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EE-9 “So still, he seems to dwell nowhere at all: so empty no one can seek him out.”

EE-11 Legalists suppress the people

EE-2 Does he contradict himself?

1. section 49, says that rulers who rule by the ways of the ancients are “stump watchers.”
2. section 8, says that rulers should be “blank and actionless.”
3. he may be saying only charge those who deserve it
4. seems to talk in circles

EE-2 Rulers do not display humanity

1. does not want to show weakness
2. holds strict to the laws
3. like Creon, same laws for all

EE-2 What is Legalism?

1. rule by strict laws
2. emperor has absolute power
3. people are punished for doing good if its outside of the laws
4. held up by army
5. only concerned with current period

EE-3 Should men of literary accomplishment be in government?

1. emperor needs complete control
2. thinks people he rules are sub-human
3. hates Confucians

EE-6 People should not have foreign relations

1. ironically he was designated as peacemaker
2. sent to make peace with rival
3. forced to drink poison

Legalism human nature vs. Confucian human nature

1. Confucius believed people were inherently good
2. Legalist believed that people will try to do anything they can to get ahead.