

The Application of the Nine
Reflections of the *Junzi* (君子)
in *The Analects* in Modern Life

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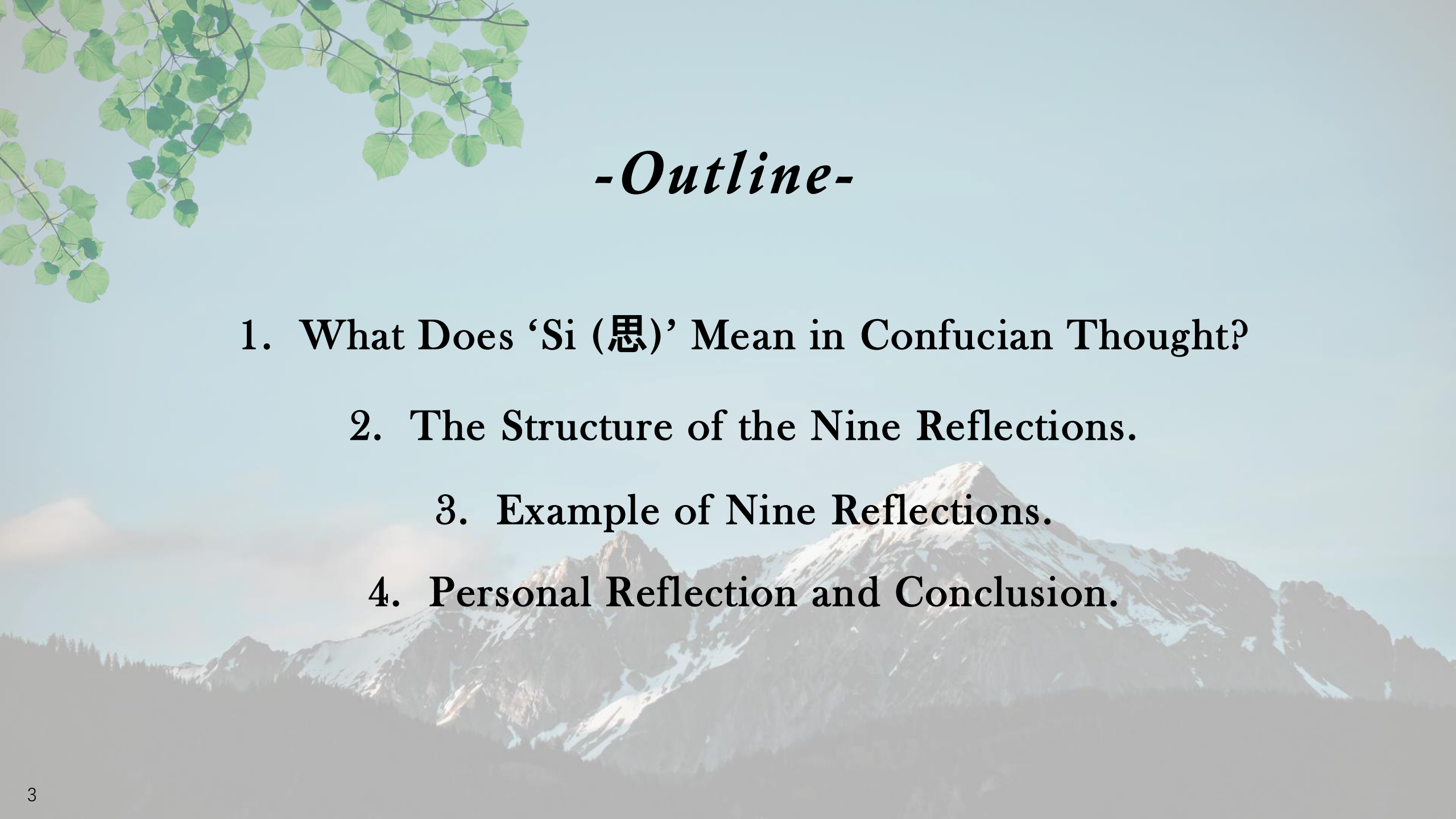
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- *Introduction* -

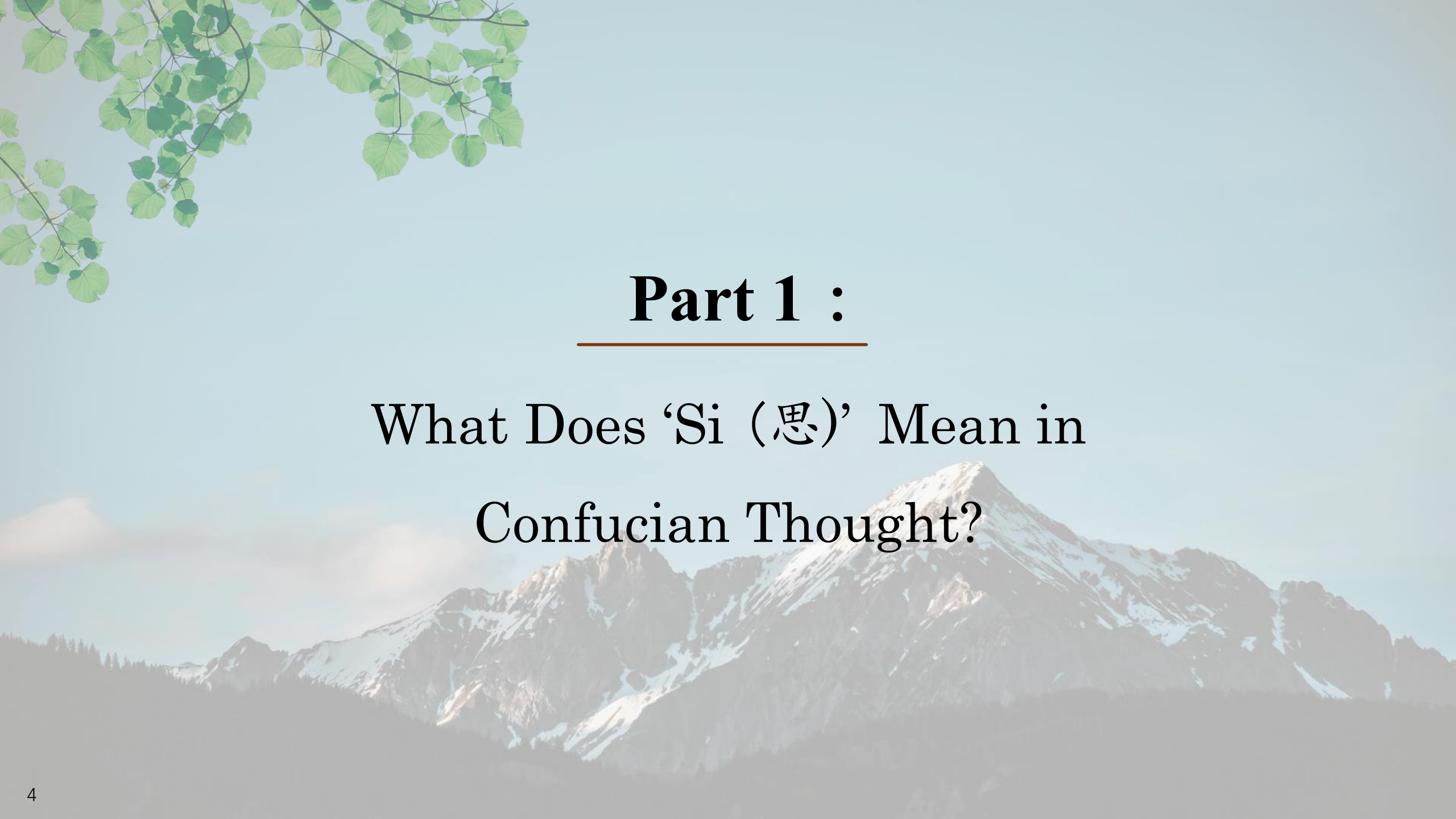
1. What is a *junzi*?

2. Practical guidance for everyday action.



-Outline-

1. What Does 'Si (思)' Mean in Confucian Thought?
2. The Structure of the Nine Reflections.
3. Example of Nine Reflections.
4. Personal Reflection and Conclusion.



Part 1 :

What Does ‘Si (思)’ Mean in
Confucian Thought?



Part 1

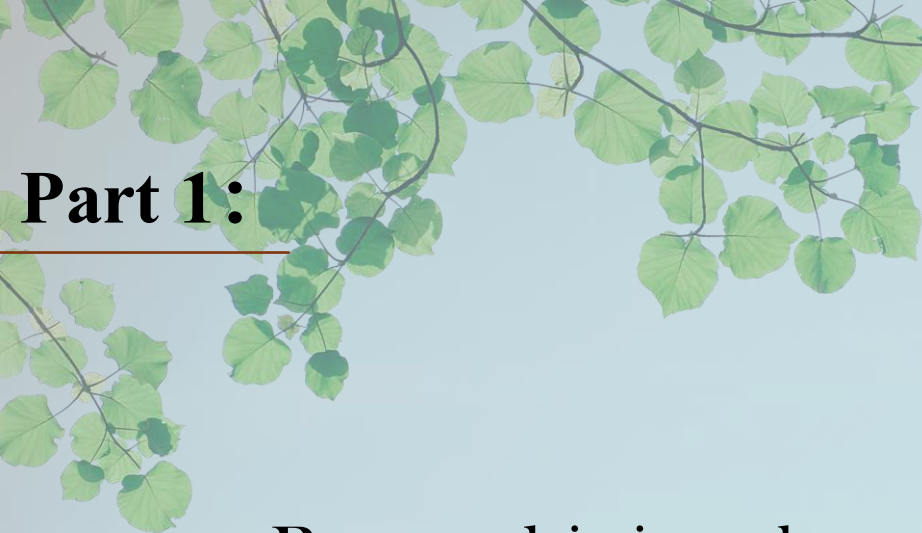
D.C. Lau:

Confucius said, ‘There are nine things the gentleman turns his thought to: to seeing clearly when he uses his eyes...

Legge:

Confucius said, ‘The superior man has nine things which are subjects with him of thoughtful consideration...

From chapter 16 (*Jishi*)

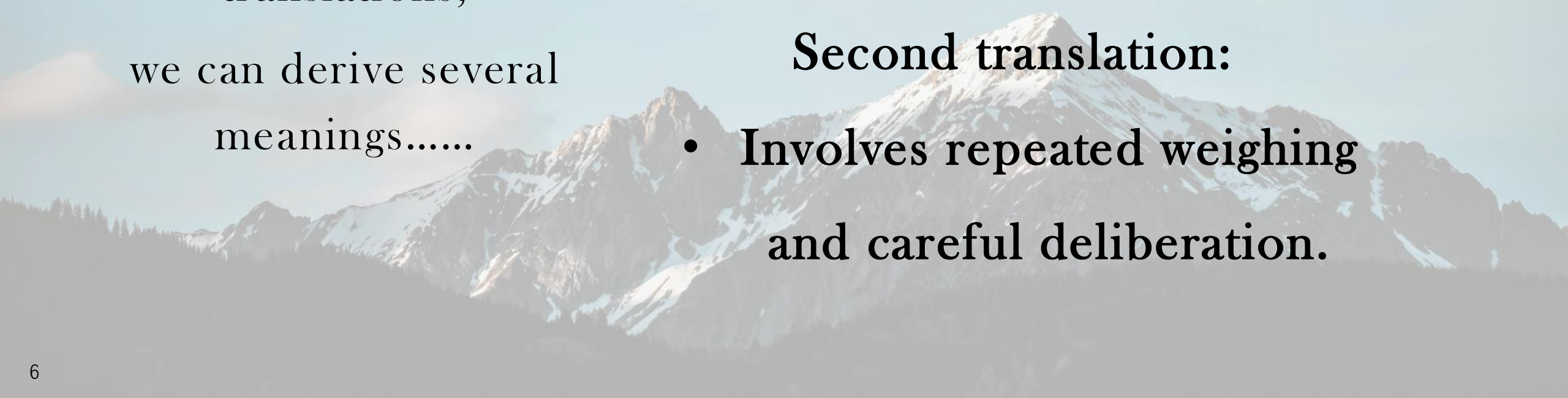


Part 1:

By combining the
above two
translations,
we can derive several
meanings.....

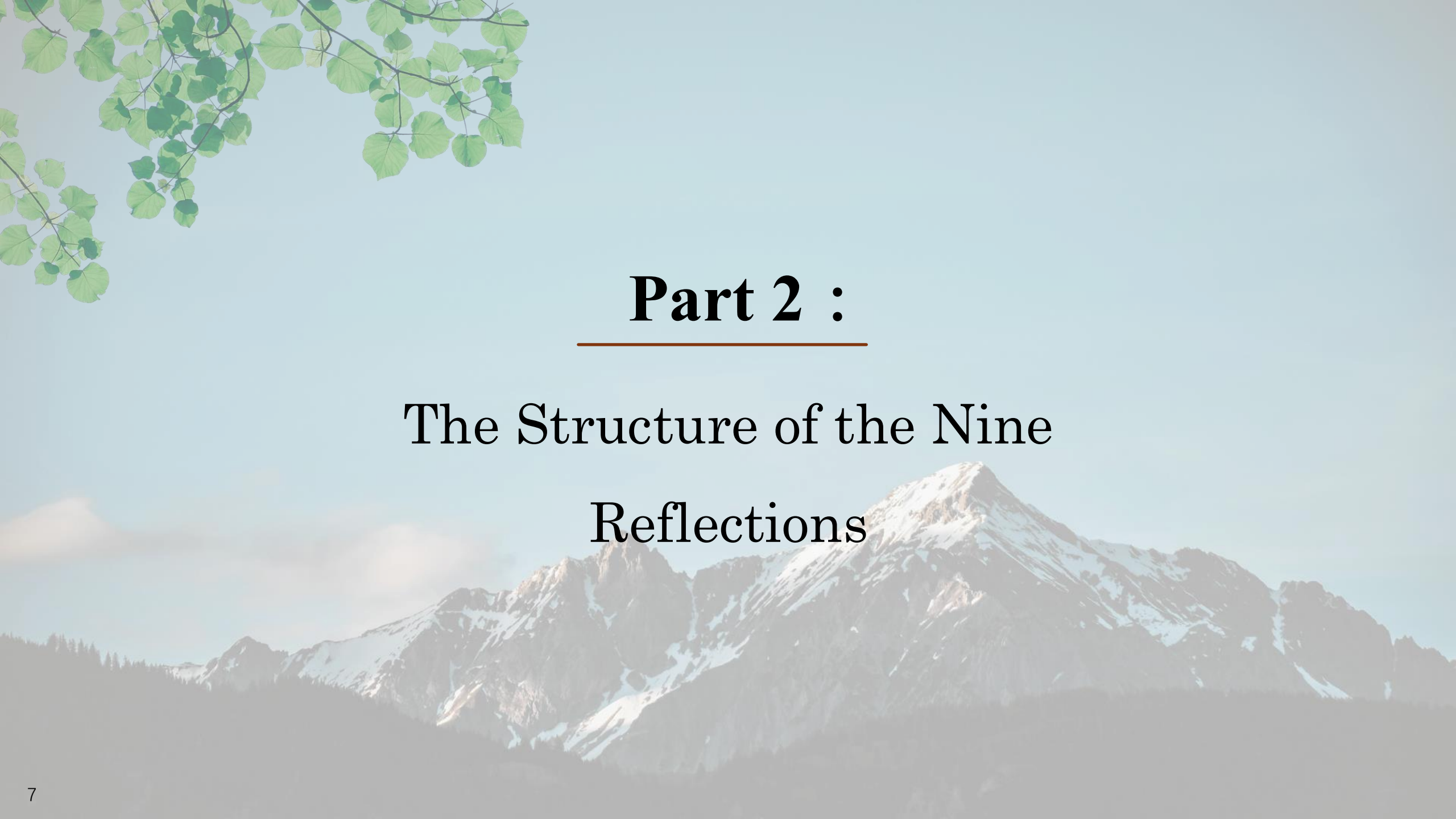
First translation:

- Emphasizes the directionality
of thought.



Second translation:

- Involves repeated weighing
and careful deliberation.



Part 2 :

The Structure of the Nine Reflections

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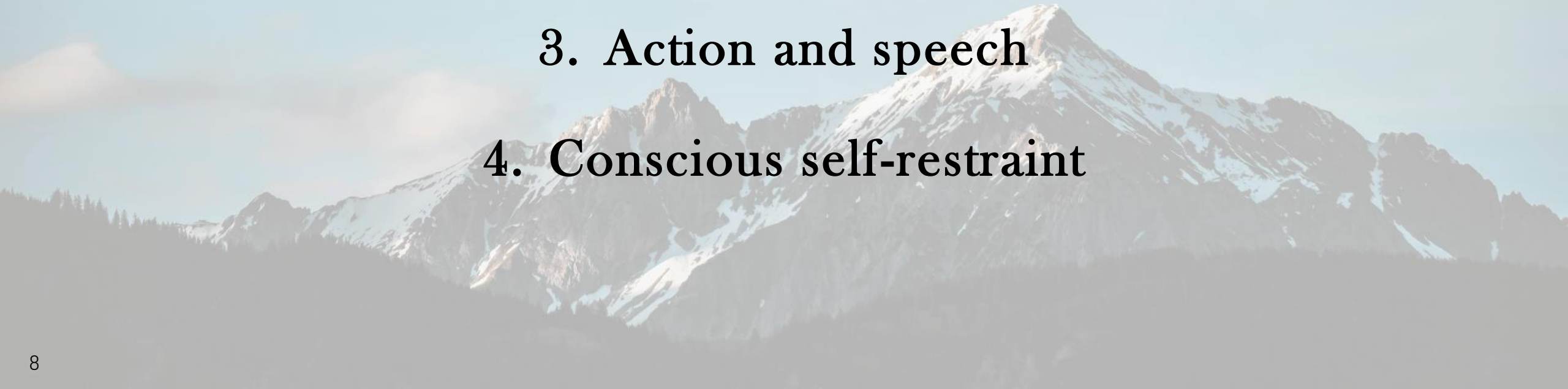
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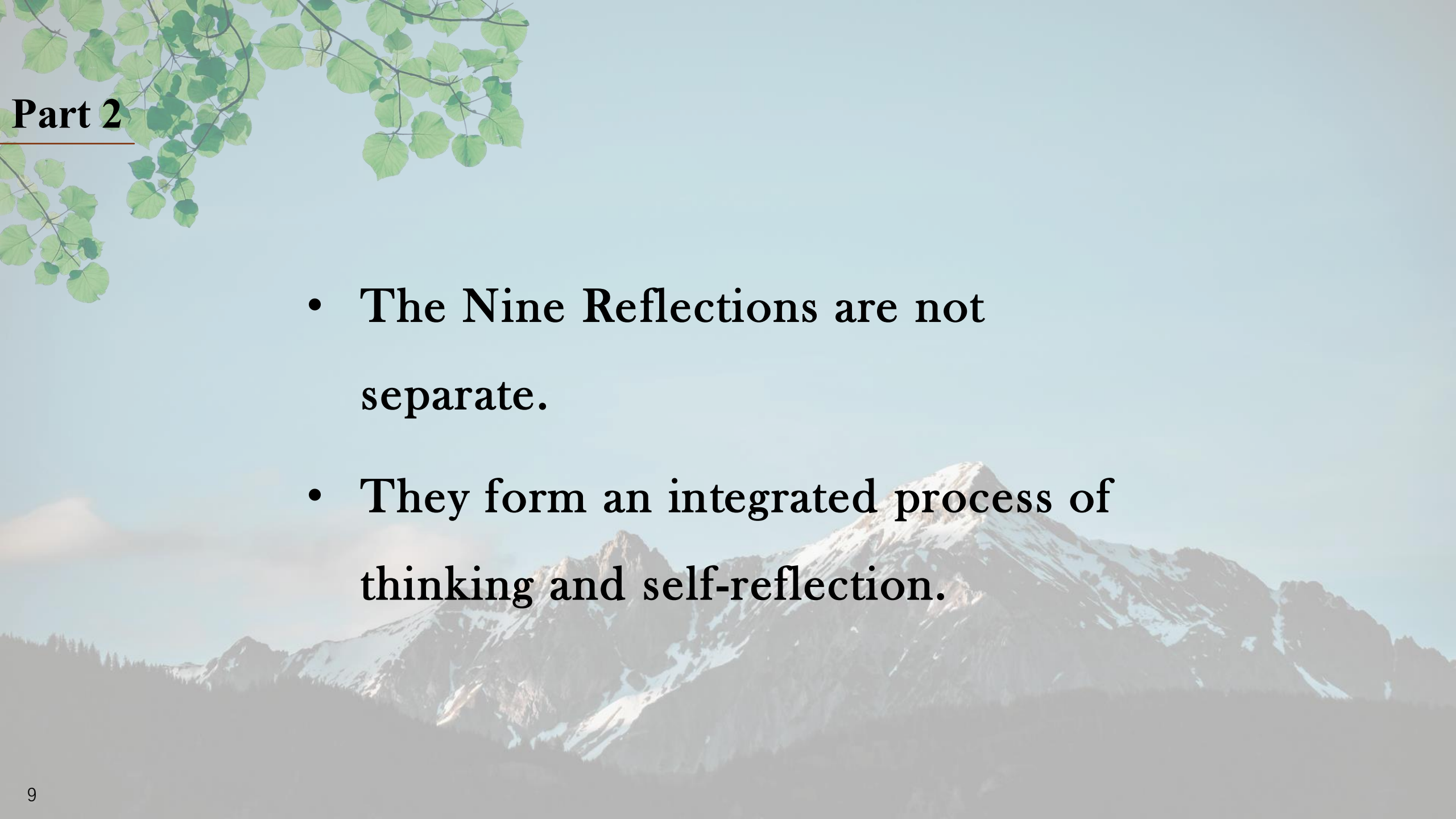
1. Encountering situation

2. Outward appearance and expression

3. Action and speech

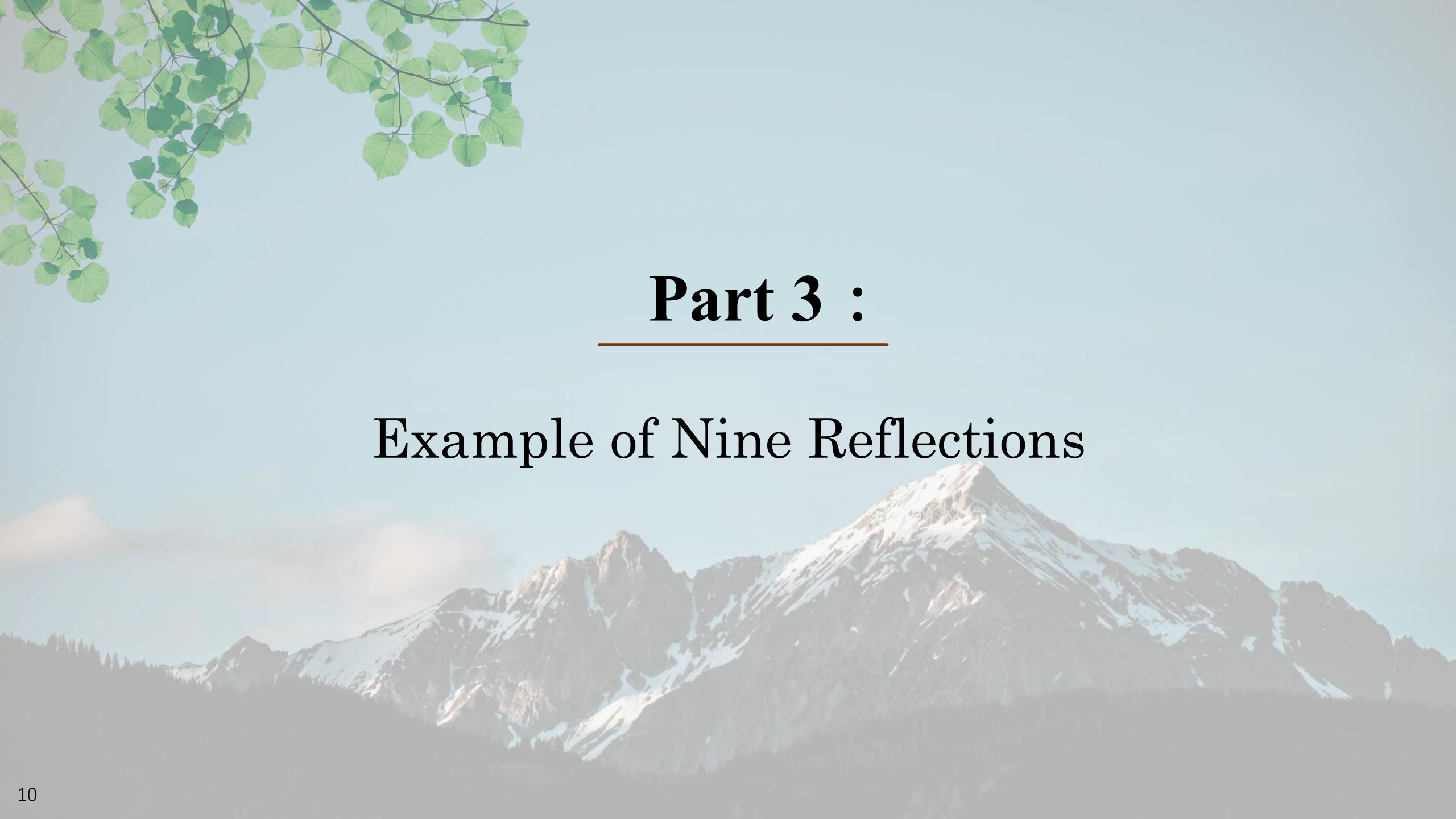
4. Conscious self-restraint





Part 2

- The Nine Reflections are not separate.
- They form an integrated process of thinking and self-reflection.



Part 3 :

Example of Nine Reflections



Part 3

Encountering situation:

Example 1.

Seeing and hearing clearly

(視思明 / 聽思聰)

Shi si ming/ting si cong

Avoid misunderstanding
and emotional overreaction

Action and speech:

Example 2. Responsibility in Speech and Action

(言思忠 / 事思敬)

yan si zhong/shi si jing

Words should match reality.
Even small matters should be
handled with care.



Part 3

Conscious self-restraint:

Thinking about righteousness when
facing gain

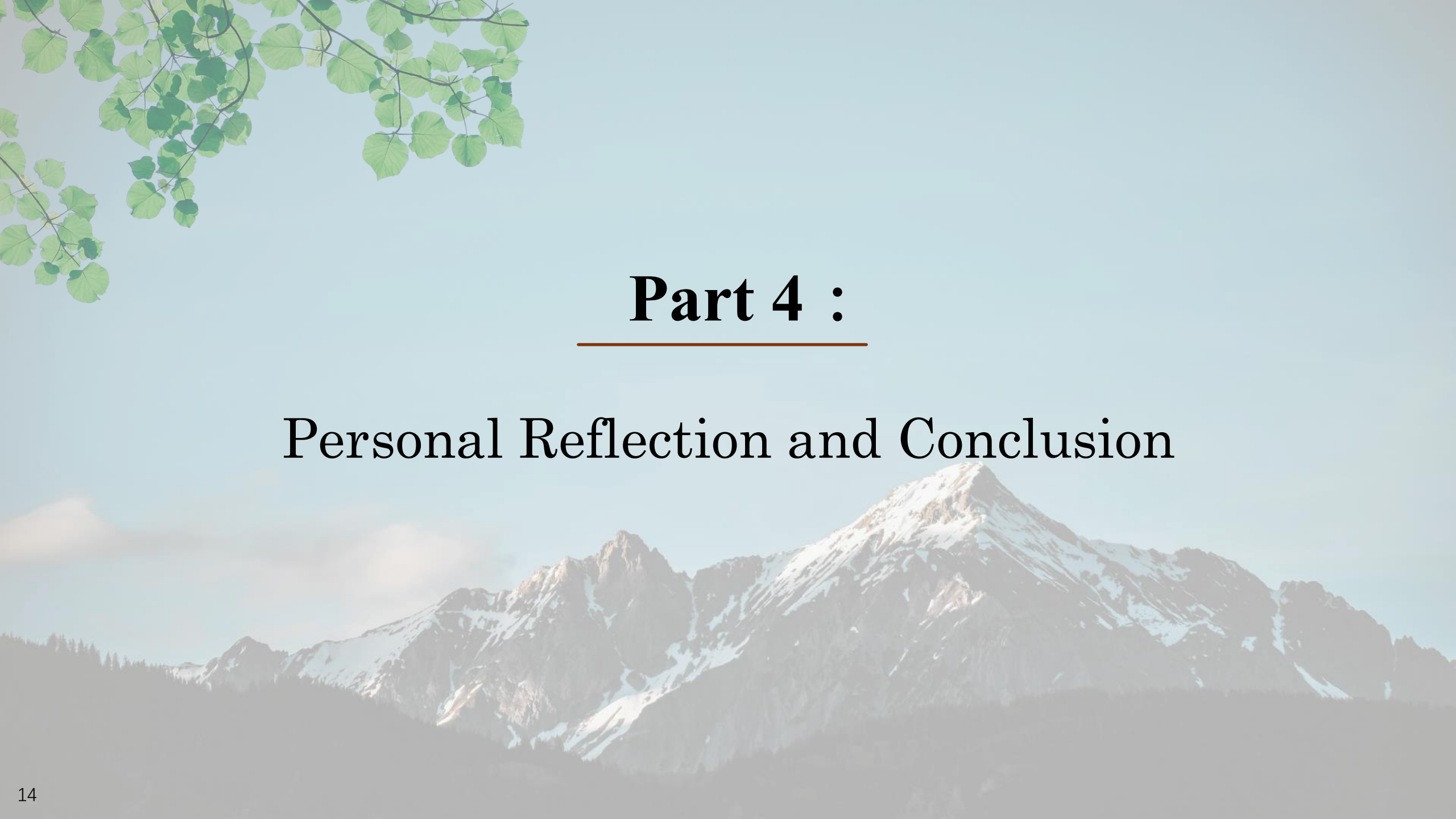
Example 3.

(見得思義)

Jian de si yi

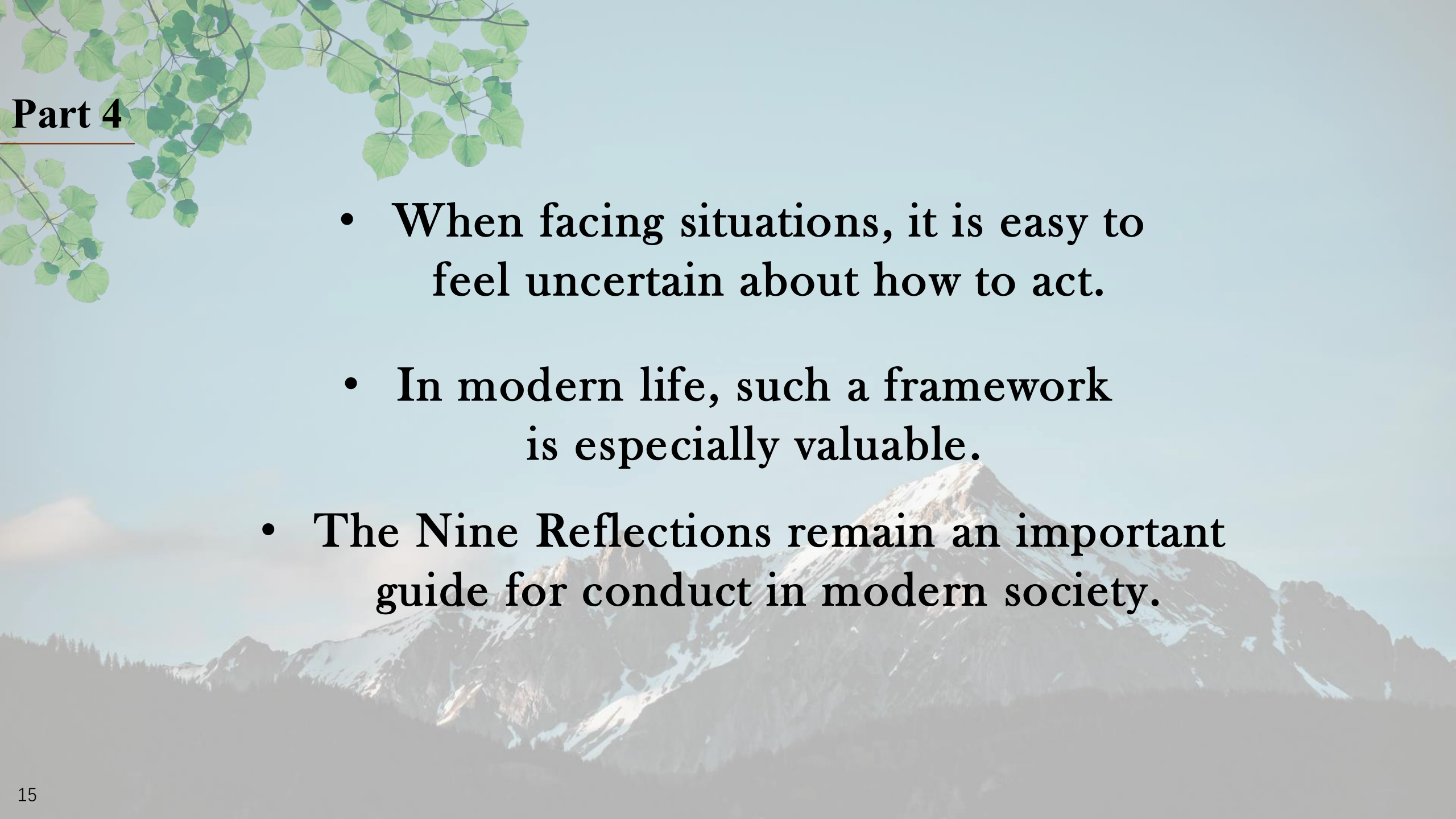
This reflection does not reject
success or benefit entirely.

Instead, it introduces moral restraint.



Part 4 :

Personal Reflection and Conclusion



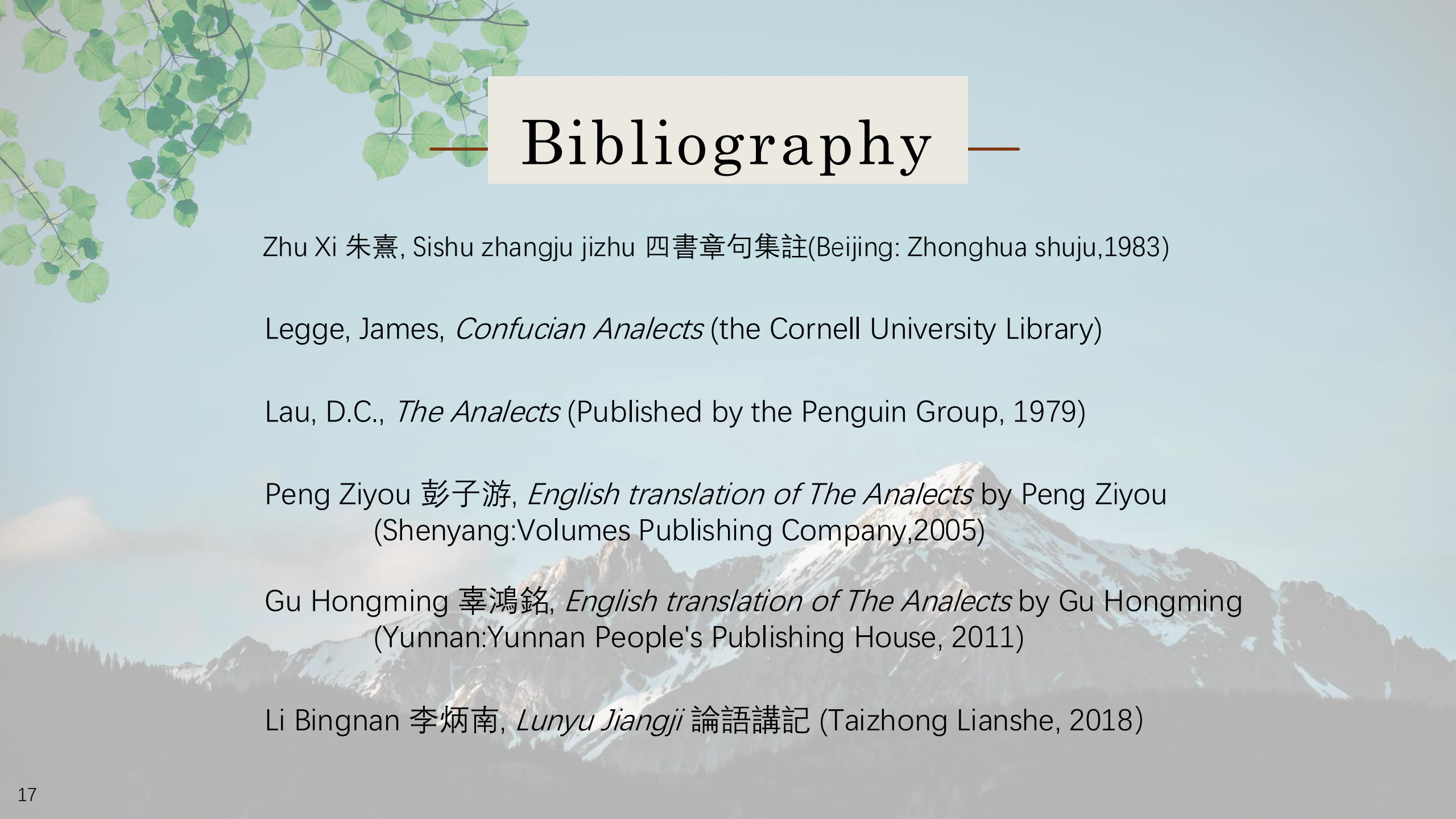
Part 4

- When facing situations, it is easy to feel uncertain about how to act.
- In modern life, such a framework is especially valuable.
- The Nine Reflections remain an important guide for conduct in modern society.



Thank you for your
patient listening.





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