



● 謝謝，讀經班！

- “WHY do I have to go 讀經 on a Saturday when all my friends are at the beach?” I grumbled as my mother, Karen Kuo-Limb, drove me and my brother to 讀經班. She would always reply: “這些讀經道理會幫助你一輩子，你長大就知道了。你反正一定要坐在這邊上課，所以乾脆好好地學！” Looking back at those cherished memories now, she was right as usual—I can’t thank her enough for making me stick to it because it has truly changed my life for the better.
- We had 讀經班 every Saturday for as long as I can remember. I used to always complain in the car on the way over to class, but once I was there my mother would make sure I was paying attention. We would have to memorize passages and recite them in front of the class every week. With each class I was unknowingly feeding my values system and moral code, enriching it with teachings of 孔子 and 孟子. Along with this spiritual nourishment, came experience presenting in front of others and memorization praxis. The spiritual/moral guidance and tools 讀經班 has provided me with really are priceless and I can never thank my mother, 黃院長 and our 讀經班 enough for giving me this opportunity and education. The weekly classes and the re-enforcements of the principles and lessons at home from my parents has undeniably helped mold me into the person I am today. 讀經班 not only helped lay down my basic principles and values, but also helped immensely in my decision-making as I grew older.
- The aspect that I love about our 讀經 reading club is the fact that our teachers explain the original principles but relate it so well to everyday life with real day-to-day examples that it becomes relevant and doubles as an advisor in personal and business life. If I had to pick out one teaching that sticks out to me the most, I would have to choose the phrase “慎獨” (SHEN DU) because I use it on a daily basis. It essentially tells us to act the same and do the right thing whether someone is watching you or not. Doing the right thing is not an act; it is a way of life.
- 讀經 is something that has become a core part of who I am and I truly hope the reading club is around for when I have kids so I can pass its teachings along to them. I can’t wait for their complaints to me asking why they have to go to class instead of going to the beach with their friends. I can just picture myself saying to them: “你長大就知道了” just as my mother said to me so many years ago.

Humbly,
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