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The Analysis of Character *Sheng* 聖 (virtuous) in Chapter 19 of the Daodejing 道德經

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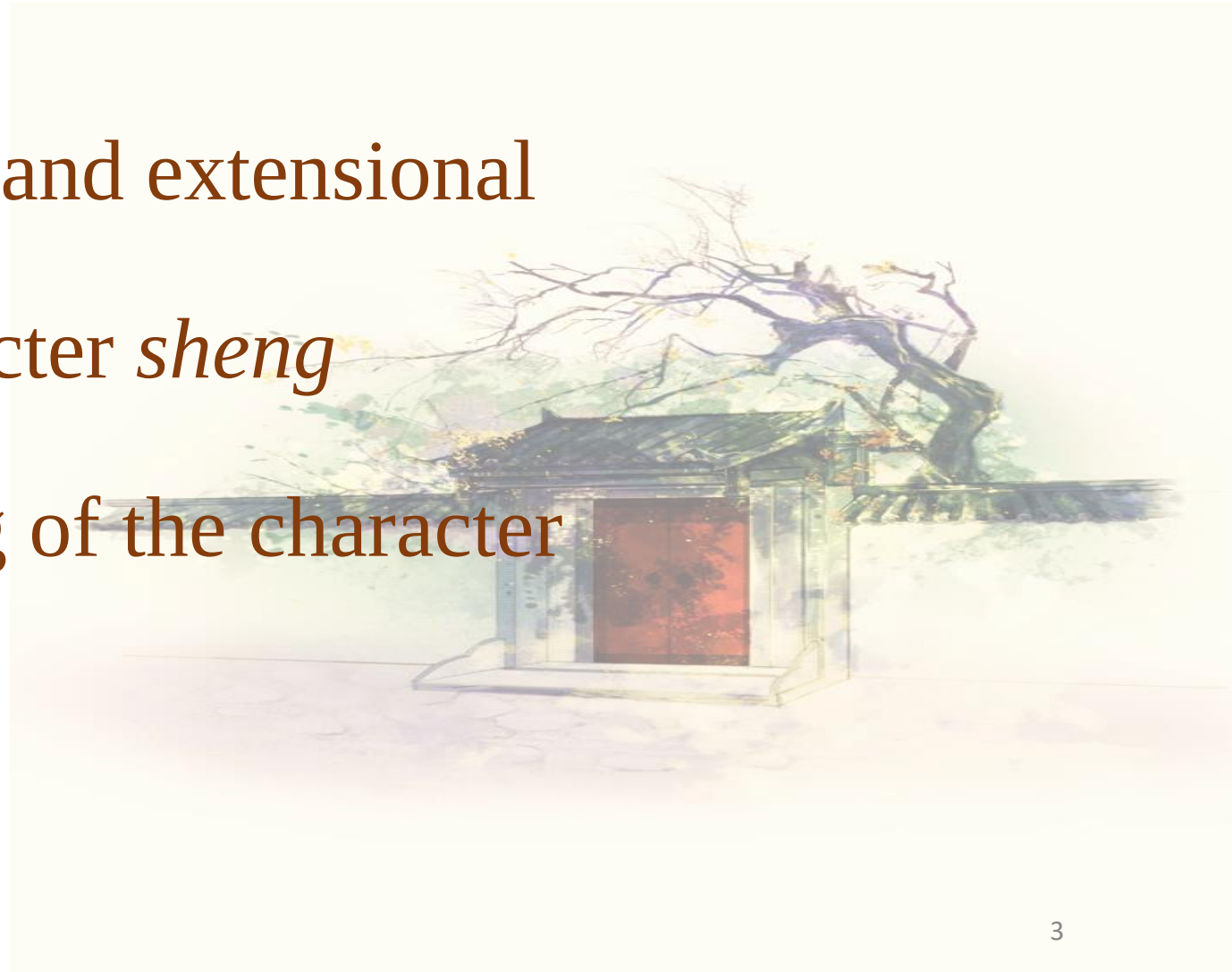
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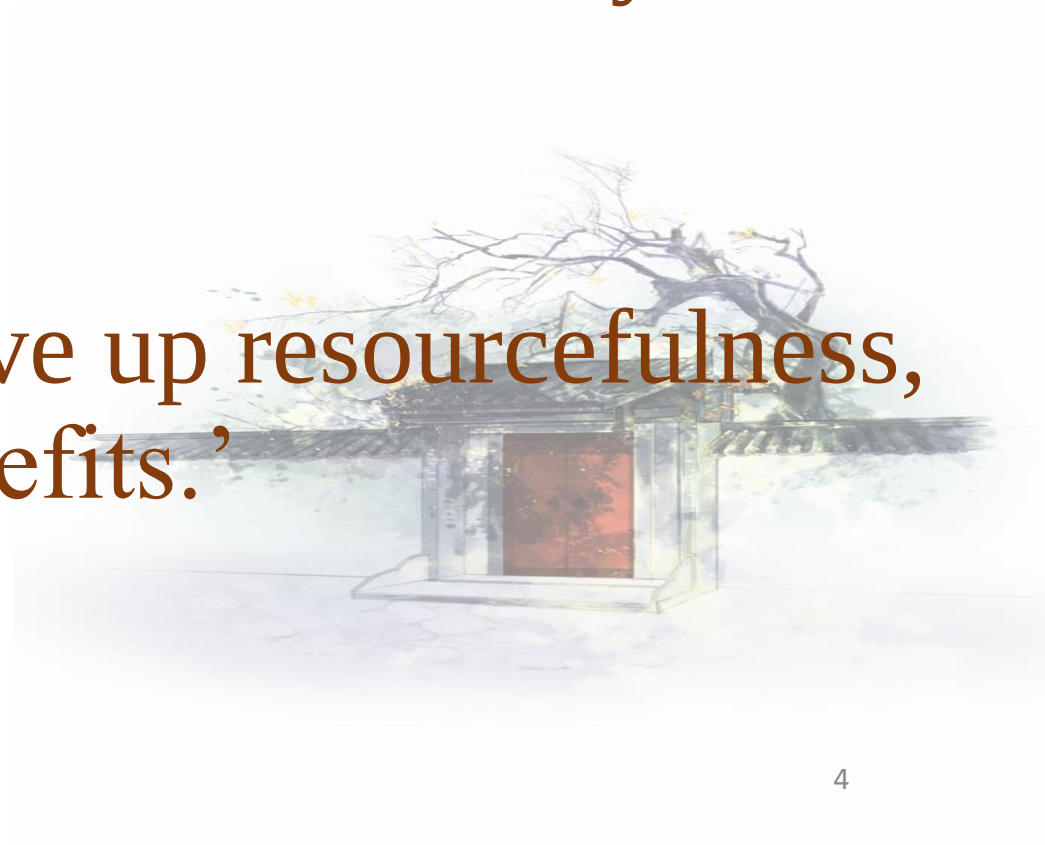
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Introduction

- 皆視為至高之人而無詆訾之語
- He treat Sages as the loftiest exists without any dissatisfied.
- ‘絕聖棄知，民利百倍
- Do not seek for virtuous and give up resourcefulness, people can get hundredfold benefits.’
- Fanxun

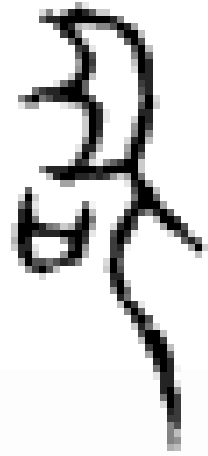


2.1 The original meaning and extensional meaning of the character *sheng*

- 於事無不通謂之聖

Sage is the one who cannot be obstructed in the way of the world.

- virtuous, expert and respectful names of ancient kings



2. Definition Analysis

2.2 The context meaning of the character sheng in annotations

(1) To oppose the name of virtuous

- 奇才之善也
- 僅是博通深察
- 大智曰聖
- 以天為宗，以德為本，以道為門，兆於變化
- 絕仁去義
- 其所謂聖知，自務乎作為，好為天下之先，民不受其利而蒙其害



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(2) To oppose the Confucian sage

- 知、仁、聖、義、忠、和
- 知，明於事。仁，愛人以及物。聖，通而先識。義，能斷時宜。忠，言以中心。和，不剛不柔。
- The elder generation
- The lower level or pretend sacred
- The version of chujian



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(3) To oppose the side effect of virtuous

- 絕聖製作，反守初元.....棄智惠，反無為
- 聖者，謂制度法象、功用陳跡之聖也。絕之者，欲復其渾樸也。
- 鬥斛權衡符璽仁義之事。
- 且仁義本為不孝不慈者勸，今既竊之以為亂。
- 子絕四：毋意、毋必、毋固，毋我。



3. Conclusion



Thank you.

