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Understanding Major World Religions
Lesson #7 – Notes

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“Confucianism”

I. Background on China

A. Shang Dynasty, 1750 BC

B. Chou Dynasty, 1100 BC

II. Confucianism

A. His name: K’ung Fu-tzu – (Kung the Master)

B. His life

1. All based upon oral tradition
2. Birth
3. Teacher
4. His life
5. Wanderer
6. At age 67 – Duke of Ai.
7. Died in 479 B.C.

III. Key Concepts

A. Jen

B. Chun Tzu

C. Li

1. Two meanings

2. Five abiding relationships

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

D. Te

E. Wen

IV. Practical advice

A. Education

B. Ethics in government

V. Back lash of the legalists

A. Produced three main schools of thought

B. Focus upon the legalists

1. Key features

VI. Points of contact with Christianity

A. Confucianism is more of a philosophy than a religion

B. Legalist concern