power of reverence and its ability to guide us towards a more harmonious and fulfilling existence. From the vastness of the cosmos to the intricacies of human relationships, **Virtues in Times of Tribulation** uncovers the myriad ways in which reverence can enrich and uplift us. We explore reverence in the context of family dynamics, friendships, the workplace, and community engagement, revealing how it fosters strong bonds, builds enduring connections, and creates a respectful and harmonious environment. We also delve into the relationship between reverence and the natural world, examining how it inspires us to appreciate the beauty and interconnectedness of all life. Reverence calls us to be mindful of our impact on the environment and to act as responsible stewards of the Earth. Ultimately, **Virtues in Times of Tribulation** is an invitation to rediscover the transformative power of reverence. It is a call to step outside of our limited perspectives and recognize the intrinsic value of all life. As we navigate the complexities of the modern world, may reverence be our compass, guiding us towards a future characterized by wisdom, compassion, and interconnectedness. If you like this book, write a review!

Virtues in Times of Tribulation: Navigating Our Way with Reverence

Drawing on familiar experiences as well as aspects of western and eastern spiritual traditions, Heintzman argues that religious practice is rooted in two basic ways human beings act in the world. It is therefore an element in the structure of the human spirit, not a phase in its history. Explaining the meaning of religious practice in contemporary language, *Rediscovering Reverence* is addressed to anyone who wants to explore the meaning and promise of a religious life. A unique and thoughtful meditation on the role of reverence in everyday life, *Rediscovering Reverence* presents new perspectives on modern faith, religion, and both personal and societal well-being.

Rediscovering Reverence

This groundbreaking book is the most comprehensive volume to-date that explores in depth the concept of reverence and strengths-based approaches in the psychotherapy healing process as manifested in a wide variety of treatment modalities such as child and play therapy, family therapy, therapeutic assessments and in training programs.

Reverence in Healing

Vol. 25 is the report of the commissioner of education for 1880; v. 29, report for 1877.

Wild Wales

Plato, with an English Translation ...

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