

## 20. Yao (堯) said

1. Yao (堯) said, “Well, Shun (舜), the time has now come to you. Do take hold of it right in the middle. If poverty strikes all corners of the empire, the privileges given by the Heaven will cease forever.” Shun (舜) gave the same order to Wu (武).

堯舜禹湯傳世之書也

Tang (唐) said, “I, the humble child Lu (魯), offer this black calf and respectfully report thus to the highest Lord: I dare not pardon those who commit crimes. I shall not remove thy ministers. It is thy will that chooses them. If I commit a crime, that is not due to my people. If my people commit a crime, that is due to me.”

魯哀公十四年春西狩獲麟孔子作春秋至此而絕筆

Zhou (周) dynasty began by giving abundant gifts and the good people became rich.

周禮記

“Although one may have parents and close relatives, it is better to have people with ethical integrity. My people’s fault is due to me.”

孟子

Pay careful attention to weights and measures. Review the laws and institutions. Restore the posts which have been abolished. Then all corners of the country will be well governed. Revive the fallen state. Restore the cut off family. Re-invite those who had withdrawn from government positions to work again. People from the whole world will turn to you. These are important: people, food, funeral and sacrificial ceremonies.

禮記

If you are open-minded, you will win many people’s heart. If you are trustworthy, people will entrust you with a task. If you are diligent, you will achieve a lot. If you are fair,



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