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The Era of Science and Technology: Opportunities and Challenges in Practicing Family Reverence

Good afternoon Mr. Yin, other teachers, and fellow classmates. Thank you for attending my presentation about The Era of Science and Technology: Opportunities and Challenges in Practicing Family Reverence. This presentation has three parts: first, based on classics, analyzes opportunities and challenges of implementation family reverence in the era of technology. The second part, we will learn about the behavior and intention of implementing family reverence from ancient people. The third part is the conclusion.

Part 1: opportunities and challenges

Family reverence, as a traditional virtue passed down for thousands of years in China, has taken on different manifestations in different eras. The rapid development of technology has brought about earth-shaking changes to our lives and presented new opportunities and challenges for the implementation of family reverence.

1.The act of family reverence begins with loving oneself

The Classic of Family Reverence said: “ Your physical person with its hair and skin are received from your parents. Vigilance in not allowing anything to do injury to your person is where family reverence begins.”

Nowadays, with the Internet, there are many instructional videos on exercise and traditional Chinese medicine health preservation. We can learn anytime and anywhere. Sometimes, I learn health preservation knowledge online and share it with my parents, even signing them up for online Tai Chi classes. While taking care of myself, I also help my parents to maintain their health.

2.With the support of technology, fulfill the heart of family reverence

The Classic of Family Reverence said: “in tending to their needs and wants strive to bring them enjoyment.”

A few years ago, my grandma wanted to read the "Dizang Sutra", but she didn't recognize many characters. I found a suitable video for her, and she was very happy. Later, my grandma was able to read the scriptures and happily told me

that she had learned many characters. Seeing my grandma's joy in learning the Dharma, I was also filled with happiness. I have come to realize that technology is not only a learning tool for young people but can also serve as a favorable condition for us to fulfill family reverence and help our elders achieve their wishes.

When I'm away from my parents, during festivals or birthdays, I can send gifts to them through online shopping and prepare some small surprises. If my parents are not feeling well, I can also buy medicine through delivery platforms and make medical appointments in advance into some online medical platforms to meet their needs in a timely manner. Even when apart, parents can feel our love and care.

3. Going through the motions - emphasizing substance over form (**challenge**)

The Analects of Confucius said: “The gentleman devotes himself to cultivating the Basic; once that is established, the True Way follows.”

The essence of family reverence lies in sincere love and respect, not superficial actions. Technology is a convenient tool that helps us practice family reverence. Love toward parents is the "root", the foundation for the continuation and implementation of family reverence. One must not put the cart before the horse. Technology brings convenience but also challenges.

For instance, when we see friends carefully choosing gifts for their parents, do we blindly follow the trend, merely fulfilling a form of "family reverence", or do we truly want to make our parents happy and content from the bottom of our hearts? If one merely follows the crowd without genuine sincerity, then no matter how expensive or pretty this gift is, it will only be superficial and fail to convey the love and care we have for our parents deep in our hearts.

For instance, while online learning, we will encounter inappropriate and disrespectful words and viewpoints towards our parents and families. Can we always remain vigilant and not be influenced by these negative pieces of information? Can we judge our parents without using these improper remarks? In this information age, our hearts are easily disturbed by the outside world. If we are not careful, we may lose our way and forget our love for our parents.

Family reverence is inherent in one's nature. It stems from deep gratitude and respect for one's parents from the bottom of one's heart. One should not easily

change one's original intention because of the assistance of technology. It offers convenience but can't replace our nature. Therefore, use technology, but it must be based on a heart and actions that can be implemented in substance.

Part 2: Admire the virtuous and learn the practice of family reverence.

In today's era of rapid technological development, facing numerous opportunities and challenges, if we want to better implement family reverence, we might as well first draw strength from the conduct of our ancestors. Next, let's learn about the story of Cui Mian of the Tang Dynasty together and see how he practiced family reverence.

When Cui Mian was young in the Tang Dynasty, he was filial. His mother lost sight. He spent all his family's money seeking medical treatment everywhere and he personally took care of his mother's daily life and meals for thirty years without being lazy. Whenever there was a beautiful scene or a fine day, he would surely accompany his mother out for a trip, and tell her interesting stories, so that his mother could forget the pain of her illness. After his mother's death, he was so sad that he became a vegetarian all his life.

Cui Mian's family reverence lies in "sincerity" rather than formality. He doesn't only takes actions but also cares about his mother's health in the details of daily life and takes the initiative to create happiness for her.

Part 3: conclusion

The great learning said: “ From the Son of Heaven down to the mass of the people, all must consider the cultivation of the person the root of everything besides.”

Master Chin Kung often teaches us: “Respecting parents and teachers is the most fundamental and important aspect of spiritual practice.”

In ancient times, without technology, Cui Mian was able to show family reverence and set an example for later generations. Even now, with advanced technology, we can still show family reverence. Family reverence is not restricted by external time and space. Just like in "The Classic of Family Reverence", from the emperor to the common people, their status and position may be different, but the heart of family reverence is the same. Especially in the era of technology, we can take advantage of its convenience to hear, feel and respond to our parents' needs, and fulfill family reverence with unwavering

sincerity. The above is my report on The Classic of Family Reverence this time. If there are any inappropriate parts, please offer your advise.