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World Civilization 1

The Analects of Confucius

1. What are the foundations of social order for Confucius? What models of authority and obedience does he cite?

The foundations of social order for Confucius were to have respect and harmony with one another among the Chinese people. This also accounts for a good head as a ruler in authority to lead the people in the country. Without this concept, it was not possible for people to live and function correctly.

The models of authority and obedience he cited were, self-governing the leader should have a sense of autonomy for his country. (verse 1.1), the more you repeat what you have learned, the more knowledge you know about something. Be honest in (verse 1.6), when he says to be cautious in giving promises and punctual in keeping. Knowledgeable is important to know how to regulate the people in order to keep chastisements in (verse 2.3). Have integrity, to be a true gentleman (verse 3.7), never to compete with his brother because they are the same and should work together for the end goal. They should have good manners and be polite.

2. What sort of social order would emerge if everyone strictly followed his advice? What is the relationship for Confucius between individual and social order? Would Confucian government benefit the common people as he claims?

The type of social order that would gain is respect once everyone strictly followed his advice because, without respect people would not be able to hear a person out and see for what they stand for. The relationship for Confucius between individuals and social order are to be polite and have a humane thinking for one another. A lot of would benefit with his government with the common people because this acts works and it makes sense to look as one another as equal but with respect. When someone has the idea to take over, they have to know where they are going and prove to themselves and their followers that the job will be done. Trust is important as well to build the sense of less worry when it comes to ruling a country.