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A Study of the Book of Change 's Thoughts in Mencius—Taking the Meaning of shi 時 as An Example

《孟子》的《易》學思想研究—以「時」之義為例

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Title of Dissertation:

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Aims and Objectives:

In the preface of *Mengzi Zhengyi* which written by Jiao Xun in Qing dynasty, Jiao Xun thought that Mencius was very good at *the book of Change*. Therefore he believed that although there was not any character directly about *the book of Change* in *Mencius*, there would be some concepts or thoughts in *Mencius* from *the book of Change*. Thus in Jiao Xun's book, he always interpreted Mencius based on the thoughts of Changes.

However, there are some scholars disagreed with Jiao's theory. They thought that the reason why Jiao stated that theory is totally because of his studied on Changes, in other words, they they thought that Jiao's theory was not reasonable.

But I fully agree with Jiao, so I want to write this essay to prove his theory.

Abstract (approximately 500 words):

Mencius was a famous philosopher in the Warring States period, and was supported to be the representative figure of the Confucianism. Although when he was born, Confucius

had passed away for over a hundred years, Mencius was very admired Confucius' thoughts and behaviours. He also put those thoughts in his own book *Mencius*. Moreover, Zhao Qi, a scholar in the Eastern Han period, also stated that there were many concepts in *Mencius* were same with Confucius' thoughts.

However, another scholar Jiao Xun in Qing dynasty said that there were also many concepts in *Mencius* were same to the thoughts of *Changes*. He then gave many examples to prove his theory, but some of other scholars did not agree with him and thought his theory was unreasonable.

Therefore, in order to make my essay more convincing and avoid forced interpretation, I chose to analyse the ordinary text of *Mencius* whether it had same concepts as *Changes*, instead of directly analyzing Jiao's work. Furthermore, because of the word limitation, I only chose the most important aspect in between *Mencius* and *Changes* which is the concept of shi 時 and I will divided the concept into three parts to analyse.

Key words: Mencius, Changes, the concept of shi 時, convergence

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