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## **From Secular Confucianism to Sacred Confucianism: In the Light of Education**

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It is widely granted that religion preceded philosophy. From the thinking mode's point of view, it is assumed that philosophy occurred in advance of religion. A judgment of the religiosity of Confucianism is just an application of this hypothesis. My maintenance is that Confucianism became a religious sect in Han dynasty, which followed the period of mythical age and philosophical age. This hypothesis can be verified in the light of education, either the formation of the authoritative status of Confucian canons as textbook or the development of the connotation of the conception of Sage as teacher.



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