

PHILOSOPHY OF CONFUCIANS

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Анотація

У даній статті ми пропонуємо ознайомитись з філософією мислителя Конфуція. Цінностями та культурами даної течії, а також осмислити концепцію ідеальної людини.

Ключові слова: Конфуцій, філософія, конфуціанство, людські відносини.

Abstract

In this article, we offer to get acquainted with the philosophy of the thinker Confucius. The values and cults of this trend, as well as to understand the concept of an ideal person.

Keywords: Confucius, philosophy, Confucianism, human relations.

Introduction

A great Chinese thinker, philosopher and teacher, the founder of Confucianism, the creator of the country's first universities and a unified system of chronicles. The ethical and philosophical teachings formulated by him eventually reached the status of state ideology and quickly spread beyond the borders of the Celestial Empire.

Although the author's teachings are often considered religious literature, in fact, theological issues are practically not raised in it. On the contrary, one of the most important tasks of Confucianism is the creation of a society based on the loyal attitude of the superior to the subordinate, where every person understands his function. The purpose of this article is to familiarize readers with the philosophy of this thinker.

Main part

The cornerstone of the entire philosophy of Confucius was considered the preservation of traditions, which remained so throughout the philosopher's life. And the individual himself, according to the treatises of the sage, should be a good citizen for his country, a member for his society, and, most importantly, constantly develop. According to Confucius, any person should study his own capabilities in the first place. Similarly, the individual must make efforts to improve them. Thus, the philosophy of Confucius is a vivid reflection of the tendency towards stabilization in human relations. This stabilization is achieved through a hierarchy in domination and submission, which is carried out from the eternal flow of the laws of heaven. Advocating strong state power, Confucius always said that the ruler has a divine essence (Fig. 1). Based on ancient traditions, he developed the concept of an ideal person, who is characterized by humanity, a sense of duty, respect for elders, love for people, modesty, justice, restraint, etc.



Fig. 1. The Confucian philosophy is based on the introduction of hierarchy in domination and subjugation into society

From the II century to n. e. and up to the 20th century Confucianism was the official state ideology of China. Nowadays, the positions of Confucianism have weakened somewhat under the pressure of European philosophical ideas. At different times, Confucianism spread in Japan, Vietnam, and Korea. In order for such a society to exist, the main detail — trust between people — must be achieved. This is proof that for the flowering and prosperity of this idea, appropriate strong foundations must be built in human hearts and in the state apparatus. According to published statistics, this philosophy is practiced by more than twenty-five thousand people, but this is only an approximate number. According to the followers themselves, there are much more of them.

Conclusions

Thus, the philosophy of Confucius is aimed at achieving internal peace between the top and bottom of society with the help of the hypertrophied role of traditional rules of conduct, the rules of ceremonial li as the most important and most effective disciplining and stabilizing basis of society.

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