

One of the difficulties in studying Chinese philosophy is that there are two ways that Chinese characters have been converted into the Roman alphabet. The older Wade-Giles Romanization of the Chinese is given in parentheses. The earlier editions of Koller's text used this older method but the current edition we are using employs the Pinyin method which is now the standard. Thus, to be clear, the older Wade-Giles romanization of the Chinese character 道 was *Tao*, but now the preferred Pinyin is *Dao*.

General Terms in Chinese Thought

道	<i>Dao (Tao)</i>	Way, road, path, method, to put into words
德	<i>De (Te)</i>	power, virtue, potency, excellence, efficacy
感應	<i>Ganying (Kan Ying)</i>	correlative or sympathetic resonance
和	<i>He (Ho)</i>	harmony
理	<i>Li</i>	pattern
命	<i>Ming</i>	destiny, fate, life, circumstance
名	<i>Ming</i>	linguistic terminology, names
人	<i>Ren (Jen)</i>	human being
聖人	<i>Shengren (Sheng jen)</i>	sage, wise person
天	<i>Tian (T'ien)</i>	heaven, nature, cosmos,
天地	<i>Tiandi (T'ien Ti)</i>	heaven and earth
天命	<i>Tianming (T'ien ming)</i>	Mandate of Heaven
天下	<i>Tianxia (T'ien hsia)</i>	the whole world, all under heaven,
氣	<i>Qi (Ch'i)</i>	energy, stuff, breath
為	<i>Wei</i>	action, activity
文	<i>Wen</i>	culture
無	<i>Wu</i>	absence, nothing, empty
心	<i>Xin (Hsin)</i>	heart-mind
玄	<i>Xuán (Hsüan)</i>	profound, mysterious, arcane
言	<i>Yan (Yen)</i>	language
陰	<i>Yin</i>	female principle
陽	<i>Yang</i>	male principle
知	<i>Zhi (Chih)</i>	knowledge, understanding

Important Confucian Terms

君子	<i>Junzi (Chün-tzu)</i>	noble person, gentleman, role model
仁	<i>Ren (Jen)</i>	humanity, benevolence
禮	<i>Li</i>	rites, ceremonial significance, propriety
恕	<i>Shu</i>	reciprocity, deference, empathy
義	<i>Yi</i>	rightness, duty, appropriateness
孝	<i>Xiao (Hsiao)</i>	filiality, family relationship
正名	<i>Zhengming (Cheng ming)</i>	correctness of terminology
忠	<i>Zhong (Chung)</i>	loyalty, especially to those above us
中庸	<i>Zhongyong (Chung-yung)</i>	dedicated, caring to the fullest about life

Important Daoist Terms

大	<i>Da</i>	vast
夢	<i>Meng</i>	dreaming
樸	<i>Pu (p'u)</i>	Natural simplicity, unworked wood, rough
無名	<i>Wuming (wu ming)</i>	Nameless
無事	<i>Wushi (wu shi)</i>	Not taking up a role in government
無為	<i>Wuwei (wu wei)</i>	Non interference, non-coercive action
無心	<i>Wuxin (wu hsin)</i>	Unmediated thinking and feeling
無用	<i>Wuyong (wu yung)</i>	Useless
無欲	<i>Wuyu (wu yu)</i>	Desireless, without desire, objectless desire
無知	<i>Wuzhi (wu chih)</i>	without cleverness
無爭	<i>Wuzheng (wu cheng)</i>	without contentiousness, striving, fighting
自然	<i>Ziran (tzu jan)</i>	Naturalness, spontaneity, so of itself