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How to be a husband

Speaker: Mr. An, Deyi, Confucianism Scholar

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Following previous lectures on how to be a wife, Mr. An presented his unique and convincing view on how to be a husband in this lecture. Mr. An waded Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism into a cohesive philosophical base of knowledge and experience to answer topics commonly encountered by man, not only in everyday life, but also at the life-changing moments. The main question Mr. An addressed was how a man can become responsible in marriage, benevolent to his love ones and friends, and financially doing well so he can help more people. The audience was by and large overtaken by Mr. An's deep insights in the significance of life and the art of living. The benefit learned from stories and examples from this lecture will reveal itself in the years to come. Simply put, this lecture is useful, interesting, and rewarding.



Mr. An and his fourth lecture: How to be a husband



There were about 20 Chinese School parents, JCA members and interested individuals attending Mr. An's talk

Mr. An started his lecture with an neo-Confucianistic delineation of “responsibility”, or “ren”, the basic concept of all. Rén is not a concept that is learned; it is innate, that is to say, everyone is born with the sense of rén. Confucius believed that the key to long-lasting integrity was to constantly think, since the world is continually changing at a rapid pace. It resembles the duty that an emperor or duke owes to the people of his kingdom. The husband must be responsibility at multiple levels and perform his best for the good of his family by following this basic concept, without which the marriage is doomed as “a castle built upon sand”.

Mr. An talked about the binding agent of all marriages, benevolent. Confucius considered it as something people cultivate within themselves before it can affect their relations with others. The best way to approach benevolence is in terms of enlightened self interest, that is, putting the self in the position of the other and then treating the other accordingly. Two sayings of Confucius best express this idea: "Do not do to others what you would not like yourself"; and "Do unto others what you wish to do unto yourself." Benevolence means the practice of these two sayings.

Time flies, and this is particularly true when attend a wonderful lecture like this. Mr. An had to concluded before he could move on to his third point. We have washed our ears and are eagerly waiting for his next lecture this Sunday.



Audience seek guidance from Dr. An and his Confucianism wisdom

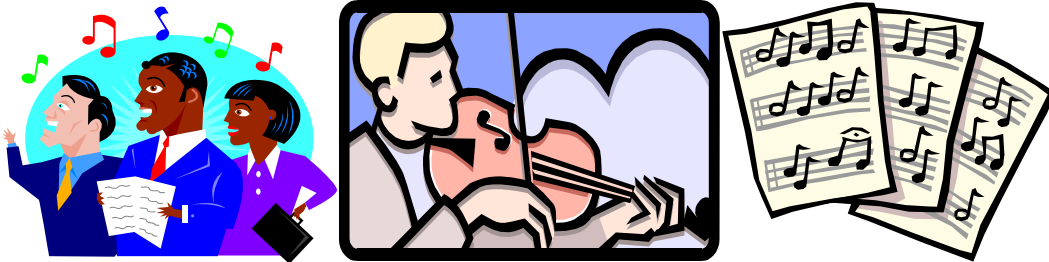


Audience approached Mr. An with questions from their own experience



Audience enjoyed discussion with Mr. An

The talk was very well received. The audience actively discussed their questions with Mr. An during the break and after the talk, and they are looking forward to his next lecture.



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