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The Modern Value of Filial Piety in *Qunshu Zhiyao* 群書治要

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Is Filial Piety Outdated?

The heaven does not change; thus, the way does not change.

天不變，道亦不變。

(Dong Zhongshu, *Tian ren san ce* 天人三策)

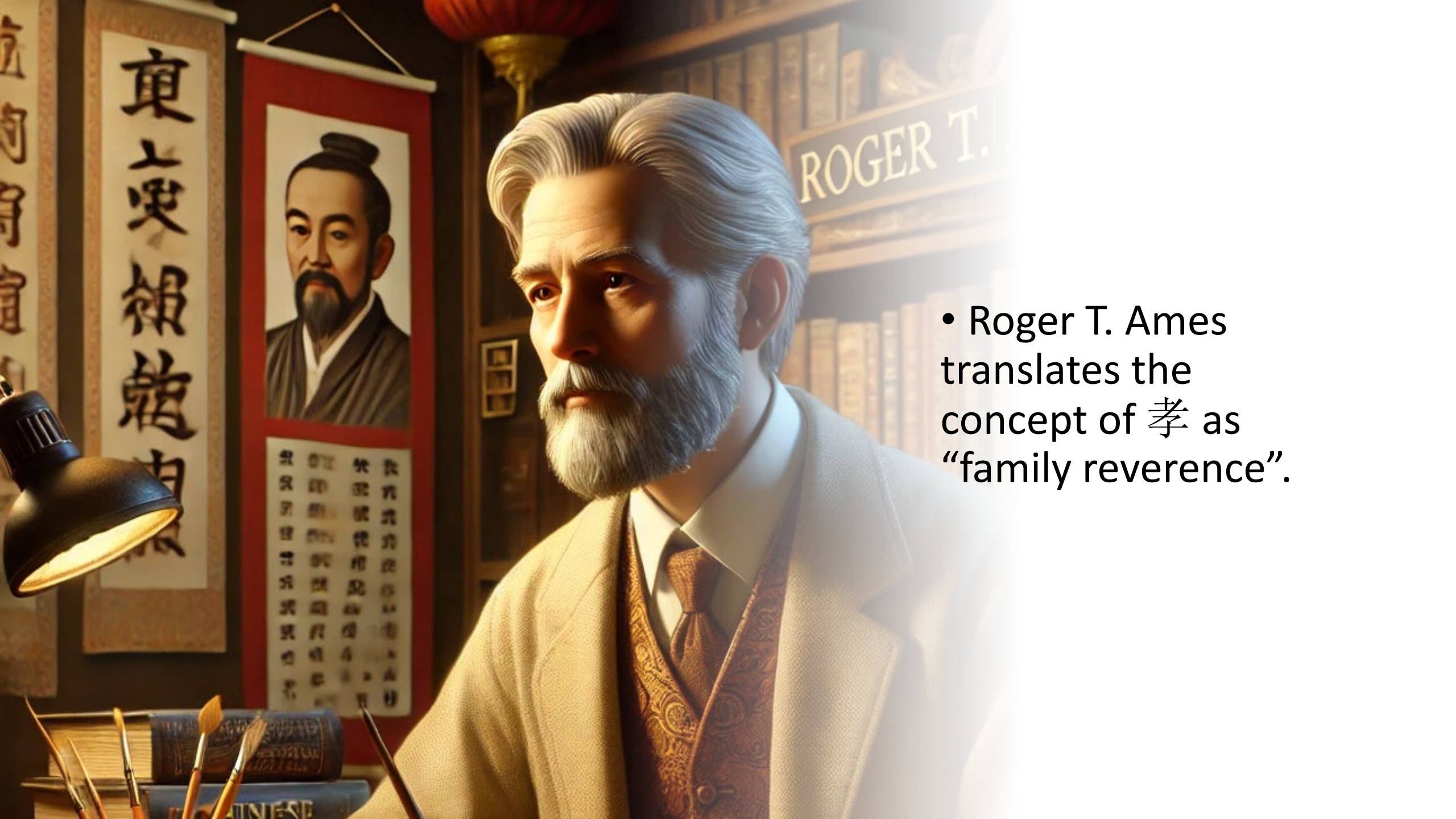
When people reject the constant principles, bad omens arise.

人棄常，則妖興。

(Zuo Qiuming, *Zuo Tradition* 左傳)

Honour thy
father and thy
mother.
(Exodus 20:12)





- Roger T. Ames translates the concept of 孝 as “family reverence”.



Modern Value of Traditional Filial Piety

1. Promoting Family Harmony
2. Improving Social Morality
3. Encouraging Social Stability

1. Promoting Family Harmony

- Adolescents with higher filial piety tended to report less alcohol consumption. (Tran et al., 2019)
- Filial piety may serve as a protective factor for binge drinking among Hungarian adolescents. (Piko & Kovacs, 2010)

1. Promoting Family Harmony

A wise person devotes one's attention to what is essential in the foundation of life, When the foundation is laid, wisdom will come. Now, to be a good son or daughter and a good family member-do not these form the foundation of a moral life?

君子務本，本立而道生。孝弟也者，其為仁之本與？

(*Qunshu Zhiyao - The Analects of Confucius* 群書治要·論語)

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2. Improving Social Morality

- 57% of family caregivers (of elderly parents) described their experiences positively.

(National Alliance for Caregiving and American Association of Retired Persons, 1997)

- They also identified additional benefits of pride in making their elderly parents happy, of earning their gratitude, and of repaying parents.

(Conway, 2019)

2. Improving Social Morality

O my father, who begat me! O my mother, who nourished me!
Ye indulged me, ye fed me. Ye held me up, ye supported me, Ye
looked after me, ye never left me.

Out and in ye bore me in your arms. If I would return your
kindness. It is like great Heaven, illimitable.

父兮生我、母兮鞠我。拊我畜我、長我育我。
顧我復我、出入腹我。欲報之德、昊天罔極。

(*Qunshu Zhiyao - the Book of Poetry* 群書治要·詩經)

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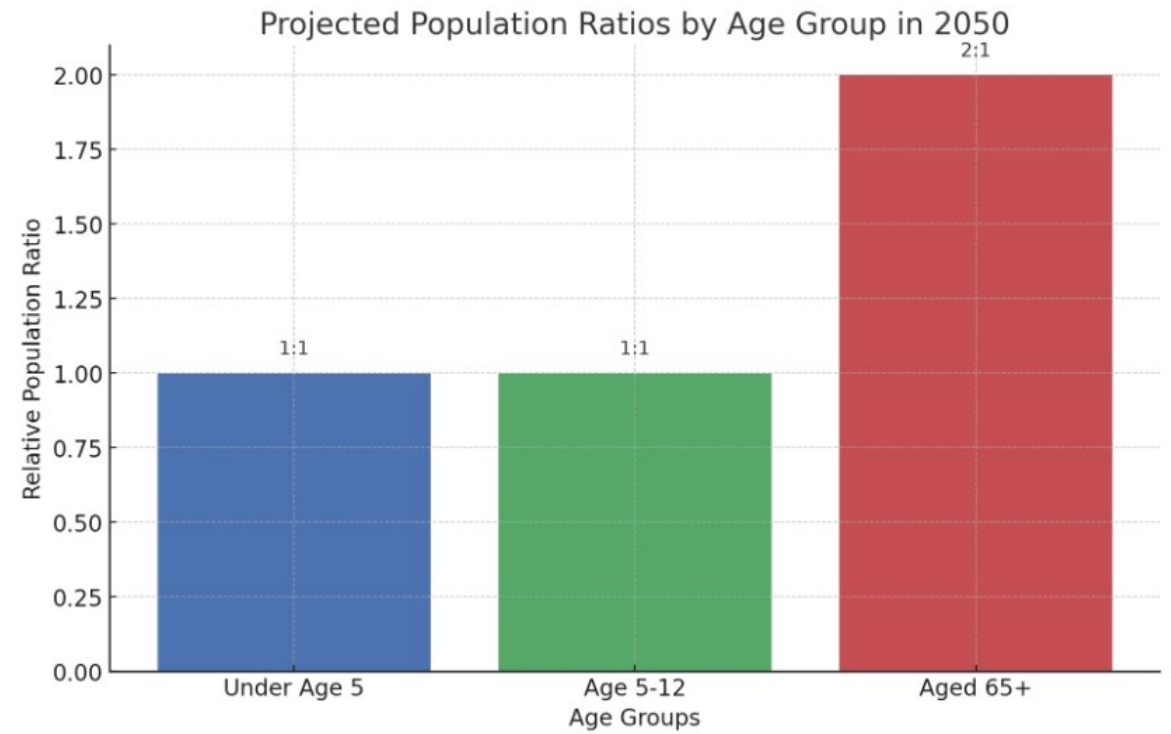
3. Encouraging Social Stability

A person who is a good son or daughter and a good family member will seldom be found to be a person disposed to quarrel with those in authority over him or her; and people who are not disposed to quarrel with those in authority will never be found to disturb the peace and order of the State.

其為人也孝弟，而好犯上者，鮮矣；不好犯上，而好作亂者，未之有也。

(*Qunshu Zhiyao - The Analects of Confucius* 群書治要·論語)

Year	Percentage of Population Aged 65+
2022	10%
2050	16%



Data Source: United Nations

<https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/ageing>

Family-based eldercare





Conclusion