

Filial Piety

From: Paul T. P. Wong <dr.paul.wong@gmail.com>

At the recent Meaning Conference, Michael Bond said that there were no difference between East and West in filial piety, but my personal experience and some literature show there are huge cultural differences in filial piety

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.866.3947&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

I am wondering whether there is any clear answer to this question at this point.

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From: [ykh01](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 9:47 PM

Dear All,

It happened to me writing a paper which might answer Paul's question about whether there are difference between East and West in filial piety.

I suppose that they are same in deep structure but some distinct in surface structures and behavioral norms. Echoes to Shweder's "one mind, many mentalities" argument.

The attached may be interesting to your reading. Thanks.

Best,

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From: [Paul T. P. Wong](#)

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Thanks KH for your helpful chapter. Hope that we can have further discussion when I visit Taiwan next year. I am a friend of KK Huang

Best

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From: [Paul T. P. Wong](#)

Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 2:33 PM

To: iptaskforce@simplelists.com

Subject: Re: IP-- Filial piety

I believe that part of the difficulty for Western people to understand Chinese conception of relationships, including filial piety and friendship, is that they don't even have the language to describe the Chinese understanding and experience of relationships. For example, in transitional Chinese culture, which can still be experienced in Taiwan, Chinese relationship emphasizes 情義, which meaning agape love deeper than blood brothers and unwavering loyalty to friends. Another concept is 世交 -- which means trans-generational friendship. It means that if you are my 世交, you children are also my friends, and my children's friends.

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From: [Lonny Meinecke](#)

Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 10:02 PM

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Subject: RE: IP-- Filial piety

This is awesome. Thank you for sharing this! The trans-generational bond concept is especially helpful for me right now...

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"Comparison is the thief of joy" – Theodore Roosevelt

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" - Mahatma Gandhi

"God guard me from those thoughts men think In the mind alone" - William Butler Yeats (A Prayer For Old Age)

From: [Michelle Brenner](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:15 PM
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Subject: Re: IP-- Filial piety

Is Filial piety as strong now, in the digital age as it was before?

kind regards Michelle

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From: [ykh01](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 9:35 PM
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Subject: RE: IP-- Filial piety

Dear Michelle,

Based upon the dual filial piety model, there are at least two intertwined but distinct aspects, reciprocal and authoritarian, of filial piety.

The latter (authoritarian) aspect of filial piety might be gradually decayed in many modern countries, but the front (reciprocal) aspect of filial piety is still strong in most of countries.

The attached is one of related materials for your information. Hope helpful for your question.

Best Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:25 PM
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Subject: AW: IP-- Filial piety

Dear Michelle,

This is a really interesting question. As a sociologist, "digital age" for me refers both to the increasingly common extension of family relationships across spatial distance (potentially across national borders), and to the new forms of connectedness that result from the emergence of digital technologies. Colleagues and I have done extensive research on the contemporary transformations of filial piety in Chinese transnational families. For your reference, I have attached two articles that have resulted from this research.

Best,

Daniel

[Filial piety in contemporary Chinese societies.pdf](#)

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Subject: Re: IP-- Filial piety

Further to my musing about Chinese conception of relationships, here are some of my thoughts.

I try to figure out why my experience of relationship with my Chinese friends is qualitatively different from that with people in the West. I think that there are 4 elements that make contribute to the uniqueness of Chinese relationship. (1) We believe that "Yuanfen" plays an important role, (2) We practice sincerity and vulnerability in all interactions. (3) We treat good friends not as instruments but as members of my our families. (4) We always think about how we can contribute to the lives or our friends, rather than the other way around; more importantly, we are always consider doing or saying anything that my humiliate our friends in public. Thus, it goes deeper than Buber's I-Thou relationship.

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Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2018 6:28 AM

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Subject: Re: IP-- Filial piety

Thank you for these papers, it is all so interesting. I have a Chinese student staying with me, one of the overseas students, and I witness alot of what I now see is Filial piety, and wondered if this translates into community the sort of giving to those outside of ones family? Is there a sense of obligation to care for those in need outside ones responsibility?

kind regards Michelle

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