

Templates for Change

Our Human Heritage

Confucius, Hanoi

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OUR HUMAN HERITAGE

Back to our earliest times there have always been special humans seeking what is best and urging us all onwards. Their collected endeavours still exist in essence form to speak to us today, with their inspirational power and encouragement, as we too seek a better world.

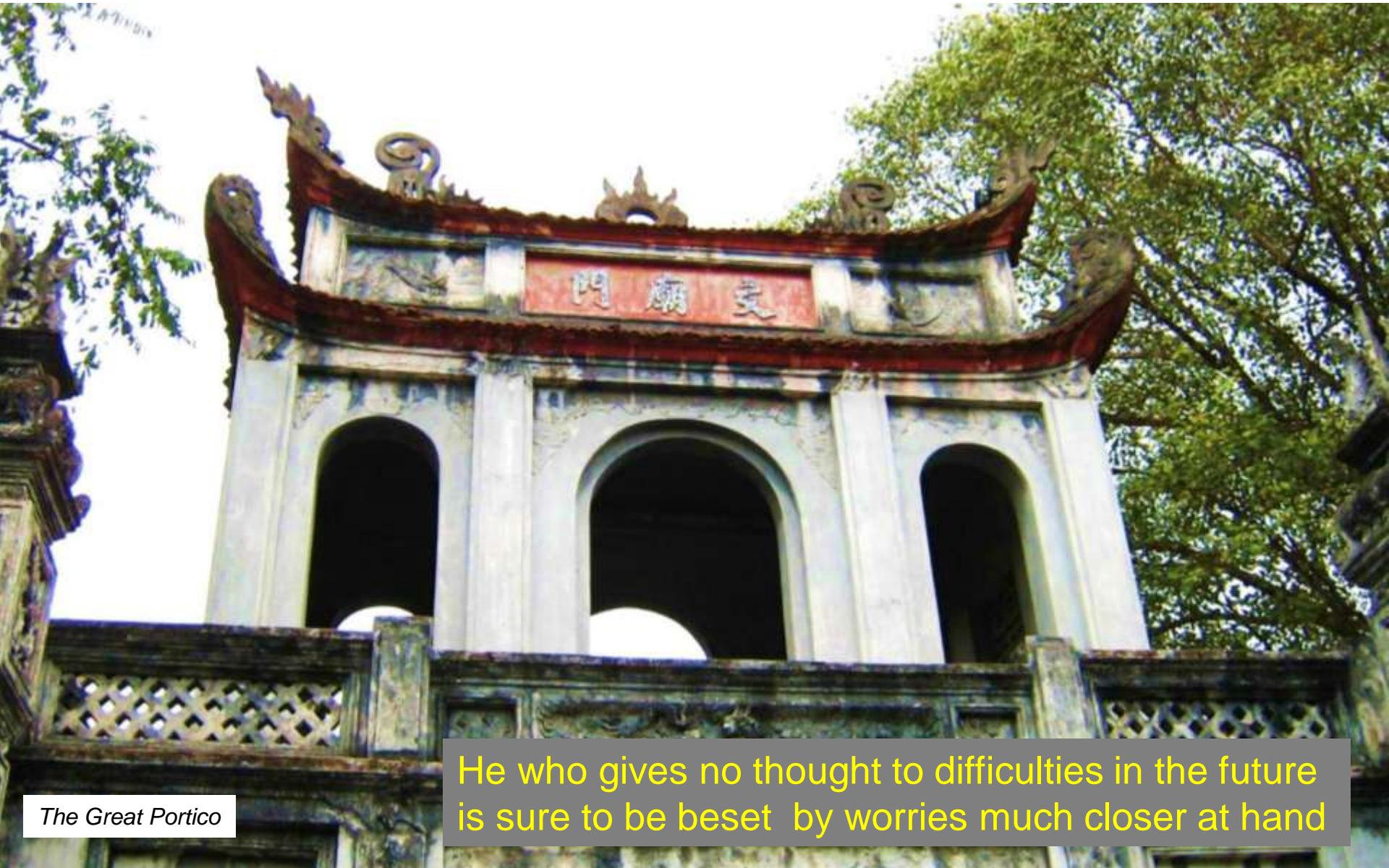
Confucius – a man of ‘Splendid intellect and spirit’ - ‘One of the most reasonable and humane thinkers of all time’. And his Analects, ‘A veritable feast of wisdom, philosophy and social morality’.

Pictures from the Temple of Literature and Confucius, Hanoi

Bring peace to
the old, have trust
in your friends,
and cherish the
young



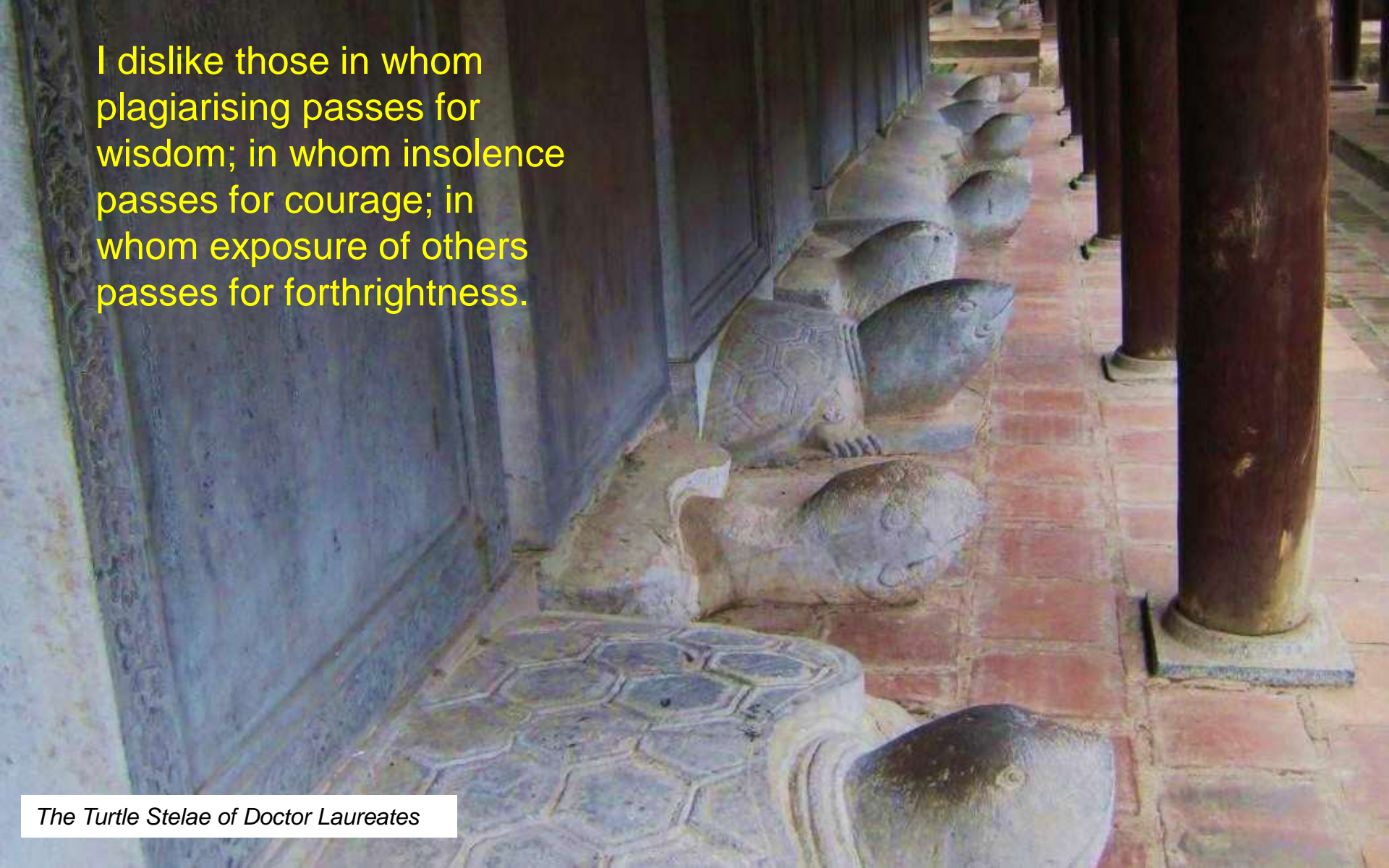
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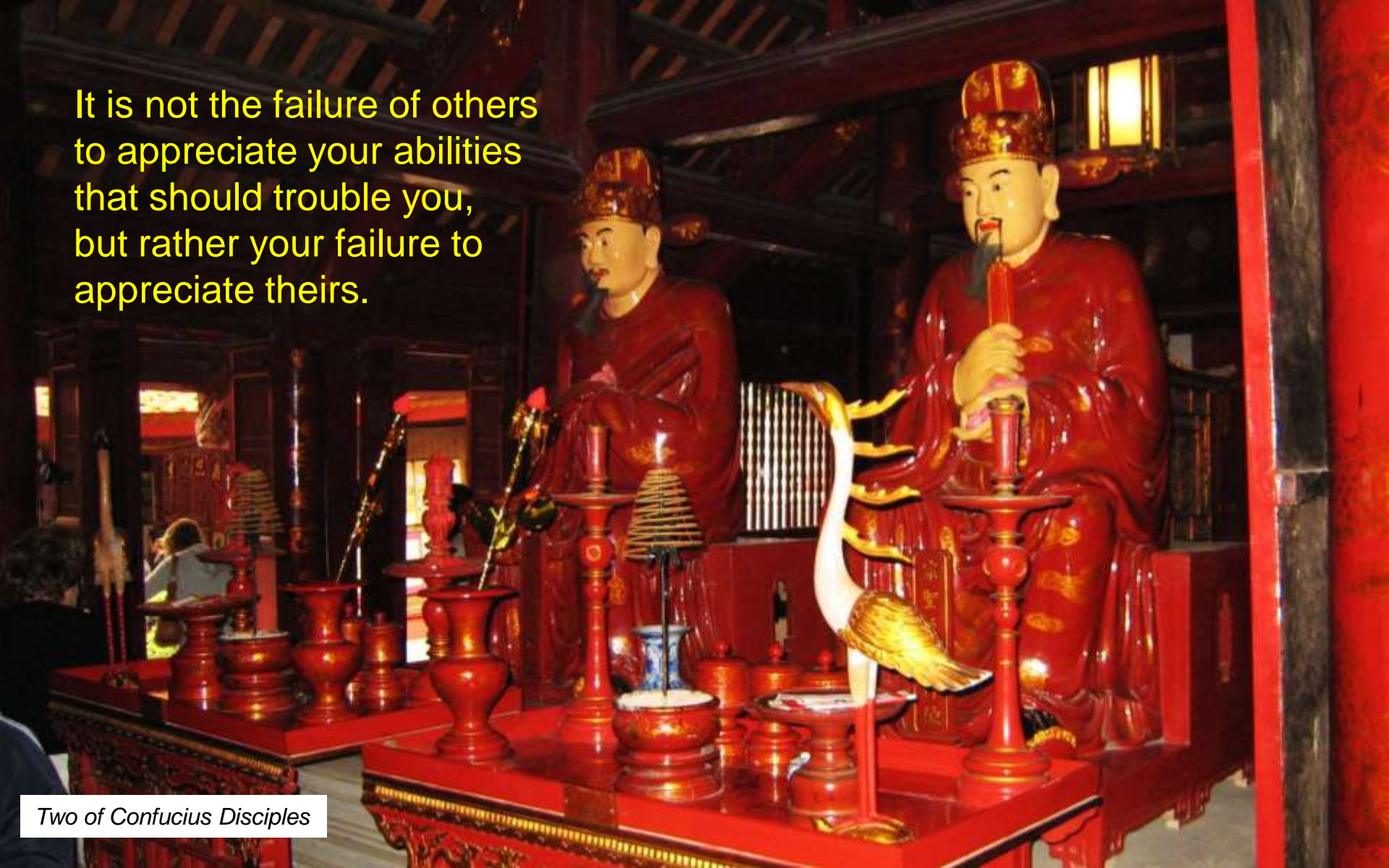
He who gives no thought to difficulties in the future is sure to be beset by worries much closer at hand

I dislike those in whom
plagiarising passes for
wisdom; in whom insolence
passes for courage; in
whom exposure of others
passes for forthrightness.

The Turtle Stelae of Doctor Laureates



It is not the failure of others to appreciate your abilities that should trouble you, but rather your failure to appreciate theirs.



Two of Confucius Disciples

Make it your guiding principle to do your best for others and to be trustworthy in what you say. When you make a mistake do not be afraid of mending your ways.



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To say you know when you know, and to say you do not know when you do not, that is knowledge.



Detail of Great Portico

In their dealings with the world the ideal person is not for or against anything. They are on the side of what is moral.

Temple Altar



When with two people, I am bound to be able to learn from them. The good points of the one I copy; the bad points of the other I correct in myself.

Statue of Confucius





Roof Details of Pavilion

Why not simply say of me: he is the sort of man who is so full of joy that he forgets his worries and who does not notice the onset of old age.

Thank you for joining us today, we hope you enjoyed it!



Confucius 551 – 479 BC

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