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An Analysis of Educational Wisdom in the Three-Character Classic

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P1. Educational Wisdom in the Three-Character Classic



If not taught, people's innate virtuous nature
will stray;

the way to teach lies in single-mindedness.

苟不教，性乃遷；教之道，貴以專。

Sanzi Jing 三字經 *The Three-Character Classic*



P2. Maternal Education





Tai Ren's character is upright, single-minded, honest and dignified, and she only does things that are morally upright. After she became pregnant, her eyes did not look at ugly or filthy things, her ears did not listen to dissolute or contemptuous

voices, and her mouth did not arrogant or impolite words. Eventually, she gave birth to a sage, King Wen of Zhou.

Lienv Zhuan列女傳*Stories About the Famous Women*

Mrs. Hou:

“ Though status differs,
human virtuous nature is the same.” ¹

“ The reason why children are not
accomplished and have bad conduct is often
that their mother conceal their mistakes, which
makes their father unaware and unable to teach
and discipline them in time.” ²

¹ https://www.ccdi.gov.cn/yaowen/201712/t20171229_159715.html

² https://www.ccdi.gov.cn/yaowen/201712/t20171229_159715.html





說文・女部

Yu means guiding child to
become a kind person.

育，養子使作善也。

Shuo Wen Jie Zi 說文解字
Analytical Dictionary of Characters

P3. Teacher's Ethics



師

說文・巾部

Shi, 2500 peoples forming a unit.

師，二千五百人為師。



Shuo Wen Jie Zi 說文解字
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<https://xiaoxue.iis.sinica.edu.tw/>

In traditional culture,
teachers should learn from Buddha,
let go of greed, anger, ignorance , arrogance and doubt,

and learn from Confucius, demonstrating gentleness,
kindness, courtesy, frugality and comity. 3

3 Jingkong fashi zhuanji wang 淨空法師 專集網, *Chuangtongwenhualaos Yinggai Jubei de Suzhi* 傳統文化
老師應當具備的素質 (2016) < <https://h5.ciguang.org/video/player/744/10353/1777011254> >
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P4. Self-Education



All sentient beings possess the wisdom
and virtuous qualities of the Buddha,
but due to delusions and attachments,
they cannot realize them.

一切眾生皆具如來智慧德相，
但因妄想執著，不能證得。

Huayan Jing 華嚴經 *the Flower Adornment Sutra*



P5. Conclusion



Family education → foundation

School education → continuation

Social education → development

Religious education → perfection



Thank you for your listening



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