

Mencius

- 1) CC4 2A.4 – policies of a good ruler
- 2) CC2 1A.7 – Intelligent ruler regulates his people
- 3) CC4 2A.6 – “The feeling...”
- 4) CC3 1B.7 \ _ Ideas of democracy
CC6 4A.9 /
- 5) CC6 5B.8 – The best gentlemen
- 6) CC7 6A.2 – The true nature of man
 - 1) Work a little more instead of paying taxes
 - a. Lazy people wouldn't do the extra work: similar to communist farm
 - b. No revenue for government
 - c. Relies on people being inherently good: forming a Utopian society
 - 2) Ruler should ensure the entire family is fed well
 - a. Would focus want to their family
 - b. Implementation would be hard
 - c. Social welfare takes away from family reliance
 - d. Put people in a position to support themselves > opportunity for better jobs – make government more efficient to help people out
 - 3) Feeling of commiseration is the natural state
 - a. “All men have the heart which cannot bear to see the suffering of others.”
 - b. Conditioning can change the human state: ex. People living in a war zone
 - c. Human heart grows and decays based on nourishment
 - d. “Humanity, righteousness, ritual... seek and you will find it, neglect it and you will lose it.”
 - 4) Government is determined by the will of the people
 - a. Win the heart of the people to rise to power
 - b. Need people to find out the will of the people
 - c. Emperor raised drastically different: different point of view
 - 5) Best gentlemen at Wabash
 - a. People from across the country come here to make friends with other gentlemen