

Confucianism

Key Person:

Confucius- worried about the disorder of China and wanted to restore peace and harmony.

Emphasis on education, loyalty, courtesy and hard work.

Analects- Collection of Confucian teachings

5 Relationships to govern human society

One person has authority over the other and should set an example for the inferior one.

- Ruler – ruled
- Father – son
- Older brother – younger brother
- Husband – wife
- Friend – friend

Filial Piety: The duty and respect children owe their parents

Family and good of society above individual interests

Daoism/Taoism

Key Person: *Lao Zi*

Wanted to create orderly society

Natural Way: The

- best way to live
- Rules for society are not needed because it disturbs the natural order

Belief in gods, spirits, and powerful forces in nature.

The Way of Life:

Writing emphasizing the link between people and nature

Increased knowledge of astronomy

Best government has fewest rules and laws

Legalism

Key Person:
Han Feizi

Reject Confucian ideas
of proper behavior

Belief people act out of
self interest. Need
rewards and
punishments.

Harsh rules and penalties set by
a strong ruler will ensure order.