Week 3: Mozi and Logic
Section 12: Consultation: Constructing the Social *Dào*

- How does the 天子*tian zi*[natural master] unify the 義 *yi*[morality]?
- He sets up a mechanism for public consultation.
- Upon taking the role of 天子*tian zi*[natural master] he says 'I can't do it alone, I need assistance' using a form of social epistemology to construct this social *dào.*
    - First step - pick the next 3 wisest people to report up to him.
    - These three, in turn, need assistants, e.g, somebody in each province.
    - And these assistants, in turn, select a head from each village.
    - And these heads of villages ask everyone to report up to them.
- Report what is beneficial and harmful, good and bad up the hierarchy and then communicate the agreed synthesis back down.
- Punishment comes into the equation mainly in the reporting phase - if you don't share all the information you have about benefit and harm, you may be punished.
- Structured like a court system, each level makes a judgment which may be appealed and harmonized at the next stage, with the highest 'judge' being the 天子*tian zi*[natural master] who synthesizes the final common, shared morality.

- This morality somehow synthesizes or blends (Mozi doesn't say enough about how) everyone's judgements of 利害 *li-hai*[benefit-harm.]

- Mozi thus blends naturalism and humanism.