

Document B: Confucian Analects

The following are a selection of quotes from the Analects by Confucius, written while he was alive during the Warring States Period (475-221 B.C.E.). After he left the government, Confucius turned to teaching. We have many accounts of his teaching and all his students praise his natural talent for brilliant teaching. These students recorded these teachings and this is what comes down to us as the Analects. They were edited by those that knew Confucius into a final document in 437 B.C.E.

"Men's natures are alike, it is their habits that carry them far apart."

-Confucius

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

-Confucius

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest."

-Confucius

"Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart."

— Confucius

"He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

— Confucius

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