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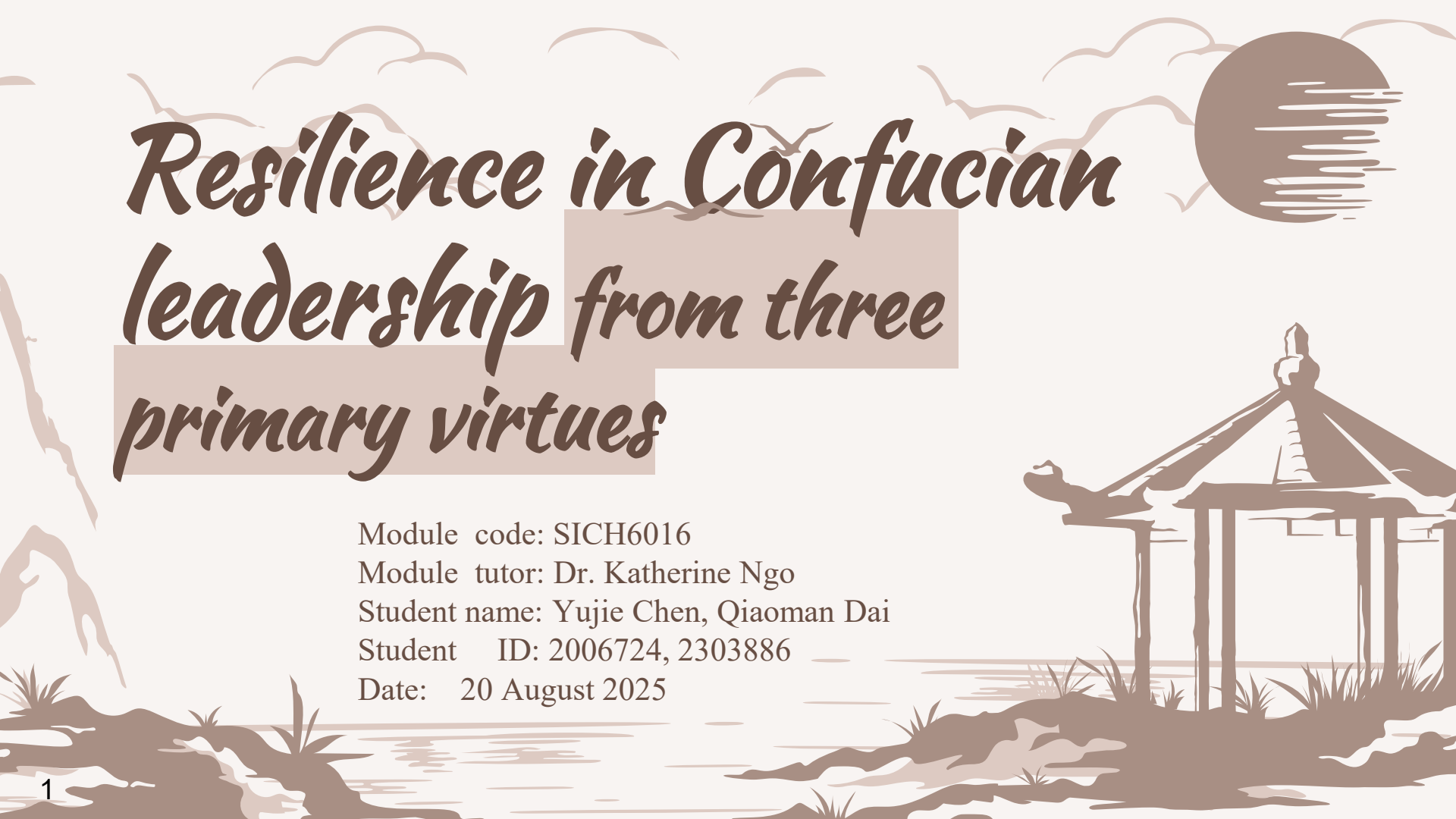
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Resilience in Confucian leadership from three primary virtues

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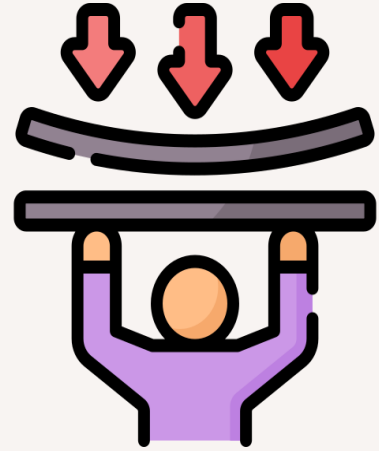


What is resilience?



- **Physics:** the property of a material to return to its original shape or position after being bent, stretched, or compressed.

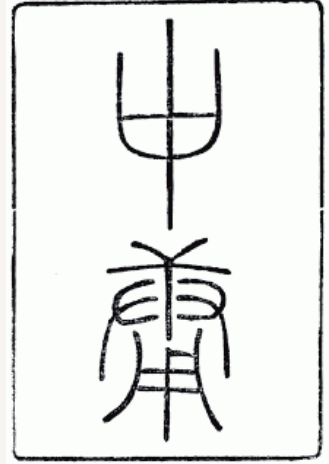
(Zeng 2013, 17)



- **Psychology:** the capacity of an individual, when confronted with adversity, to return to one's prior mental state—or even to achieve growth, thereby attaining a higher degree of resilience.

(Zeng 2013, 18)

Resilience in Confucian leadership?



Moral cultivation



Three Primary Virtues:

- Wisdom (*zhi* 智)
- Benevolence (*ren* 仁)
- Courage (*yong* 勇)



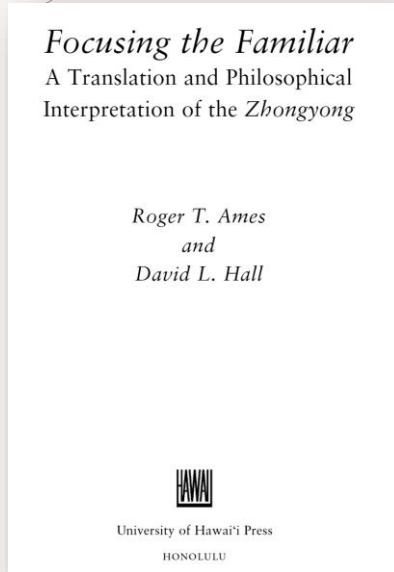
Finish the perfection of human relationships

(Dan 2010, 77)

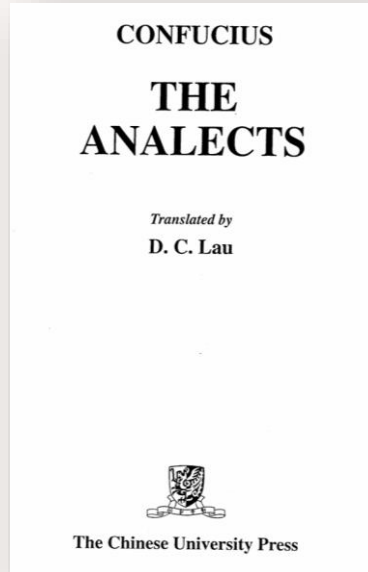
- **Confucian leadership:** in the process of practising the three primary virtues, the sense of mission inherent in **benevolence** and the discernment power embodied in **wisdom** are propelled by **courage**, enabling the individual to overcome all forms of hardship and adversity, thereby achieving growth.

Jau-wei Dan, The Three Primary Virtues and Their Relations to Moral Conduct: An Enquiry from the Analysis of the Concept of Courage, *Journal of Education of Taipei Municipal University of Education* Aug, 2010, Vol 36 pp. (75-96) p. 77.

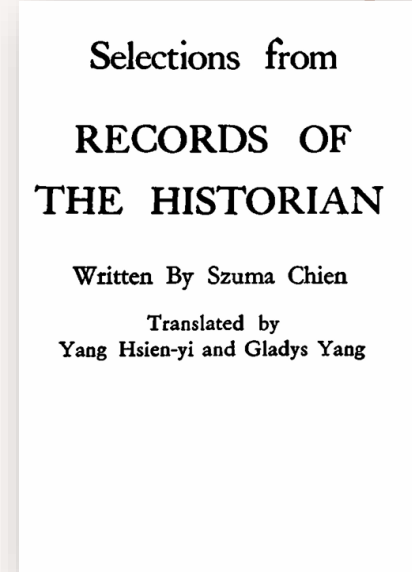
Books



Focusing the Familiar
(*Zhongyong* 中庸)



The Analects
(*Lunyu* 論語)



Records of the Historian
(*Shiji* 史記)



Confucius

- *His Status*

The founder and the central figure of the Confucian tradition

- *His Lifetime*

Countless hardships:
spiritual setbacks
threats to his very existence

- *His Achievement*

Being venerated as 'A Paragon for All Generations'



02



The Three Primary Virtues

The three primary virtues



wisdom



benevolence



courage

The capacity for
cognitive discernment

The ability to empathise
with others

The strength to act upon
what is right

(Dan 2010, 80)

Wisdom in Confucius



Wisdom

Understanding
the principles and
essence of things

Having the ability
to judge right from
wrong

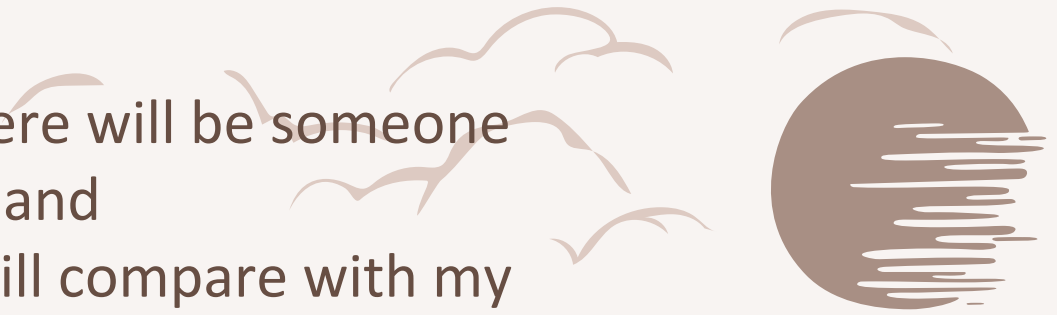
Wisdom enables us to
distinguish virtue from vice, to
know how to pursue virtue and
avoid immorality, and to act
appropriately at the proper time.

(Dan 2010, 80)

The method to acquire wisdom

- Being fond of learning is close to acting wisely.
 - Study the way broadly
 - Ask about it in detail
 - Reflect on it carefully
 - Analyse it clearly
 - Advance on it with earnestness

The *Zhongyong* 20 (trans. Ames and Hall)



In a town of ten families, there will be someone comparable to me in loyalty and trustworthiness, but none will compare with my love of learning.

十室之邑，必有忠信如丘者焉，不如丘之好學也。

Analects 5.28 (trans. Joshua Mason)

If one learns from others but does not think, one will be bewildered.

學而不思則罔

Analects 2.15 (trans. D.C. Lau)

Out of food in Chen

— Confucius' adversity

recorded in the *Shiji*

Three nobles of
Shang dynasty
(c.1600–c.1046 BC)

楚使人聘孔子于魯，將往。陳
蔡大夫謀曰：「孔子用於楚，則
陳蔡危矣。」於是相與發徒圍
孔子於野，不得行。絕糧從者
病，莫能與孔子講。誦《詩》、《書》不
輟。於是使子貢至楚，昭王與
師迎孔子，然後得免。

贊曰
猗歟聖通
丁此屢屯
既畏於匡
復危於陳
君子固窮
處困而亨
我經載歎
不問不驚



Bo Yi
伯夷



Shu Qi
叔齊



Bi Gan
比干



Attitude

The student's
complaints

Confucius's positive acceptance

Higher resilience

Wisdom from
learning

Courage from
doing what is
right

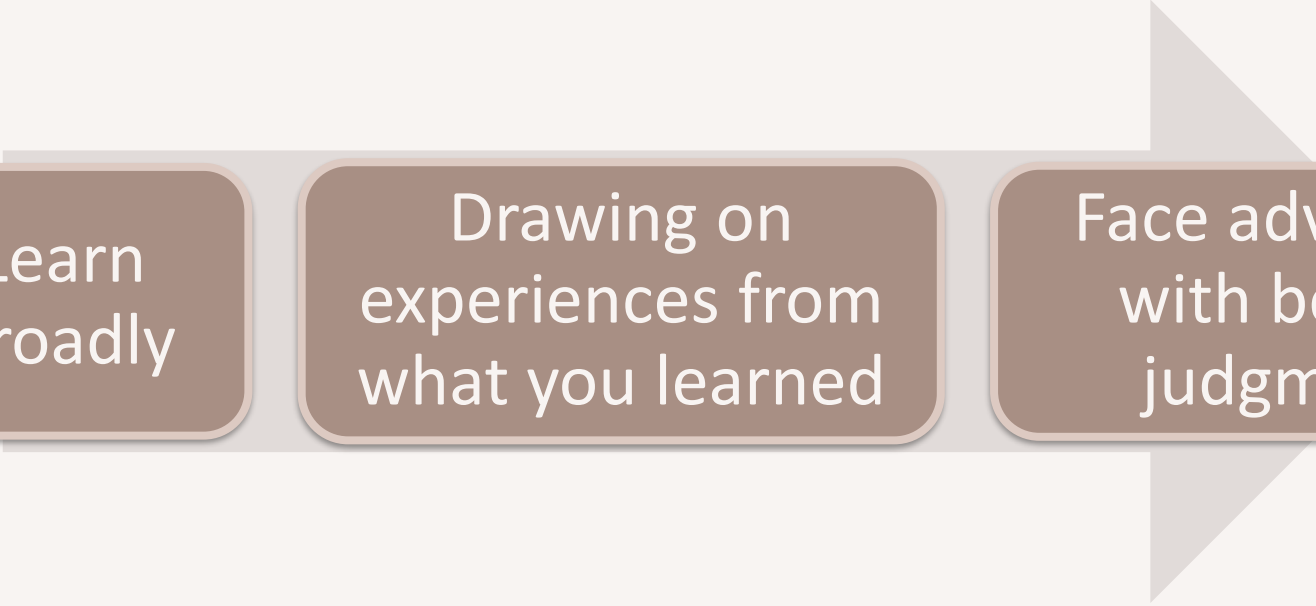
Insights for modern leaders



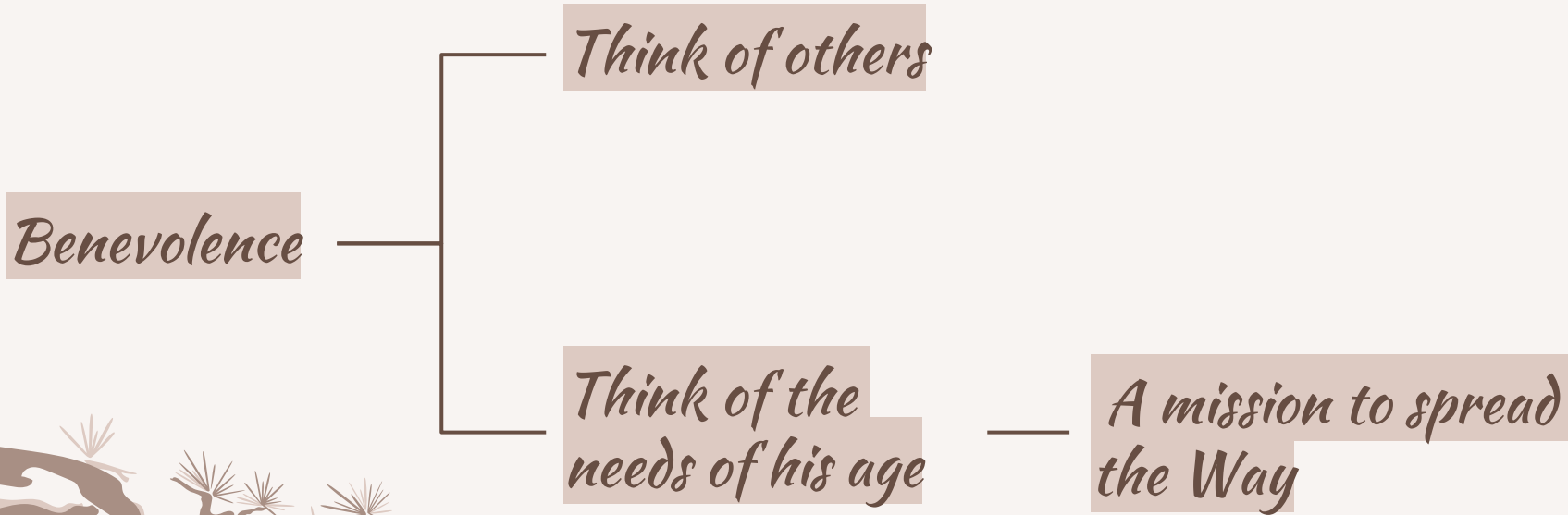
Learn
broadly

Drawing on
experiences from
what you learned

Face adversity
with better
judgment



Benevolence in Confucius



The Siege of Kuang



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‘After the death of King Wen, was not the cause of truth lodged here in me? If Heaven had wished to let this cause of truth perish, then I, a future mortal, should not have got such a relation to that cause. While Heaven does not let the cause of truth perish, what can the people of Kuang do to me?’

文王既沒，文不在茲乎？天之將喪斯文也，後死者不得與於斯文也；天之未喪斯文也，匡人其如予何？

Analects 9.5 (Trans. Legge)



The Tree-Cutting Incident in Song

‘Heaven produced the virtue that is in me.
What can Huan Tui do to me?’

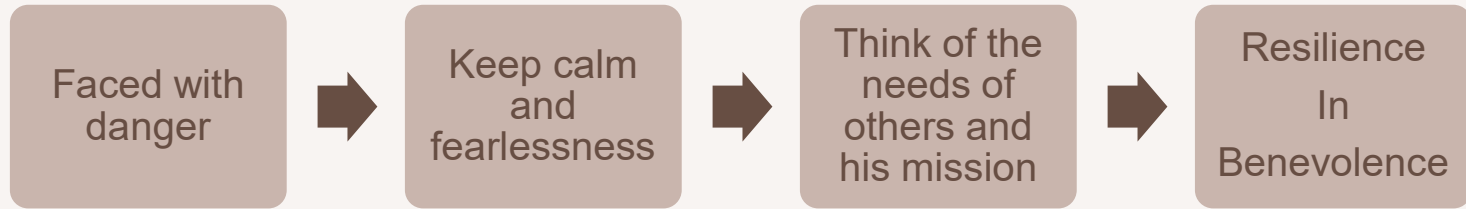
天生德於予，桓魋其如予何！

Analects 7.22 (Trans. Legge)



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Resilience in benevolence of Confucius



Conclusions

The resilience of Confucius

Wisdom

- Discern truth from falsehood
- Learn from history
- Understand adversity is an inevitable part of pursuing the Way

Benevolence

- An unwavering mission—to care for the people under Heaven and to regard his own life merely as a vessel for cultural transmission.

Courage

- Transformed both wisdom and benevolence into action, enabling him to persist without fear.



*Thank you
for listening*