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Academic Affiliations and Differences between Analects and Confucius' on the book of Poetry

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The poetic doctrine embodied in Confucius' on the Book of Poetry is at once related to, and different from, Confucius' Analects. It has absorbed into itself the academic doctrine that poetry is to moralize, to express, to observe, to unite and to resent, etc. As to the aim in reading the Book of Poetry, however, it does not pay so much attention as Analects does; as to the method in commenting the Book of Poetry, it does not garble of a statement as Analects does, but directly points to the themes; as to the viewpoint of human nature, it does not discuss disposition as Confucius does, but interprets the Book of Poetry with the temperament doctrine of Zisi (Tzusih). Just because it emulates but not stubbornly sticks to Confucius' thoughts, Confucius' on the Book of Poetry has reaped great achievements in poetical theory.

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The title of the Analects, Lun-yü, of Confucius, we can translate as something like "Discourses and Dialogues" -- Analects, Ἀνάλεκτα, would be "Digest" or "Collection" from Greek, a title apparently introduced by James Legge himself. Here we have sayings and stories from or about Confucius, or sometimes just about his students. This page is not a commentary on the Analects. It merely identifies passages that are famous, often quoted, discussed in books about Chinese Philosophy, or that I consider to be especially expressive for the principles of the thought of Confucius. The translation originally used here was that of Arthur Waley, and there were occasional criticisms [The Analects of Confucius, 1938, Vintage Books, 1989]. He left his book of Tao Te Ching only because the border official wouldn't have let him pass if he hadn't on the way into his seclusion. His book can be summarized in once sentence - 'do nothing unto others' (无为). It's the moral way of the nature and moral and ethical guidance to the Chinese people. Here is my translation of the book - Tao Te Ching (Taoism, Daoism and Laozism). Confucius was the de facto lone disciple of Laozi. He didn't follow his master's footstep, going in seclusion. The rest is just details of Confucianism outlined in his book recorded and written by his disciples, the book of Analects . Here is one of the translated version - Analects of Confucius 論語. Liat Lim. , Trainer and Consultant on Uses of Art of War for Business.

