De 德 (virtue; manifestations of the dao). (1) Generally speaking, in the Chinese tradition, the term ‘de’ means human moral virtue. (2) In Daoism (especially in the Dao-De-Jing), the term ‘de’ is used in its related broad and narrow senses: in its broad sense, it means manifestations of the (metaphysical) dao, or individualized daos, in particular things of the universe; in its narrow sense, it means the manifestation of the (metaphysical) dao in human beings regarding morality, the human virtue, which endows human beings with the power that distinguishes human beings from other things. See also dao.