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Cultures and Traditions
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Smith- quote from (P-4) about self worth derived from material goods.

DeRolf- quote from P-2 about cheap and easy goods are honorific. Intoxicating beverages are expensive and honorific.

Barnes- P-12- to be respectable, one must be wasteful

Serak- P-12- "waste" is an unfortunate term. Consuming something which isn't beneficial to all mankind.

DeRolf-P-6- Vicarious leisure of wife is something to strive for.

Labaki- P-7- Conspicuous consumption by wife important for household.

DeRolf- P-15- Scientific aspects of home- elements of heat

Barnes- P-7- Wife shifts from producer to ceremonial consumer.

Labaki- P-21- Family labor poorly done because lack of education.

Serak- Concept of waste interesting. Could drugs be wasteful?

Barnes- Anything beyond bare necessities isn't necessarily beneficial to everyone. People still buy things to show off wealth.-(mansions, cars, etc.)

DeRolf- Waste is done, however the author supports this lifestyle. Is this a middle class person?

Ellis- Refers to picture which depict pet cats. Reveals status symbol in having pets to have to take care of. Points out the use of umbrellas to shade from the sun and the use of servants.- How middle class is this author?

Barnes- What do you expect middle class to be like?

Barnes- Middle class must work harder to have more leisure for their wives. Leisure class has ultimate leisure for both wives and husbands.

Wood- Ultimate goal is to work hard enough so wife doesn't have to.

Labaki- quotes page 7. Middle class works harder to achieve this ideal lifestyle.

Barnes- Do you agree that basis of community is money?

DeRolf- No- the community is usually known for schools. An upright man has more meaning in a community than on a national level. The basis of a nation is obviously money.

Ellis- Money travels quicker on a national scale than the ideal of an upright man.

Wood- There's a "TOP 10" Richest Man list in Forbes. Why not a "TOP 10" best husbands/moral men list?

Garret- P-8- Choose one or the other-consumption begins to hold over leisure as an ordinary means of decency.

Barnes- P-10-leisure is not as important as hard work. Hard work is the instinct of humans.

Serak- would rather have leisure.

Garret- Sleep is the ultimate indulgence at WABASH COLLEGE.

DeRolf—agrees

Serak- speaking on the "Sisters of Charity"- Christianity is the source of equality and rights for women.

DeRolf- Role of Religion and Science is well blended and interesting.

Labaki- Commenting on religion.

DeRolf- P-18_ Chinese regard for old age. How are the authors supposed to know about filial piety?

Banach- P-17- Religion important but can't let it get in the way of other things.

DeRolf- Care of the aged- Conspicuous consumption?

Banach- One must be systematic and economical with one's time.

DeRolf- American females should do more work- middle class

Garrett- religion has been stripped away from society today.