

Oh Confucius, What Do You Mean?

Directions: Confucius, founder of the philosophy known as Confucianism, was known for the statements he made concerning the nature of life and how one should live it. Read over each of Confucius' statements below. After reading each one, translate it to what it might mean today!

What Confucius Said...	What Confucius Means...
"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."	
"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."	
"In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of."	
"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."	
"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."	
"If you look into your own heart, and you find nothing wrong there, what is there to worry about? What is there to fear?"	
"To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge."	
"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."	

Being Confucius...

Directions: In the space provided, try to think of three of the most important principles about how to live a good life. What is important you? What do you value? Then, put them in words that Confucius would say!

What are your Confucius quotes?	What do they mean?