**Harmony/和(Hé)**

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It seems no one has any good reason to refuse harmony, since harmony is apparently a good situation for everything. So a harmonious family is good, a harmonious city is good, a harmonious nation is good, and a “harmonious world” is good----it is not only an ideal claimed by Chinese philosophy, we see it also in Leibniz’s philosophy that supposes God has a plan of predetermined harmony for the world. Theoretically speaking, every system is perfect if it is in harmony in terms of consistency and coherence, as perfect as an ideal system of mathematics or logic. But a skeptical question remains here, which is, the logical or theoretical harmony does not necessarily imply the realistic or ontological best situation of a world of beings. A system of “everything in order”, meaning “good”, might be the end of history, an immobile and static state with no more vitality. Is it what we want?