

CHINESE RELIGION: CLASS OUTLINE 3
MENCIUS AND HSÜN-TZU

390-305 BCE: Mencius 孟子 [Mèngzǐ]

340-245 BCE: Hsün-tzu 荀子 [Xúnzǐ]

human nature (*jen-hsing*) 人性 [rénxìng]

“four sprouts” *ssu tuan* 四端 [sìduān] (Mencius 2A:6)

young children	(through education)	adults
(1) compassion	→	humanity/benevolence (<i>jen</i>) 仁 [rén]
(2) shame	→	righteousness (<i>i</i>) 義 [yì]
(3) deference	→	ritual propriety (<i>li</i>) 禮 [lǐ]
(4) preference	→	wisdom (<i>chih</i>) 智 [zhì]

Parable of the Man and the Child Falling into the Well (Mencius 2A:6)

Parable of the Niu (Ox) Mountain (Mencius 6A:8)