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An Exploration of How Shun
Embodied '*Filial Piety to Parents*'
in the *Mencius*

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Unbound by preconceived notions



Wan Zhang said, “Shun’s parents sent him to fix a granary, then removed the ladder and set it on fire. Later, they sent him to dig a well and covered it while he was inside.”

1 Unbound by preconceived notions

Shun's half brother, Xiang, said, 'Credit for the plan to immolate this lord-who-creates-capitals rests solely with me.....'



Unbound by preconceived notions



Xiang visited Shun's palace and found him playing the lute. Xiang said, "I was only worried about you, my lord," feeling embarrassed.

1 Unbound by preconceived notions



Shun replied, “I’ve only cared for my people. You should govern for me.” Did Shun not know Xiang had tried to kill him?



Practice devotion and reciprocity

Wan Zhang asked, “When Shun went to the fields, weeping and crying out to merciful Heaven, why was it that he wept and cried?” Mencius said, “It was from grief and longing.”



Utmost filial devotion

Mencius said, “Greatly contented, the whole world turned to him, yet he regarded the whole world turning to him, greatly contented, as like so much grass.....”





Utmost filial devotion

Through Shun's fulfilling the Way of serving his parents, Gusou came to be pleased, and when Gusou came to be pleased, the world was transformed.





Utmost filial devotion

When Gusou came to be pleased, all the fathers and sons in the world became secure. This is called ‘great filiality.’”





Reflect and contemplate

For me:
How to do ?

Unbound by preconceived notions

Practice devotion and reciprocity





Thank you all for your
patience in listening





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