

RULERS

**"Why are the people starving?
Because the rulers eat up the
money in taxes. Therefore the
people are starving.**

**Why are the people rebel-
lious? Because the rulers inter-
fer too much. Therefore the
people are rebellious.**

**Why do people think so little
of death? Because the rulers
demand too much of life. There-
fore the people take death
lightly.**

**Having little to live on, one
knows better than to value
life too much."**

From LAO TSIU 600 B.C.