

12-2-09 Du Fu

5:1 luxury and misery—sarcasm

6:2 Daoist?—suicide?

4:1 better to have daughters than sons?

5:2 lack of remorse

8:1 lovely lady—speaking to Li Bo—Connect 5:1 and 8:1

6:1 location

12 exams

Unicorns?

Means of seasons

1. 5:1
  - a. Poetic way of saying people are dying
  - b. Dislike of court comes through here
  - c. Is it sarcasm or divine mandate during emperor is generous passage?
    - i. Hobbesian idea of society appears well leads to emperor appearing well
    - ii. Can't rule out sarcasm, because it is a government critique
2. 6:2
  - a. Why strive for things if you're "chasing the wind"
  - b. Is he just in a mode of complaining?
    - i. Seems to be stuck on finding problems only
  - c. Lamenting death of son due to starvation, not suicide
3. Page 12
  - a. Does it measure competence or memorization?
  - b. Analyzing classics through other perspectives
    - i. Daoist analyzing Confucian texts
  - c. Doesn't mean they'll be good leader
    - i. Maybe need social skills
  - d. Barrier based upon wealth
4. 5:2
  - a. Lack of remorse, didn't talk about his son?
  - b. Du Fu wrote plenty, may have devoted more to their son
5. Unicorns

- a. Why do they get brought up here?
  - b. Pg 4 Unicorn gallery
    - i. Hall of fame
  - c. Just relation to mythical things—i.e. dragons
- 6. Rebellious after military days?
  - a. Was Confucian as soldier?
- 7. River villiage
  - a. Medicine is brought up why?
    - i. Drugs/herbs unnecessary if you have family
- 8. 8:1
  - a. Seems so devoted to wife until this
  - b.