

Nationalism

• one's country comes before one's self.

• Belief that the interest of one's country are the most important; that one's country is superior.

- Taken very seriously... all one's actions should honor others at all times.
- Each person has a responsibility greater than themselves to their country, lord, parents, family, etc.
- To dishonor yourself/family/society, was the most shameful act, and dishonor could be passed down to your children/family.

Duty: Honor

Family: Filial Piety

From Confucianism the idea that the most important virtue and duty was to respect, honor and obey ones parents, elders and ancestors.

your family name, history; ancestors. You love; honor your family more than yourself.

Morality: etiquette

- Strict moral code of honor, duty; virtue.
- The self is not importance - the group is.

• Strict rules of behavior for men; women were frowned upon. You were to be calm; reserved.

• peace: simplicity; very important

• a focus on others to better know one's self

• meditation

Spirituality

Philosophy

• Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Christianity (later)

letting go of material wealth

• Nature as a source of the divine.

Asian Literature

(China, Japan, North & South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, The Phillipines)

Politics & Social Structure

isolationism for 100's of years.

Domestic politics are more important than international politics

Japan prior to WWII

China during the cultural Revolution

North Korea today

religious figures (monks) have high importance.

Under the feudal system the poor owed their allegiance and honor to their lord

Politics & Social Structure

The Emperor is divine, a god on earth

one must practice diligence to achieve perfection in all things.

Traditions & Cultural Values

Women are docile & beautiful - subservient to men

honoring the gods; ancestors is important

It is our duty to protect nature

Nature is a reflection of the human spirit

Nothing is more beautiful than the simplicity of nature.

• Nature is a divine source of inspiration

Nature connects us to the spirit world

Nature Beauty

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