

上月的信向你們講說孔孟的人生觀，祇講到孔子的人生觀。是講孔子認為人生向上改進自己，推己及人，的目標，步驟，和方法。你們看了一定覺得非常重要而且有趣。急想知道孟子的。現在這信中來慢慢告訴你們。孟子（約公元前372-289）。是一非常聰明而且幽默的學者。在他遺留的著作中，以很多譬喻或故事來說明他的觀點。他的對事裡分析十分精闢。這次我要引述的是他將值得效法的人分為六種，即：善人，信人，美人，大人，聖人，神人。解釋如下：

- ①善人，原文："可欲之謂善"，現解釋為："好人"，他所表現的一切為人所喜。
- ②信人，原文："有諸己之謂信"，現解釋為："真好人"，為人所喜，有信用，表裡如一。
- ③美人，原文："充實之謂美"，現解釋為："漂亮的人"，是指心靈之美，非形體之美，不但為人所喜，有信用，表裡如一，而且內涵充實，多采多姿。
- ④大人，原文："充實而光輝之謂大"。現解釋為："偉人"，具有上述品質之外，而且造化多端。
- ⑤聖人，原文："大而化之謂聖"。現解釋為："聖人"為具上述品質外而又造化多端。
- ⑥神人，原文："聖而不可知之之謂神"現解釋為具上述聖人品質之外，且有超常人的稟賦，莫測其高深。

上述六種人中，前面三種是任何人祇要努力都可以做到。第四，五種需要天賦和機遇。第六種自古以來全世界只有少數宗教家 夠得上如此稱謂。一般凡人難以達成。這是孟子所定的，供你們想像和參考。

十月一日是中華人民共和國的國慶日。十月十日是中華民國的國慶日。這裡一般華人這月為光輝的十月。有很多特殊活動。你們中雖多數在國外出生。但都是以中國為根源。值得我們大家關注敬重的。我希望你們也和我一樣對祖國具有愛心。

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Dear grandchildren:

I have mentioned in my email letter to you last month the extracts from the classic saying of two famous Chinese ancient sages Confucius and Mentz as guidelines for human being regarding self-cultivation and brightening for your information and reference. Only those of Confucius were included in the email monthly letter to you of last month, leaving those of Mentz to be to you this month as follows. Mentz (372-289AD) is famous for being a wise and humorous scholar in his time. In his dialogue with people, he liked to use metaphor and analog to convince others. His in depth insight power of observation and analysis are also admired and respected by many people even now. The following is his classification of normal but not bad people in six categories as follows:

1. A "good person" means a man liked by many people.
2. A "credited person" means a good man with high credit of truth.
3. A "pretty and nice person" means a "credited person" with mental and inner beauty rather than physical and appearance beauty, rich in intension and connotation.
4. A "great person" means a person with the above character but more glorious.
5. A "sagely person" means a great person extremely know legible in a broad field.
6. A "godlike person" means a sagely person with super power.

It is no difficult for ordinary people to achieve the above ranks from number one "good person" to number four "great person". However, being a sagely and/or godlike is not easy because they are in need of favored gift and heavenly bestowed opportunity.

People here have more festival days when approaching to the year-end. October is a month of special solemn meaning to we Chinese living in the foreign countries. The first day of the month is the national day of the People's Republic of China (PROC), while the tenth is that of the Republic of China (ROC). We in LA recently have many activities in relation to the above. Though most of you were born in North America, you must realize that our root is in China. So much said this month, will write you again next month. Best regards to you all.

Grandparent