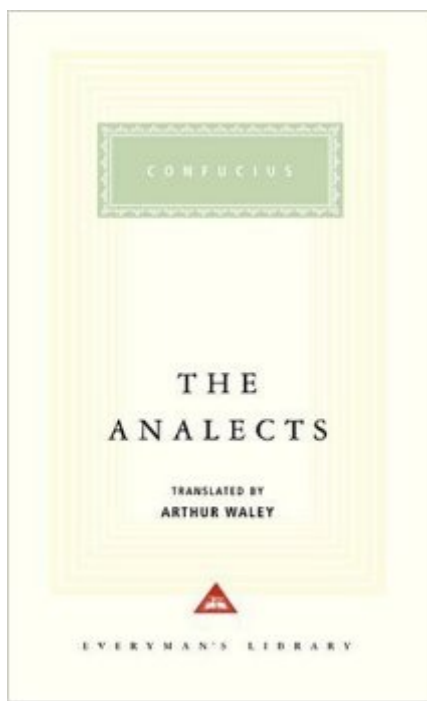


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The Analects are the collected sayings attributed to Confucius and his disciples. They are aphorisms and anecdotes illustrating a code of living translated simply as the "Way." Adherents of the Way are to be honest, humble, respectful, and dutiful--these are all common-sense values. But gentlemen, according to Confucius, should also be rigorously observant of ritual traditions and seek ways to serve the State. This is quite a conservative philosophy, seeking to justify and preserve class divisions and upholding the power of the ruling elite. Arthur Waley's translation dates from 1934. In the original introduction, Waley describes it as a scholarly translation, meaning he has sacrificed readability for accuracy. Many of the sayings are either incomprehensible or misleading without the aid of copious footnotes. Waley points out occasional ambiguities and variant interpretations, whereas a translator intent on readability might have simply imposed his own interpretation. The teachings of Confucius had a profound impact on Chinese history, and it is within the context of the study of Chinese culture and history that reading The Analects has its greatest value.

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