



“^{lǐ yí lián chǐ}禮義廉恥， (Propriety, justice, integrity, and honor) ^{guó zhī sì wéi}國之四維。 (are the four cornerstones of a nation.) ^{sì wéi bù zhāng}四維不張， ^{guó nǎi miè wáng}國乃滅亡。” (When the four cornerstones are not established, the nation will be doomed to perish.) ^{lǐ yí}禮義， ^{zhì rén zhī dà fǎ}治人之大法； (With propriety and justice, the government functions properly and powerfully;) ^{lián chǐ}廉恥， ^{lì rén zhī dà jiē}立人之大節。 (with integrity and honor, the individuals become responsible citizens.) ^{kuàng wéi dà chén ér mó lián chǐ}況為大臣而無廉恥， (if even the top government officials do not practice integrity and honor,) ^{tiān xià qí yǒu bù luàn}天下其有不亂、^{guó jiā qí yǒu bù wáng zhě hū}國家其有不亡者乎！ (you have got to be kidding if you expect people’s lives are not turned upside down and the fate of the nation does not kiss the dust!)