SUMMARY

This dissertation is a study of Qian Mu's development of Confucian thought. Qian Mu (1895 - 1990 AD) was an important research worker of Confucian thought. In his life time, Chinese culture was influenced incessantly by western culture. Some people disapproved the values of Confucian thought, but Qian Mu was not affected by this trend. He still believed in the truths of Confucian thought. He maintained that Confucian thought was valuable and timeless. The main purpose of this dissertation is to evaluate and appraise the values of Confucian thought that were elucidated by Qian Mu.

This dissertation is divided into six chapters:

Chapter 1 is the introduction to the dissertation, in which the purposes, the objectives of study, its scope, and methods will be discussed.

Chapter 2 introduces the rationale, attitude and methods of Qian Mu's development of Confucian thought.

Chapter 3 is mainly concerned with the important elucidations of Qian Mu's development of Confucian thought.

Chapter 4 provides a detailed analysis of the enlightenments of Qian Mu's development of Confucian thought.

Chapter 5 discusses the limitations of Qian Mu's development of Confucian thought.

Chapter 6 is the conclusion, which assesses the modern significances or values of Confucian thought. It also states that the relationship between the future generations and the Confucian thought.