

## Selections from the Mencius

EE1-EE2

Notes 11/12/08

### **Interest passages from Class**

1A.7-Respect

1A.1-Prophet

1B.5-Weakness

4B4-How to govern

3A.4-Social interactions

6A6-Human Nature

6A8- Ox

6A7- Young people

7B14-Government

7A29-Pointless action

6A11-Humanity

2A8-Well and poor beginning

### **Interesting topics talked about in Class**

-Similar to Confucius

-Confucius tried to avoid the topic of human nature

-Mencius talks about human nature

-Mencius added to the ideas of Confucius

-Recurring themes: Humanity, gentlemen, Behavior.

-He could be inspired by Confucius

-6A8- Ox mountain illustrated as a human heart, it was once beautiful but over time it became destroyed, but it can recover

-Why talk about this softer side?

Answer: could be giving them comfort at the time.

-Man is inherently good- people are good but it is there circumstances that cause them to do bad things

7B14-People are the most important

7B13

-Without a leader there is not one to lead

-ruler is top and bottom

2A6-a man without a feeling of right and wrong is not a man

-value human life

-Chinese believe good is having respect for society

-Chinese

5B8

-Fire beginnings

-Filip's ringtone went off in class at this point

-Right and Wrong is it wrong to steal food if you are starving?

-What is right and wrong?

-Humans have free will

-A human must have a goal