

**Philosophy of the Oriental Still
Wields a mighty
Influence.**

Confucius taught that the perfect being, the perfection of manhood, is the true purpose of life. The source of all happiness, which is a promptness of response to the needs of our natures, he considered a result proceeding from true being and not a goal in itself. He taught that the making of a perfect man, the superior man, as he called him, is the chief end of life, and that this can only be reached through the practice of perfect virtue. Virtue, therefore, he said, is the all in all, a necessary condition of the development of man spiritually and physically. In the atmosphere, he claimed, in

ly did he keep to this aim few of his disciples have ever been found to call in question the consistency of his long and eventful life. His religion consisted in constantly striving after perfection, most prominently seeking after good. With everything in nature was governed by law and only by unalterable law, supernatural and miraculous he could conceive of, and had no place for the possibility of this nature were to him or of others; but they were a contradiction in terms. He believed, as heretofore, that everything throughout the

the topics Confucius made the basis of his teaching, "Letters, Ethics, Education of Soul and Truthfulness." "If we read his biography we can understand how a man whose life was devoted to such tranquil pursuits, whose death scarcely produced a ripple on the smooth and silent surface of the Eastern world, could have left the press of his mind over 20 millions of human beings—an impress which, after 2423 years, is still discernible in the character of the descendent empire in the world."

"Men of principle are sure to be bold; but those who are bold may not always be men of principle."

"The holding of thoughts among certainties is worse than useless."

"The superior man has dignified himself without pride; the mean man has pride without dignified ease."

"He who speaks without modesty will find it difficult to make his words good."

"The way of heaven and earth are completely declared in one sentence: To be without any doubtfulness and so

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