

Are These True?

- 1. The moral cannot be practical;**
- 2. What is good and moral differs from what one wants to do;**
- 3. Self-interest invariably undermines social order and well-being;**
- 4. Reason and emotion are opposing forces;**
- 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.

Confucian Ethics

Kong Zi or Confucius (550–479 B.C.) has influenced over 2000 years of thought in China and beyond.

Master Kong developed the three principles of *Li*, *Jen*, and *Chun-Tzu*.

Li: the ideal standards of conduct: religious, moral, and social

Jen: the virtues of goodness and benevolence; a recognition of value and concern for others

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**

Chun-Tzu

Relationships:

as a son	loyal
as a father	just and kind
as a husband	righteous and just
as an official	loyal and faithful
as a friend	faithful and tactful

Note: Confucius held that we are inherently good creatures.

Against Christianity: ? Original sin.

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.