

Title: Ancient Philosophies of China

The philosophy of Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism had influenced ancient Chinese thought. Confucianism emphasized on strong family and authoritative government. Conversely, Daoism preferred a simple life, independent of worldly restrictions, for avoiding wars and crimes. The third philosophy stressed on performing good acts in order to have more chances of rebirth. However, foreigners introduced major religions in China.

than war. But one thing is certain, many things were invented because of war.

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Three ways of thinking – Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism – influenced the ancient Chinese. Each one might help with a different part of life. Confucius outlined a code of proper behaviour arguing that if families were strong and united, the country would also be strong and united. He praised strict government. The followers of Daoism did not agree. They said that everyone should live by the laws of nature and should not be governed by too many regulations made by people. Daoists thought that there would be fewer wars and crimes when people stopped wanting things they could not obtain honestly. Buddhism taught believers that they could be reincarnated (born again) many times, and that performing good deeds in this life meant better chances in the next one. Besides these ways of thinking, foreigners brought Christianity, Judaism and the beliefs of Islam into the ancient China.

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