Medical Sciences has recently discovered that a baby (whether male or female) has half of his father's gene cells and half of his mother's cells and has the same DNA result. So the body of a son or daughter from the same parents has:

• Half of the father's blood and half of the mother's blood.
They also have:
• A quarter of their paternal grandfather's blood and a quarter of their paternal grandmother’s blood
• A quarter of their maternal grandfather’s blood and a quarter of their grandmother’s blood
• 1/8 blood from their paternal grand grandfather's, 1/8 blood from their paternal grand grandmother, 1/8 blood from their maternal grand grandfather and 1/8 blood from their maternal grand grandmother ...
• And so on, with a smaller... and smaller ratio ...

The results show that: past three generations of combined marriage with other blood families... the amount of original blood left from the old "ancestry" is only a very very small portion. Therefore, from the fourth generation, after being blended with other blood lines, a new blood line - a new DNA - has been created, another family has been born.

Through the above-mentioned medical discovery we realize that the destiny and origin of each person are not of high importance anymore, only a short life history (3 generations) of both paternal and maternal families should be taken into consideration. Hence the misconception: the Fact that sons and daughters getting their father’s last name, descendants perpetuating the paternal family name in order to bequeath the father ancester’s to the future generations is no longer justified (because whether it is a son or a daughter – from either the paternal or maternal side - the blood inheritance rate of the two families is the same). So today, in some European and American countries (including Switzerland) children are allowed, at maturity, to select their family name from either their father’s or mother's side.

Medical Sciences have also determined that children born from consaiguinous parents will have a short life due to congenital and incurable diseases... In the past, countries in Eurasia and the Middle East - for the similar reason of preserving the blood line of kings - only chose to marry people within the royal family. In Egypt, queens must give birth equally to princes and princesses so that they grow up to marry each other, allowing the royal descendants to inherit the throne without bringing in a foreign blood. That’s the reason they have disabilities, are physiologically weak, have very short life span, die prematurely, most of the time during their youth... As a result, the king's first thing to do is to build a pyramid for himself as he believe that his burial place is the only thing that lasts for a long time. The pyramids seen scattered all over Egypt are the historical vestige of the short but tragic life of the royal Egyptian families, victims of the philosophy of orthodox conservatism.

And just because medical sciences have discovered that "parents of the same blood are not fit to give birth to children according to the human nursing law", European and American countries have officially issued laws prohibiting marriage between siblings and relatives.

The Teachings of “Loyalty” “Filial Piety” “Fidelity” and “Gratitude”

Asian people were especially influenced by the Chinese Culture, their descendants are still practicing the philosophy of the Saints and the Sages (Confucius, Mancius...), they still comply with four moral precepts of Trung, Hieu, Tiet, Nghia (“Loyalty” “Filial piety” “Fidelity” and “Gratitude”)

1. Loyalty
This moral precept originated from the monarchy which derived from the teachings of Confucius and Mencius at the time when the nation was controlled by a man called the King (that person was either beloved put on the throne by the people or …ect… Afterwards the reign of that king was transferred from father to son and perpetuated several lives while both the court and people still have serve the king (even though the king is incompetent, bad and cruel, the court and the people still have to be fully loyal to him.) Nowadays, the monarchy system has been replaced by the democracy system. The state leadership is in the hand of the President or the Prime minister who is elected for a fixed period of time and the people has the right to challenge or replace him if he is convicted of some crime or shows his incompetence. (Some countries still keeps the monarchy regime in which the king or queen do not have real power. The royal family play only the state adornment role.)

Therefore citizens in democratic countries do not have to adhere to the moral precept of Loyalty.

2. Filial Piety

According to the Asian human conception the child is “created by the father” and “born by the mother”, and whether he or she may live in this world is thanks to the favour of his or her parents. So the child must be indebted to parents, devout to them or his or her entire life. As the child was born the first lesson learnt was via the lullaby he or she often hears the mother singing

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\text{The father's effort is as big as the Tai mount} \\
\text{The gratitude to the mother is like the water flowing out the source} \\
\text{From the depth of my heart I worship my mother and revere my father} \\
\text{fully pledging allegiance to my filial piety.}
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When the child grows up a little more… he or she will often hear the mother recount:

“I carried you in my belly for nine months, the birth was so much painful… and how many years I had to take care of you, how much I had to suffer… etc…”

He or she also hear the father say:

“I had to work hard days after days, sweating and bleeding, body and soul exhausted… to earn enough for you to live, etc…”

Because of this moral concept of filial piety, in Asia long ago many children were sold by parents to rich families become slaves, or offered as servants to the king (they would have then to endure lifelong imprisonment inside the royal palace…) There were so many dramatic scenarios from the lives of these “children” who did not have the chance to live their lives as “human beings”, just because of the concept of Filial Piety!

How about the concept of Filial Piety in the Asian Society today?

Today there is no longer a slavery system but in the broad society there are still quite a number of parents who continue to take advantage of the moral concept of “filial piety" to force their children to obey to their their orders:

* In rich families (parents are big business people or powerful politicians), parents force their children to accept pre-arranged marriages according to their will, so that they could get more power, or increase their their fortune! Because of their parents’ ambitions, children obeying to their "filial piety" moral obligation must accept to marry the person they do not love and suffer their entire life.

* In poor families, either because of business failure or bad parents who have gambling and drinking problems… the children, even still young and immature, must go out facing all the hardships of labor to earn money for their parents (who sometimes are not at the age to retire) just because of the fulfilment of their “filial piety” moral obligation!

* And … etc … etc …

In short, miseries occur to "human beings" (the children) in ancient (and even current) society just because the Confucianist concept of “filial piety”!

The Middle East Arab Conception:

Children are forced to "be born", and must live in a world of suffering. They are "victims" of male and female
sexual intercourse. They are "forced" to come out to life, although their "unwillingness" to. That idea is illustrated in an Arabic folk song: "When "I" was born: "I" cry, "you" laugh!"

The European Conception:

The child is born from the intercourse of man and woman according to the natural law of survival of humans and other living things on earth. So, for whatsoever the reasons (intended or unintended), the two parents have the responsibility to rear the child to adulthood, until he or she can be on his or her own. Parents do not have to feed children for life, nor should they interfere in their life, or demand them to fulfill their duties of filial piety. It is the same as a bird: A mother bird must feed her baby until she has enough feathers to fly and go look for her own food. It is a natural law for both human beings and and animals to care for their offsprings.

Moreover, current medical sciences also indicate that a newborn baby who just came out from the mother’s womb feels lots of pain in his or her entire body – some may die as they cannot endure the shock and get a heart failure - The baby suffers a much more dolorous pain than the mother, that is the reason why he wail so loud!

The above medical science discovery and the various human conceptions in Europe, Asia and the Middle East help us to understand that human beings are not born "by the grace of somebody ..." or "by misfortune", they are born by the natural law of humankind survival. (If the child grows up to have happy life the world would be the paradise, if he grows up to have a miserable life, then the world would be hell.)

3. Chastity

Long ago, because Confucius was a man, he used the concept of Chastity to bound, and oppress women. His teachings to women consist of:
* Three submissions and four virtues
* Four virtues: Công (diligent work) Dung (tasteful appearance) Ngôn (speech manner) Hạnh (good behavior)
* Fidelity and Chastity: only one husband (even when he has a "pile" of wives, she must accept her condition, she cannot protest nor can she be jealous. Worse than that, if she was a fiancee and the man died she must remain a widow for the rest of her life…
* etc…etc…

In short, men in old times took advantage of Confucius teachings to abuse women. Nowadays, the «chastity» concept is not valid anymore, no woman is silly enough to obey to that concept. If husband and wife love each other, they will have a family with children ; otherwise, they will part, each would find somebody else they love and build another happy home.

Much less in these strange times there are quite weird love stories all over the world. Some countries officially recognize marriages between men and men, women and women, with contract signed properly. Recently, something unusual happened in Colombia: The man-husband has just married a man-first-wife and the two have not finished their honeymoon week yet, he decided to marry a second man-wife. "In this case, how would the "chastity virtue" Confucian concept be applied to the first man-wife?", the author wonders.
- « would the first man-wife observe his "chastity" virtue?
- « Would he have the right to be jealous ?
- « Would he be obedient and let his husband marry as many man-wives as he wanted, the way it was in ancient time ?

Or because the "wives" are male, Confucius gives them the privilege of not having to observe the chastity virtue and they can commit adultery freely, they can be promiscuous!? What do you, readers, think?

4. Gratitude

It appears that among the four moral lessons taught in the Confucius-Mancius philosophy, only the "Gratitude" virtue can still be valid.

Like in the following cases:
"Gratitude" between of spouses: Married couples may live without loving each other, but after living together for a long period of time they have developed mutual sentiment called "gratitude between husband and wife"

"Gratitude" between two people such as between brothers, relatives, friends, neighbors, teacher and students ... They are people who share happiness, or comfort they have helped each other alleviate the suffering during misery ... Now they try to find the way to pay back, to show their gratitude.

Etc ... and etc ...

There is so much more ... to say all is not possible
Well, I must stop here for the time being. Wishing you happiness!

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