

字子思，春秋末年鲁国人。出身贫寒，终生未仕。孔子去世后，他隐居卫国，粗茶淡饭，茅屋陋巷，生活极为清苦，但却能清静守节，安贫乐道。后世视其为穷不失志，安贫乐道的典范。唐玄宗开元二十七年封为「原伯」，宋真宗大中祥符二年升为「任城侯」。

19 原宪

(小孔子三十六岁)



19. YUAN XIAN

(36 YEARS YOUNGER THAN CONFUCIUS)

Yuan Xian, styled Zisi, was a native of the State of Lu. Born into a poor family, he never served as an official. After Confucius passed away, he lived in the State of Wei in seclusion. Though he lived in a thatched cottage and ate simple food, he was happy, and noted for purity and modesty. The people of later generations took him as an example of "being poor yet not losing his righteousness, and being content with poverty". In the 27th year of the Kaiyuan reign period of Emperor Xuanzong of the Tang Dynasty, he was given the title of Count Yuan; and in the second year of the Dazhong Xiangfu reign period of Emperor Zhenzong of the Song Dynasty, Duke Rencheng.