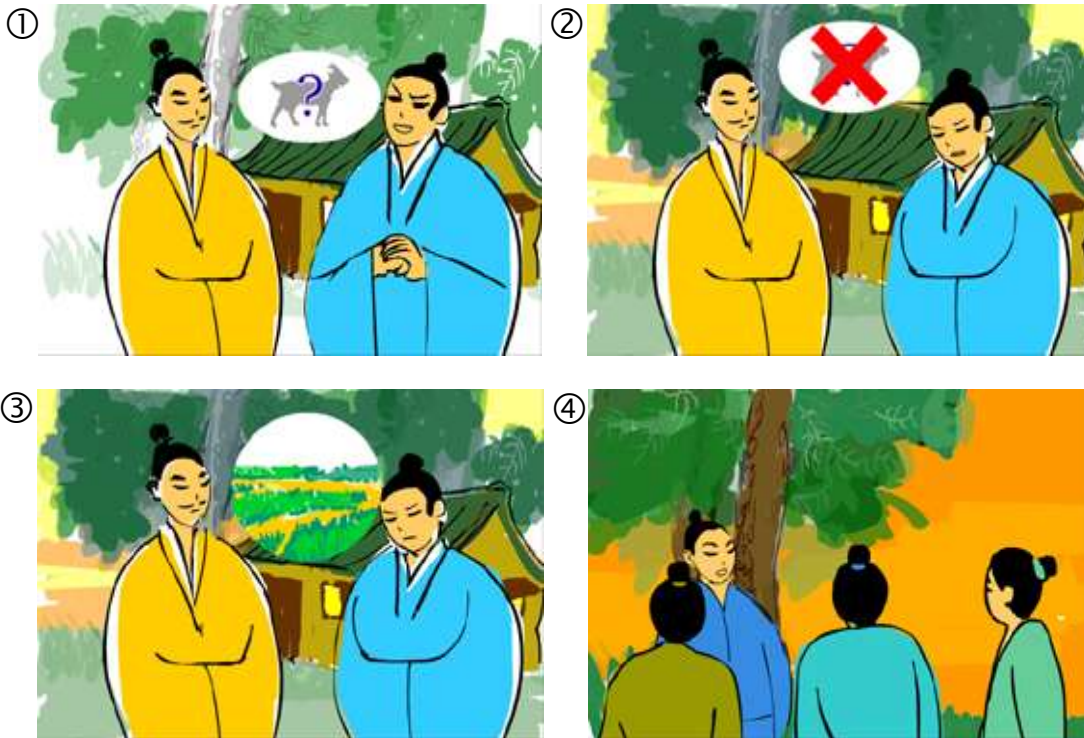


Path to Moral Excellence Personal Growth : Being Dedicated in What One Does



Story : Losing a Goat on the Branching Roads

1. Learn from a Story



Story adapted from Chapter "Shuo Fu", *The Works of Liezi*¹

¹ Information: The Works of Liezi

The Works of Liezi is a collection of argumentative essays and is one of the classical writings of Taoism. The major contents of this book are legends amongst the folks, fables and fairy tales and quite a number of popular stories, like "The Foolish Old Man who removed the mountains" (愚公移山) and "The man of Qi who feared that the sky might collapse" (杞人憂天), are also originated in this book. The simplicity and fertile imagination made *The Works of Liezi* gain a considerable reputation in literature.

2. Let Us Discuss

- 為甚麼鄰居找不到失去的羊呢？這和求學的態度又有甚麼關係呢？
- 如果一個人同時學習多樣東西，是否一件好事？請說說你的意見。
- 你參加了甚麼課外活動呢？你會怎樣分配時間呢？
- 古人說：「人若志趣不遠，心不在焉，雖學無成。」你同意這句話嗎？試以親身經驗說明。

3. Quotations from the Classics

(清) 曾國藩

《致澄弟溫弟沅弟季弟·道光二十四年正月二十六日》

(Qing Dynasty) *To Brother Cheng, Brother Wen, Brother Yuan and Brother Ji,*
26th of the First Lunar Month in Daoguang Year Twenty-four
(by Zeng Guofan)

凡事皆貴專。求師不專，則受益也不入；求友不專，則博愛而不親。

(No matter what we do, the most important thing is to concentrate. You will never get the essence of knowledge if you do not concentrate on learning. You will never make true friends if you are not sincere to your friends, even though you may be regarded as friendly to all.)

(宋) 林逋《省心錄》

(Song Dynasty) *Xing Xin Lu* (by Lin Bu)

心不清則無以見道；志不確則無以立功。

(If you do not clear up the messy thoughts in your mind, you will never understand the right way of life. If you do not establish your aims and goals, you will never accomplish your career goals and aspirations.)

(宋)張載《經學理窟·義理篇》
(Song Dynasty) Chapter "Yi Li", *Jing Xue Li Ku* (by Zhang Zai)

人若志趣不遠，心不在焉，雖學無成。

(If your aspirations and interest are not great enough, and your mind and soul fail to concentrate, you will not get anything out of your learning.)