

Mencius 3 and 7 (Simplified Working Model)

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Simple Interaction: S > N (Analects chapters with similar themes are given at right margin)

6A Human Nature		LY 17
	3A1 Prologue: Human Nature	
	3A2 Three Year Mourning	LY 17
	< 3A3 [from 1A3:4] economic scheme	
7A22-23 milder economic scheme		
	< 3A4 against primitivism, for social division [Gāu-yáu 皋陶]	
7A32 argues for social division		
[7A35 Gāu-yáu as judge]		
	3A5 argument against Mician universal love	
7A45 attached to parents, cares for people		
7A46 loves all, devotes himself to the near		
	3B1 advocating compromise	
	3B2 greatness of persuaders like Jāng Yí	
	3B3 eagerness of Cfs to take office	LY 18 / JZ 4
	3B4 Mc deserving of lavish support	
	< 3B5 Sùng attack “come to us first” < 1B11	
<i>Antiwar Group</i>		
7B1 Denunciation of Hwèi-wáng as a murderer		
7B3 Rejects some warlike Shū		
7B4 Denunciation of war. “come to us first” [see Lau]		
	3B6 lack of influence on ruler (learning Chí language)	
	3B7 on Mencius not seeing rulers	
	3B8 against gradualist reform	
7B12 Necessity of social distinctions (develops 7A32)		
7B14 Populism: ruler least important		
7B15 defends Bwó-yí and Lyóusyà Hwèi as exemplary		
7B16 pun on word 道 as including man (cf Gwōdyèn orthography)		
7B23 Mc will not release grain stores		
7B24 Fate vs nature		
7B25 on Master Ywèjng		
	< 3B9 Need to dispute with Yáng and Mwò	
7B26 accept Yáng and Mwò if they repent		
	< 3B10 distinguish among Confucians	
7B37 distinguish among Confucians [many LY quotes]		LY 19
7B38 Final Statement		LY 20