



Photo Report of JCA Parent Club

夫妻之道

Confucianism and Modern Life

Speaker: Mr. An Deyi (安德义), Confucianism Scholar

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The basic principles of Confucianism in the art of spouse relationship were introduced by Professor An in the second lecture of the Confucianism lecture series at the Parent Club of the JCA Chinese School on Sunday Feb 7, 2010. Professor An included wisdoms from three types of culture and philosophy - Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism as well as teachings in Christianity and gives an inspiring lecture. In this week's lecture Professor An especially clarified one common misunderstanding about Confucius' saying: 男尊女卑 (拟: 天尊地卑) - it means husband and wife act as different roles (男行乾道, 女行坤道) - embrace the different "yang" (阳) and "yin" (阴) energy to compliment each other and achieve harmony (男以刚为德, 女以柔为美). There were over 20 attentive audiences in this lecture.



Lectures Series on “Confucianism and Modern Life” took place at the beautiful Coggin College of Business at University of North Florida. .



Mr. An, Deyi had his second lecture of the series on “Confucianism and Modern Life” with the topic of “Art of Spouse Relationship” at the Parent Club of the JCA Chinese School on Sunday Feb 7, 2010. Over 20 parents and friends attended the talk.

Mr. An, Deyi (安德义) is a well known researcher and public speaker on Confucianism from China. He has published over 100 articles and two books on Confucianism. His book titled “Analysis of Analects” (论语解读) is collected by the libraries of many famous universities such as Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania and etc. He has delivered public speeches for more than 1200 rounds in China, including the most prestigious institution such as Beijing University (北大百年讲坛), Experts from Oriental (东方名家大讲坛). His lectures on the application of Confucian in the real life are video taped by Experts from Oriental publisher (东方名家出版社).

(The following bolded words are from Professor An’s slides, others are noted or interpreted from his speech):

讲授提纲

- **夫妻关系的四个层次**
- **家庭是示爱的地方，不是讲道理的地方**
- **家庭是示孝的地方，不是论高低的地方**
- **家庭是示敬的地方，不是争吵战争的地方**

安教授讲的是“道” 而不是“术”(not about skills or little tricks).

夫妻关系的四个层次

太上不知有之， 爱的极致是感觉不到对方的存在（指不约束对方，不改造对方） -

Attachment is not true love.

其次亲而誉之， 其次的爱是亲切赞誉不断，

其次畏之， 再次是畏惧对方，

其次侮之。 更次是轻侮对方。

这四个层次还可以用于： 管理， 经商， 教育， 健康， 治学， 外交， 交友， 等等。

管理： 一流的管理是不治而治， 二流的管理是凡事必躬躬， 。。。

经商：一流的产品靠品质，二流的产品靠广告，。。。

子女教育：一流的父母是言传身教（教给子女生活，学习，思考的能力）而不对儿女多加干涉（不把自己的期望变成子女的负担）；二流的父母是表扬鼓励，。。。

健康：一流的健康是无需医生（保健），二流的健康是常见医生，三流的健康是怕见医生（开刀），。。。

治学：一流的学者不为名而作（常不为人知）。

友谊：君子之交淡如水。

1、 家庭是示爱的地方

子曰：“仁者，爱人。” 《论语·颜渊篇》

子曰：“仁者，人也。” 《中庸》

子曰：“仁远乎哉？我欲仁，斯仁至矣！”

《论语·述而篇》

子曰：“唯仁者能好人，能恶人。”

《论语·里仁篇》

仁 – 从字形来看：俩人的爱 – 强大处下，柔弱处上。

安：把自己看得很大，世界就很小；把自己看得很小，世界就很大。

仁爱 – 把他人装在自己心中，欣赏对方。

乐道人之善，不道人之非。意指：多说他人善处，而不搬弄是非。

恰当且发自内心地赞扬他人（背后赞扬，人前宣传效果更佳）。

2.家庭是示孝的地方

有子曰：其为人也孝悌，而好犯上者，鲜也；不好犯上而好作乱者，未之有也；君子务本，本立而道生，孝悌者也，其为仁之本与？ 《论语》

注：“鲜”指少有。

不爱其亲而爱他人者，谓之悖德；

不敬其亲而敬他人者，谓之悖礼。《孝经》

安教授提醒找对象的注意：不爱自己父母的人不会爱你。

身体发肤，受之父母，不敢毁伤，孝之始也。

立身行道，扬名于后世，以显父母，孝之终也。

夫孝，始于事亲，中于事君，终于立身。

《孝经》

注：“扬名于后世”的“名”指德名而非虚名。

佛教：万法兼空，因果不空。

子曰：“教民亲爱，莫善于孝；教民礼顺，莫善于悌；移风易俗，莫善于乐；安上治民，莫善于礼。

礼者，敬而已矣。故敬其父，则子悦；敬其兄，则弟悦；敬其君，则臣悦；敬一人而千万人悦。所敬者寡，而悦者众，此之谓要道也。”

《孝经·广要道章第十二》

勿炫己长，勿彰人短。（包括勿炫耀自己父母，配偶和子女）。

三业（身业，意业，口业）之口业：（四勿）妄语，恶口，两舌，绮语。

爱的各种形态：包括承受力和忍耐力。更高形态是看破看空，不计较，无分别心（不区别对待双方家庭）。最高形态是爱而不恋，孝而不恋（no attachment）。

3.家庭是示敬的地方

孔子曰：“君子有三畏，畏天命，畏大人，畏圣人之言。小人不知天命而不畏也，狎大人，侮圣人之言。”

《论语·季氏篇》

三十而立，四十而不惑，五十而知天命。

敬位-用恭敬心去学圣人之言。把公婆当佛位去敬，万事化解。

“化解(understanding and influence)”而不是“强求 (demanding)”的态度。



Over 20 engaged audience is enjoying professor An's jokes and family stories of Confucianism practice.



Mr. DeYi An, is discussing with an audience during the session recess.



Dr. Lian An (the daughter of the speaker) and Dr. Ronghua Ouyang are discussion during the recess.



Professor An continues the inspiring lecture after the recess.

* All photos are taken by Susan Vasana (叶春) and Lian An (安莲)

Parents of JCA Chinese School & Members of JCA,

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