

On human nature, Mencius and Xunzi hold opposing views. Mencius thought that human nature is morally good and explained human nature by saying that we help each other but sometimes we didn't. At that moment something is stopping us in order to help someone. Xunzi thinks the exact opposite. He believed that humans are bad, selfish, or self-centered. He believed that it was best if we simply considered ourselves. Again Mencius believes that to bring out the goodness within us moral development is important. To become good, we must change and act decently but in Xunzi's philosophy, we must practice emotional management, moral cultivation, and self-denial in order to become virtuous.