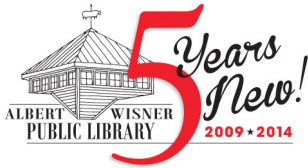




## MENA MESSINA *PEACE AND BENEVOLENCE EARRINGS*



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Benevolence

Jên

Jen, or benevolence, the first of the four virtues considered by Confucius to be innate in humans, can also be translated as "kindness" or "humanity." The ideas are inseparable. It is our humanity that prompts us to do good unto others, as we would have done unto ourselves.

平

Peace

P'ing

The character for Peace illustrates a vital principle in classical Chinese thought ~ the principle of balance between opposing forces. When there is equilibrium among humans, then nature and the heavens are balanced and Peace prevails.

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