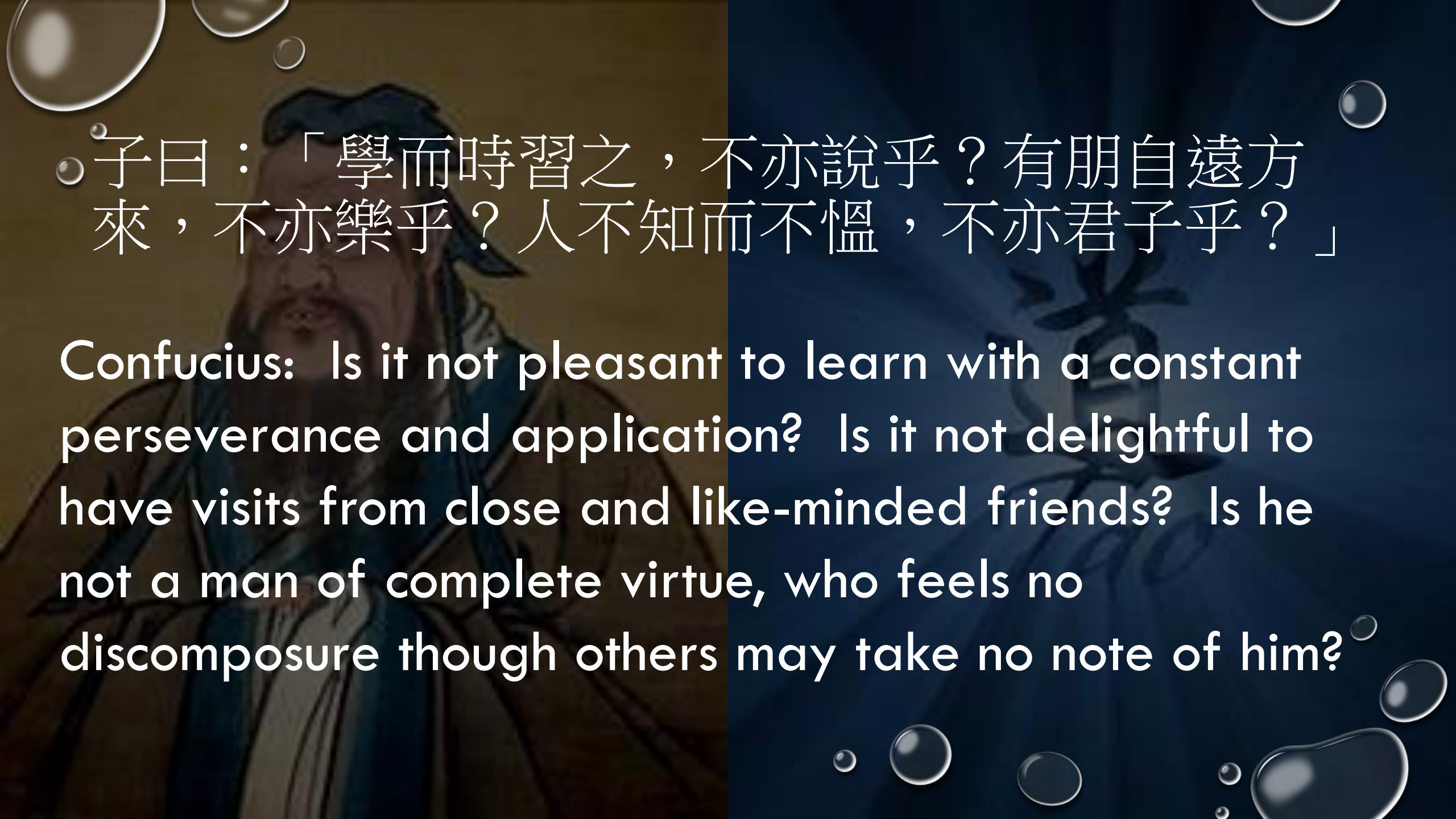


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Weekly Tao Discussion Holy Teachings

Pu-Guang Temple, Plano TX
May 16th 2020

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When Confucius spoke of feeling pleasant while learning, what is the object of learning referenced by Confucius?

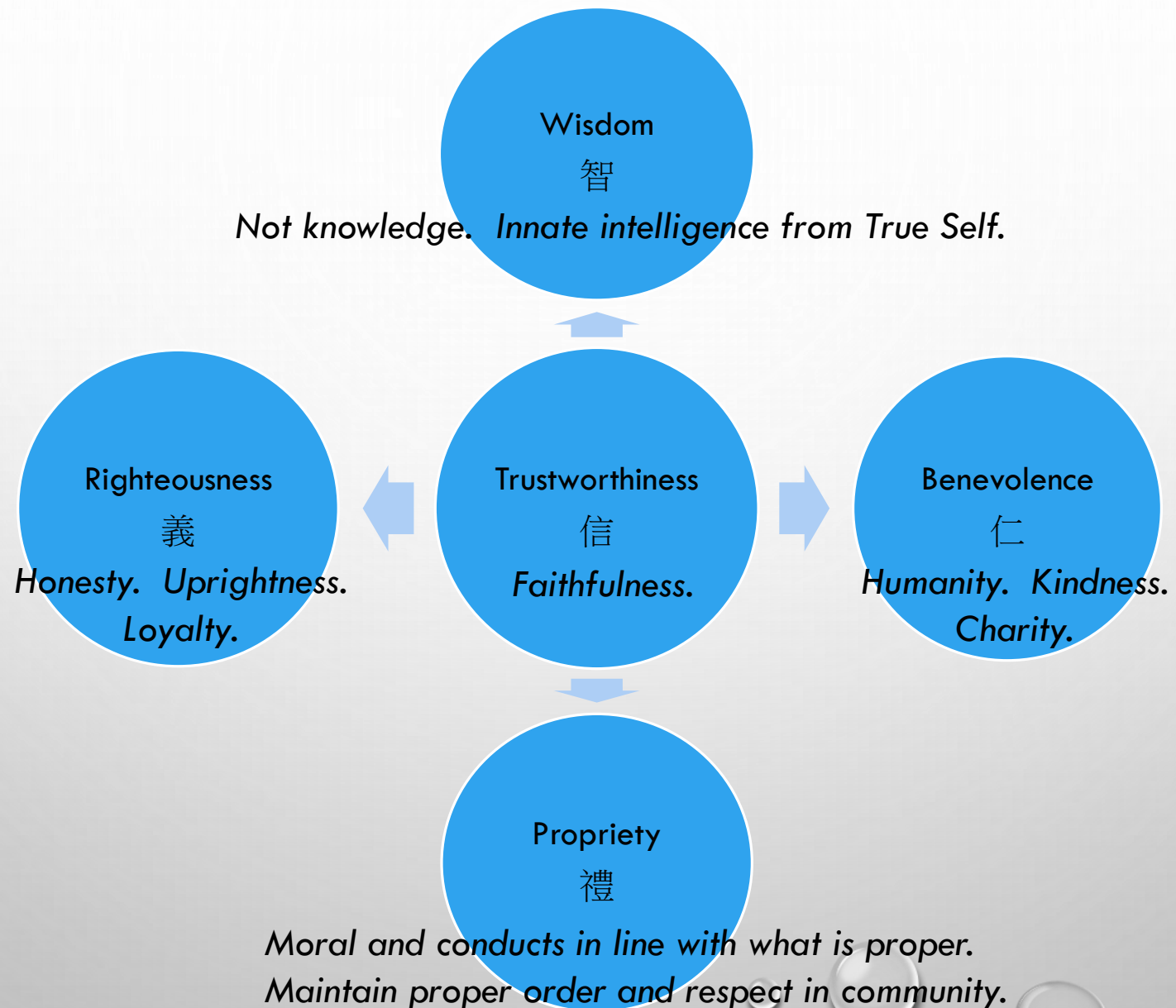
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Goal of Confucius Teaching: Restoration of virtues in communities, so everyone could learn the Way of Humanity to live with harmony, propriety, and compassion.



*Feeling pleasant while learning about **Tao**, with constant perseverance and application. **Why? How?***

Five Cardinal Virtues



Source of Five Cardinal Virtues lies in our True Self.

Five Cardinal Virtues



Mencius: Benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, and trustworthiness are not welded onto me from the outside. They are that which I have always had.

These five virtues are inherent in all people.



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Do not kill
Do not steal
Do not indulge in sexual
misconduct
No lying
No double-tongued speech
No abusive speech
No irresponsible speech
No greed
No hatred
No delusion



Considerations for Constant Perseverance and Application

Have faith in Heavenly Mother.

When the circumstances of life are such that everyone must undergo a certain amount of temporary defeat, you can find hope in the knowledge that every such defeat carries with it the seed of an equivalent benefit. – Napoleon Hill

Stay close to temple, scriptures, and other Tao cultivators to learn and grow together.

Practice Zen meditation and Reflection using 3 Treasures.

Meditation is not a way of making your mind quiet. It is entering into the quiet that is already there. – Deepak Chopra

When you rule your mind, you rule your world. – Catherine Ponder

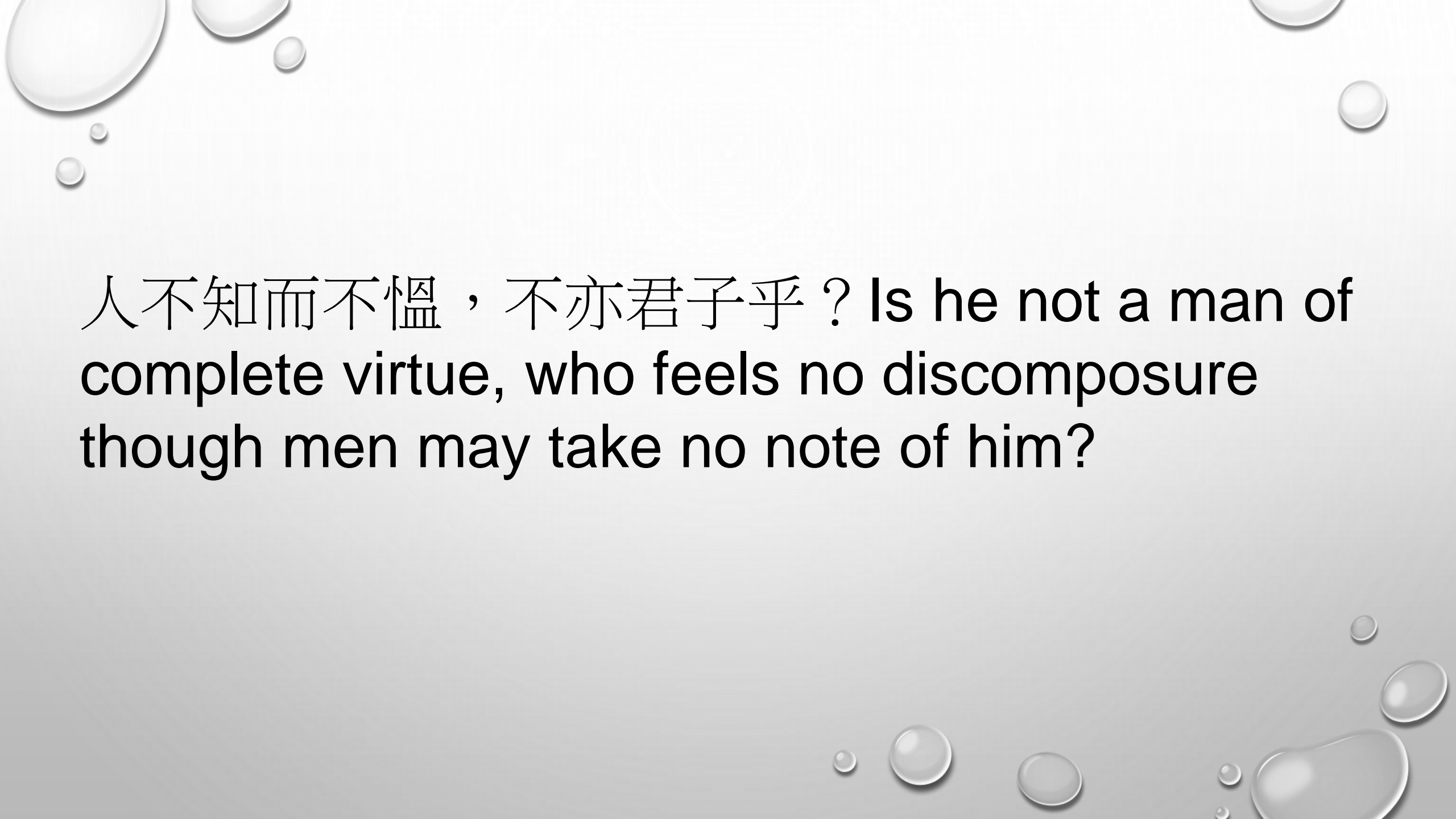


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**WHAT WOULD YOU WANT
PEOPLE TO VALUE YOU FOR?**



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3 TOUCHING STORIES

THAT WILL INSPIRE YOU
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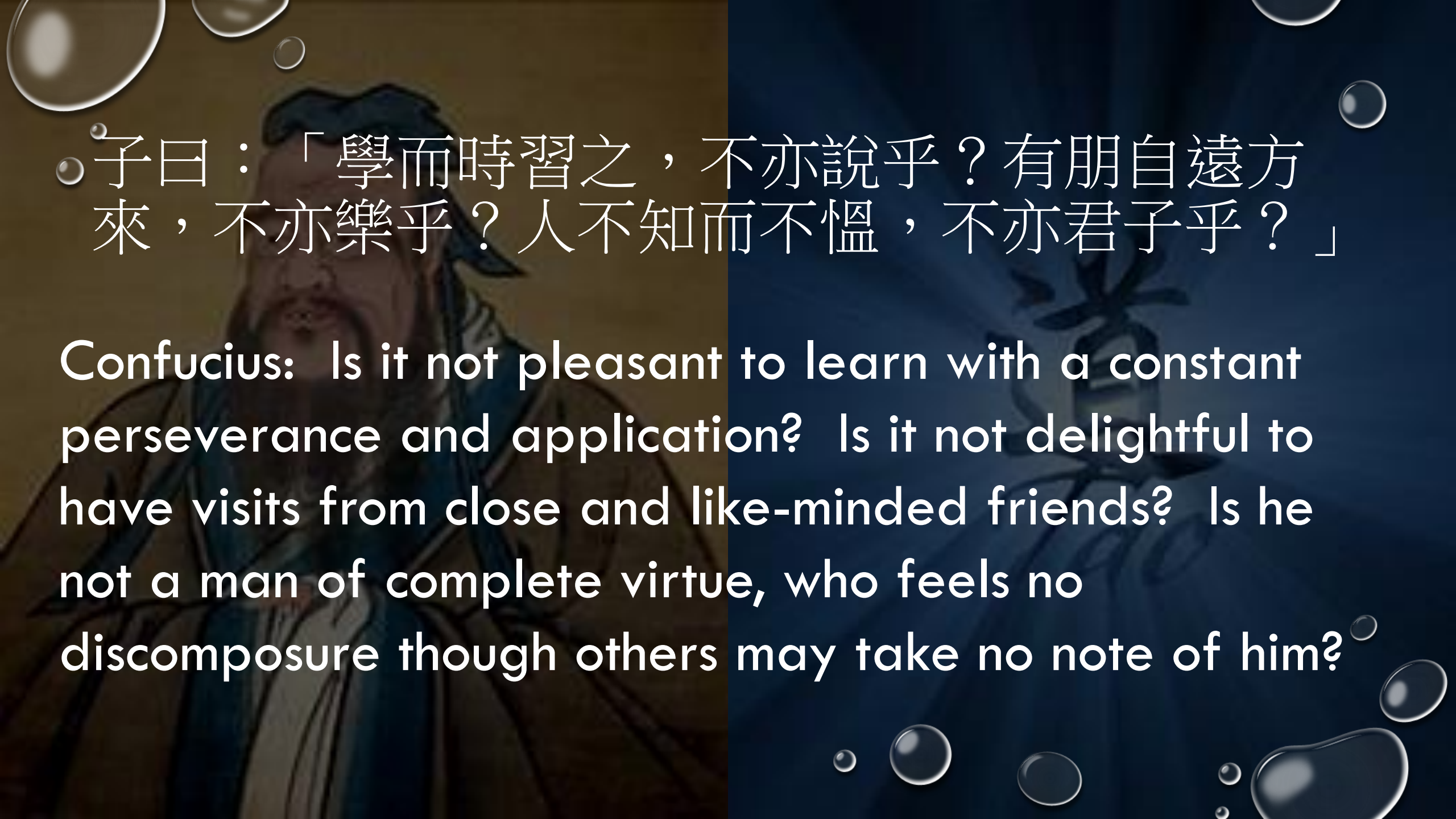
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Be grateful for every one of our experience.

Focus on internal cultivation and realization, not external recognition or accomplishments.

Set proper priorities.

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