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The Great Relationships

The essence of Confucius' ethics lies in his formulation of the Five Relationships: between ruler and subject, father and son, husband and wife, older brother and younger brother, older friend and younger friend. These five are the 'great' relationships which Confucius recognised as fundamental to the social order.

From 'Life', June 1955.

A Fable for Critics

When nature was shaping him,
clay was not granted
for making so full-sized a man as she wanted.
So, to fill out her model, a little she spared
from some finer-grained stuff, for a woman prepared.
And she could not have hit a more excellent plan,
for making him fully and perfectly man.

James Russel Lowell.

They want to legalize Homosexuality

From PEOPLE TODAY, July 7, 1955.

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Homosexual behavior shall no longer be punishable by law, unless it involves force or coercion, entangles minors, or offends in public. This proposal, sure to arouse many Americans, comes from a group made up of many of the nation's most distinguished lawyers and judges. What made them decide this? How, in their opinion, can the removal of penalties for homosexuality improve public morality? What action is likely to result? Herewith PEOPLE TODAY presents a close-up of a situation of concern to every American.

If you were a lawyer, law professor or judge, you'd be honored if you were asked to join the American Law Institute. It has about 1,300 members. Its annual meetings are addressed by the Chief Justice of the United States. One of the Institute's aims is 'to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs.'

Right now, the Institute is busy on a monumental project, aided by a 300,000 dollars grant from the Rockefeller Foundation: to write a Model Penal Code for the guidance of state legislatures, which keep revising state laws.

This year, the Institute produced a bombshell: Article 207 of the Model Code, dealing with sex offenses. Adultery, now punishable in 43 states, was removed entirely from the area of criminality.

Even more surprising are the provisions of Section 207.5—on homosexuality, referred to as sodomy or deviate sexual intercourse. This is now severely punishable in every state, with up to 20 years imprisonment in New York, to 60 years in N. Carolina, and life at hard labor in