

General Terms in Chinese Thought

	<u>Pinyin (Wade-Giles)</u>	
辯	<i>bian (pien)</i>	disputation
常	<i>chang (ch'ang)</i>	regular, constantly recurring, always
誠	<i>cheng (ch'eng)</i>	authenticity
大	<i>da (ta)</i>	great, vast, expansive
道	<i>dao (tao)</i>	way or path, to guide, guiding moral discourse
德	<i>de (te)</i>	virtue, potency of character, charisma
法	<i>fa</i>	standards, models, measures, law
反	<i>fan</i>	returning
和	<i>he (ho)</i>	harmony
化	<i>hua</i>	transformation
君子	<i>junzi (Chün-tzu)</i>	exemplary person, role model, gentleman
理	<i>li</i>	pattern of the universe, order of nature
禮	<i>li</i>	ritual propriety, rites
命	<i>ming</i>	destiny, fate, circumstances, lifespan
名	<i>ming</i>	linguistic terms, words, names
明	<i>ming</i>	clarity, insight
氣	<i>qi (ch'i)</i>	vital energy, breath
情	<i>qing (ch'ing)</i>	conditions, emotions
人	<i>ren (jen)</i>	human being, person, people
仁	<i>ren (jen)</i>	humanity, human-heartedness, benevolence
善	<i>shan</i>	excellent, good
神	<i>shen</i>	spirit
生	<i>sheng</i>	life, living, birth, producing, growing, existing
聖人	<i>sheng ren (sheng jen)</i>	sage, wise person, wise ruler, virtuous ruler
士	<i>shi (shih)</i>	aspirant, scholar-official, moral apprentice
勢	<i>shi (shih)</i>	position of authority, influential status, potential
是非	<i>shi fei (shih fei)</i>	evaluative judgment, right and wrong

恕	<i>shu</i>	empathetic consideration, reciprocity, deference
天	<i>tian (t'ien)</i>	the Cosmos, the forces of nature, the heavens, sky
天地	<i>tian di (t'ien ti)</i>	heaven and earth, the Cosmos
天命	<i>tian ming (t'ien ming)</i>	Circumstances brought about by the cosmos
為	<i>wei</i>	action, activity, make, become, do
偽	<i>wei</i>	artifice, intentional activity
文	<i>wen</i>	culture
無	<i>wu</i>	absence, nothing, empty
心	<i>xin (hsin)</i>	heart, mind, heart-mind, thoughts and feelings
信	<i>xin (hsin)</i>	trustworthiness
性	<i>xing (hsing)</i>	natural dispositions, natural tendencies
言	<i>yan (yen)</i>	language
義	<i>yi</i>	appropriateness, honorable, integrity, rightness
陰陽	<i>yin yang</i>	yin and yang, shady and bright
有	<i>you (yu)</i>	something, presence, existence
真	<i>zhen (chen)</i>	genuine, genuineness
真人	<i>zhen ren (chen jen)</i>	the genuine(ly) human
知	<i>zhi (chih)</i>	wisdom
忠	<i>zhong (chung)</i>	loyal resolve, doing one's utmost

Important Confucian Terms

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孝	<i>xiao (hsiao)</i>	filial piety, family relationship
正名	<i>zheng ming (cheng ming)</i>	rectification of names, proper terminology
忠	<i>zhong (chung)</i>	loyal resolve, doing one's utmost
中庸	<i>zhong yong (chung-yung)</i>	sincerity, truth, integrity

Important Mohist Term

兼愛	<i>jian'ai (chien ai)</i>	Impartial concern, universal love
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Important Daoist Terms

無名	<i>wuming (wu ming)</i>	Nameless
無事	<i>wushi (wu shi)</i>	Non-interfering,
無為	<i>wuwei (wu wei)</i>	Non-action, 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 wisdom, unprincipled knowing
無爭	<i>wuzheng (wu cheng)</i>	without contentiousness, striving, fighting
樸	<i>pu (p'u)</i>	Natural simplicity, unworked wood, rough
自然	<i>ziran (tzu jan)</i>	Naturalness, spontaneity, so of itself