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Confucian Analects

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Confucius said: "It would be difficult for those who speak without modesty."

Xian Wen, 14 - 21

Zi Lu asked about how to serve a ruler. Confucius answered: "Do not deceive even if it should offend."

Xian Wen, 14 - 23

Confucius said: "A gentleman moves upward (for righteousness). A petty man moves downward (for personal gain)."

Xian Wen, 14 - 24

Confucius said: "Ancient scholars study for selfimprovement. Today's scholars study for impressing others."

Xian Wen, 14 - 25

Confucius said: "Do not get involved in the official affairs that are not your responsibility."

Xian Wen, 14 - 27

Confucius said: "A gentleman feels shame when his words exceed his action."

Xian Wen, 14 - 29

子曰:

"其言之不怍, 則為之也難。"

意問 14-21

子路問事君。

子曰:"勿欺也,

而犯之。"

憲問 14-23

子曰: "君子上達,

小人下達。"

憲問 14-24

子曰:"古之學者為已,

今之學者為人。"

憲問 14-25

子曰: "不在其位,

不謀其政。"

憲問 14-27

子曰: "君子恥

其言之過其行。"

憲問 14-29

Ži yūe: "Qi yan zhi bu zuo, zé wéi zhi vé nan."

Xian Wen 14-21

Ži Lu wen shi jun. Zi yue: "Wu qi ye, er fan zhi."

Xian Wen 14 - 23

Ži yue:

"Jun ži shang da..

Xião ren xia da."

Xian Wen 14 - 24

Ži yue:

"Gu zhi xue zhe wei ji, jin zhi xue zhe wei ren."

Xian Wen 14 - 25

Ži yūe:

"Bu zai qi wei, bù mou qi zhèng."

Xian Wen 14 - 27

Ži yūe: "Jun ži chi

qi yan zhi guo qi xing."

Xian Wen 14 - 29

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