# Four Family Loves: A Curriculum for Building Good Character and Loving Families

# **Children's Love**



#### Chapter 2:

#### Where Do I Learn To Be "Good"?

### Principle of Goodness



# "Live for the sake of others."

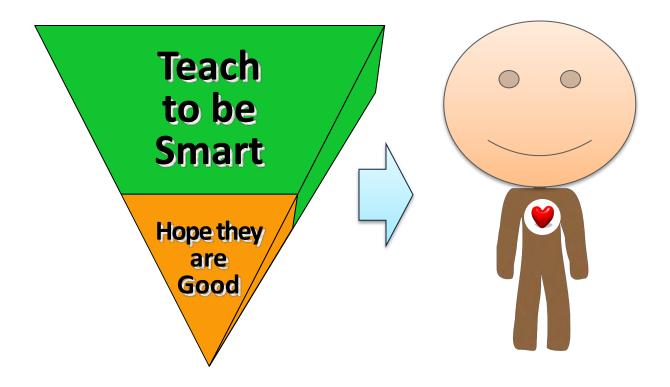
Father and Mother Moon

#### The Dual Nature of Education

#### 1. Education to be smart We must learn to be a genius.

2. Education to be good We must learn to be moral.

#### **Problem of Modern Education**



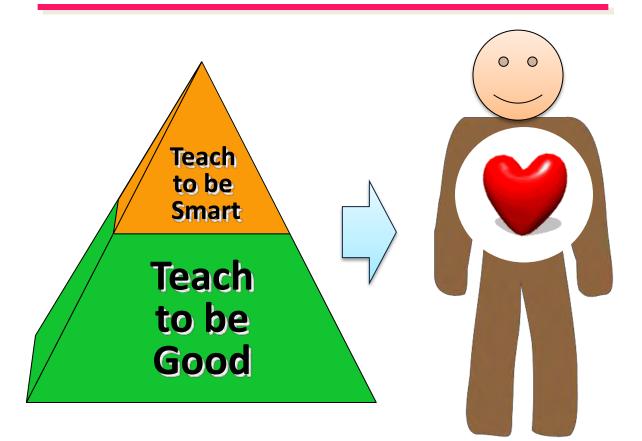
# **Educate for Morals**

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."



Theodore Roosevelt US President, 1901-09

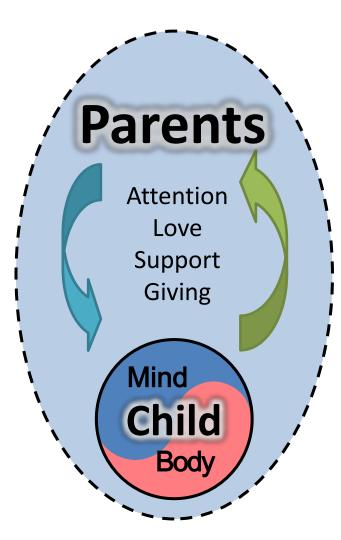
#### **A Balanced Education**



# Where do I learn to be

"good"?

From my parents.



# Living for the Sake of Parents **Begin by imitation**

Mind-Body Unity Good Character

#### Confucianism



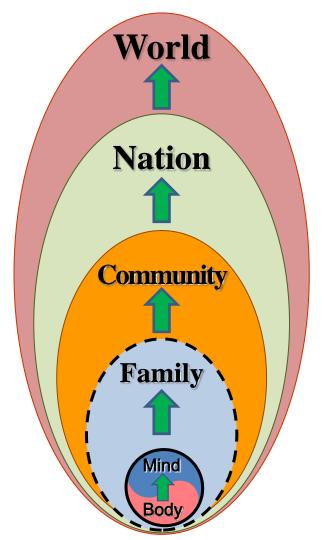
"Filial piety is the root of all goodness."

## **Principle of Goodness**

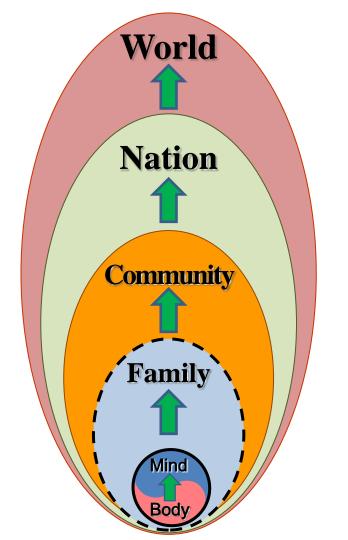


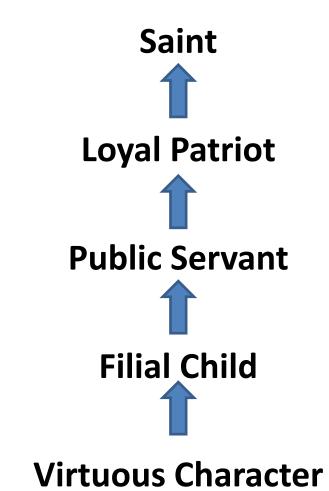
In serving his parents, a filial son reveres them in daily life; he makes them happy while he nourishes them; ... and he sacrifices to them with solemnity.

Confucianism



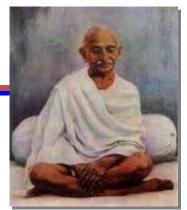
Priorities: in the <u>Vertical</u> Standard





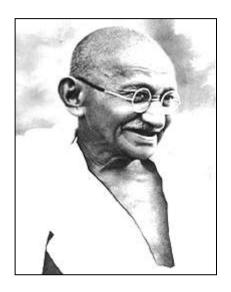
# Gandhi-ji

I would like to see India free and strong... the individual, being pure, sacrifices himself for the family. The family for the village, the village for the district, the district for the province, the province for the nation, the nation for all. I want Khudai Raj, which is the same thing as the Kingdom of God on earth.



Raj Ghat, Eastern Gate, New Delhi, India

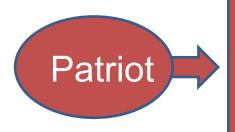
#### Where does Peace Begin?





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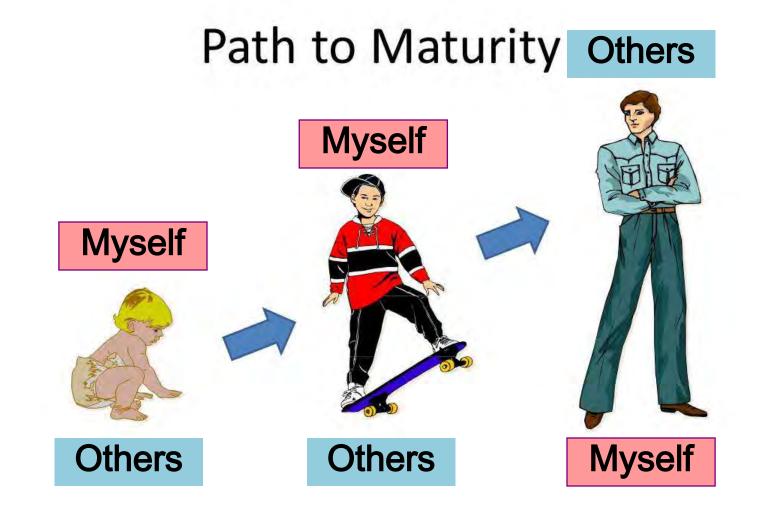
### Children's Love = Patriotism



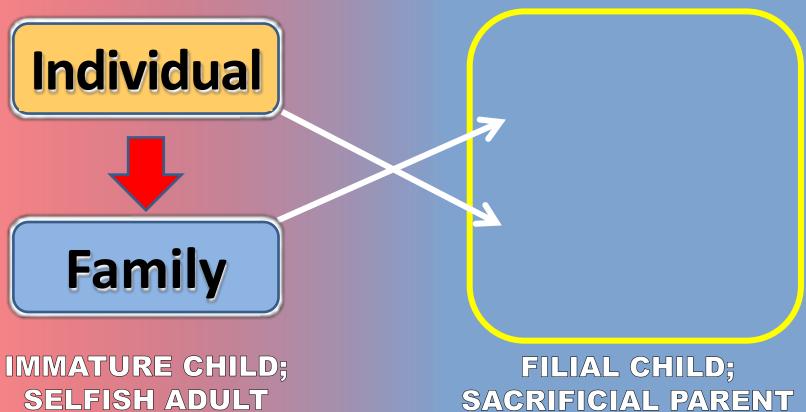
My nation is the best nation in the whole world. If needed, I will even die for the sake of my <u>nation</u>.



My Dad and Mom are the best parents in the whole world. If needed, I will even die for the sake of my **parents.** 



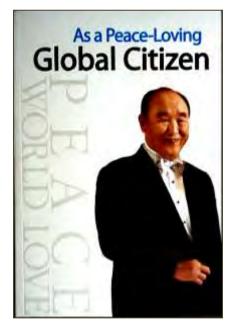
#### **Maturation = Change Priorities**



**SELFISH ADULT** 

### We Exist for the Sake of Others...

To realize that we exist for the sake of others is the great achievement that changes our lives.



Father Moon

# Living for the Sake of my Parents

- 1. Always honor your Father and Mother.
- 2. Stop what you are doing and listen respectfully—with eye contact.
- 3. Obey them spontaneously and joyfully.

# Will this make my Parents Happy?

Loving your parents will protect you. When someone asks you to do bad things, just ask yourself a simple question: "Will this make my parents happy and proud of me?" If the answer is "No," then don't do it.



#### Activity #1:

# Make a list of all the things your parents have done for you or given you.

Then ask yourself, "Did they ever ask to be paid back? Do they have a cash register in the kitchen?"

Why not?

#### Activity #2:

# Make a list of 10 things you can do to show your love to your parents.

Check-off two the items from the list that you will do today.

#### Activity #2:

The teacher will give a date by when students need to do the other eight items.

After finishing all 10 items students can write a reflection paper on the theme, "Making my Parents Happy."