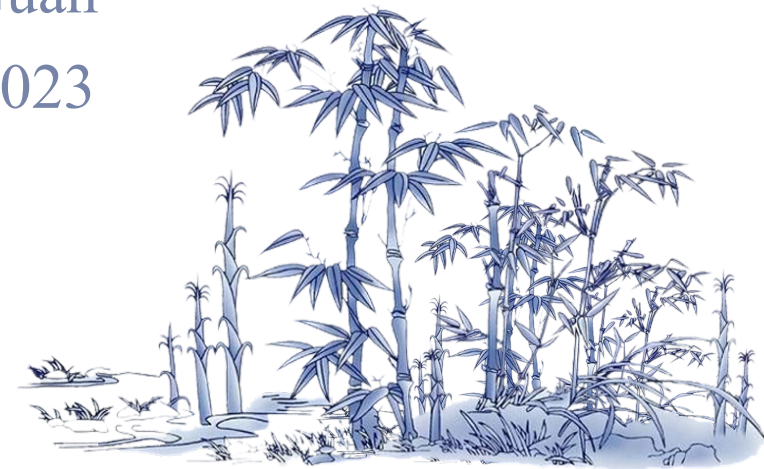


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He Yan is generally portrayed as a foundational representative of Xuanxue thinking.

Early Xuanxue thought can be characterized as an attempt at Confucio-Laoist syncretism.



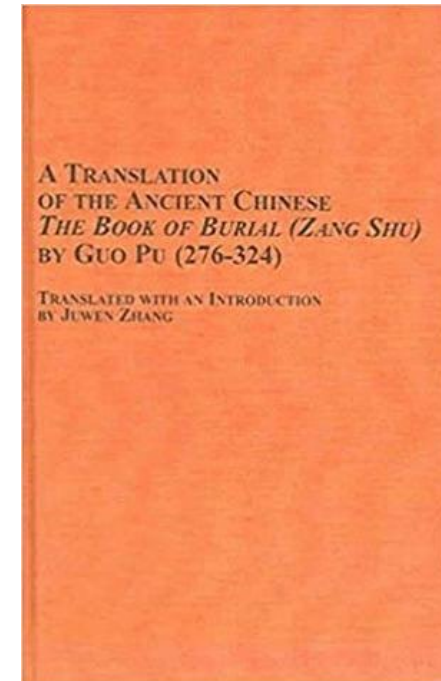
the nature endowed from Heaven and Earth 天地之性

the nature endowed from Qi and Quality 氣質之性

the desire of the sage and the wise 聖賢之欲

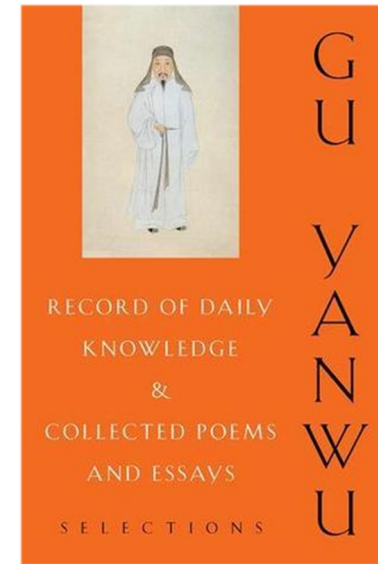
To build up the manifestations of Heaven and Earth's spirit,
to build up good life for the populace,
to develop past sages' endangered scholarship,
and to open up eternal peace.





Guo's commentaries are often the only surviving sources of these glosses, and without which leave the original work mostly incomprehensible to modern readers.





Gu Yanwu has been revered by intellectual modernizers for his innovative emphasis on empirically based research methods, which became the dominant trend of scholarship during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.



An accurate and effective philology method is the most fundamental basis, after which the interpretation can be accepted.



Thank you for listening.

