



今日《論語》

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《八佾·論語》

王孫賈問曰：「與其媚於奧，寧媚於灶」，何謂也？」子曰：「不然，獲罪於天，無所禱也。」

翻譯成今天白話的意思是，王孫賈問：「『與其獻媚於屋內西南角主宰生死禍福的神，不如獻媚於掌管衣食的灶神』，這話是什麼意思？」孔子說：「不對。如果得罪了上天，祈禱什麼神也沒有用的。」

生死祝福不可捉摸，衣食住行更加現實。正如道德和金錢一樣，很多人都經不住眼前利益，捨道德而追求金錢。

孔子其實也是一個無神論者，從前面很多事例來看，孔子似乎是一個地道的迷信狂，對什麼祭祀、祭神等，他是那樣的虔誠。其實他只是對禮的重視，對禮的虔誠，因為他相信只有知禮、敬禮的人，才有孝心、仁心、忠心，因此他希望用這些祭拜形式來勸人為善，來培養忠孝仁義之品質。而不是對神本身的膜拜。

這裏他很明確地指出，如果你得罪了上天，不忠、不孝、不仁、不義，那你祈禱什麼神都是無用的。那麼什麼才有用呢？

忠孝仁義，才是安身立命之本。孔子是要告誡大家，對神的祭拜在於對「神」的敬畏，從而遵紀守法，多做善事，而不是求神靈保佑你平安或者賜予你財富，更不能做傷天害理之事。只有這樣，才能真正得到幸福。



10分鐘小練習

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I am the King!

Characters

The donkey, the deer, the squirrel,
the rabbit and the fox

Setting

In the forest

Scene 1

Narrator: A donkey finds a lion's skin under a rock.

Donkey: (talking to himself) Let me put on the skin...

I am a lion now! I am strong and frightening!

Scene 2

Narrator: The donkey wanders around the forest. He wants to scare all the animals away.

Donkey: (loudly) Here comes the lion, the king of the forest!

Deer: (shouting) Ah! The lion is coming, run!

Squirrel: (escaping) Rabbit, don't look back.

Rabbit: (shocked) Oh dear! Please don't eat me!

Scene 3

Narrator: The donkey forgets one thing. He should not open his mouth! After a while, a fox passes by.

Donkey: Hee-haw! (rudely) Fox, bring me some food, or I am going to eat you! Hee-haw!

Fox: Your voice is strange. There aren't any lions here! Are you Donkey? You dress like a lion, but you can't roar! I am telling your mum!

Donkey: Oh, please forgive me! I did it because I'm hungry.

