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| **Confucians** | **Daoism** | **Legalism** |
| This philosophy is based on the belief of ren (loving others). Ren could be put into action using the Golden Rule, "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others." (*Lunyu* 12.2, 6.30). The beliefs were also based on self-discipline. | The people who practice Daoism don’t think that living is suffering. They think it should be balanced. Many of this philosophy’s members are vegetarian. | Legalism emphasizes on the need for order above all. If they have a strong leader, it will lead to people moving in the direction of that leader, which will then turn into strong order and authority. The right path is what ever the ruler wants it to be. |