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by Confucius (551 BCE-479 BCE)

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The *Analects*, or *Lunyu* (simplified Chinese: 论语; traditional Chinese: 論語; pinyin: Lún Yǔ; literally "Classified/Ordered Sayings"), also known as the *Analects of Confucius*, are considered a record of the words and acts of the central Chinese thinker and philosopher Confucius and his disciples, as well as the discussions they held. Written during the Spring and Autumn Period through the Warring States Period (ca. 475 BC - 221 BC), the *Analects* is the representative work of Confucianism and continues to have a substantial influence on Chinese and East Asian thought and values today.

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