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5. **Worthy research and art are incompatible with money and business.**

## Questions for the filmed vignettes.

1. **What are the facts?**
2. **What are the issues?**
3. **Who is the actor and what are his/her options?**
4. **What would you do?**
5. **What would have helped at the time?**

**Three clips: Kay, Roberto, and Carter.**

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The Silver Rule:

“Don’t do unto others what you would not like them to do to you.”

Li provides a structure for social interaction  
Jen makes it a moral system.

## Chun-Tzu

**Chun-Tzu (or Junzi, ruler's son):**

**the true or virtuous gentleman or person  
he who lives by the highest ethical standards,  
and displays the five virtues:**

- 1. self-respect**
- 2. generosity**
- 3. sincerity**
- 4. persistence**
- 5. benevolence**

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**Against Christianity: ? Original sin.**

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**see <http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/ancient2.html> for discussion of his disciples Meng Zi and Xun Zi and the schools of Literati and Legalism and of yin-yang and of Mo Zi.**

## Essay Topics

**These have been handed out today.**

**Individual work, due by 4pm on October 6th.**

**Choose *one* topic only.**

**Maximum: 2000 words, in a critical essay.**