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When a child runs to a parent for judgment, the child is handing power over to the parent in the hope the parent's court will rule in their favor. Said another way, the individual relinquishes their authority to resolve their own disputes by taking grievances before the court. The court in turn, will consume the grievance and issue a judgment. In the end, one party may find justice, but both parties lose power. The court though, by consuming the grievance of the two parties, has gained power. Through time as more cases are brought before the court, the court acquires more power over the people. This is a simple algorithm that shifts a state from freedom to tyranny.

By not sitting in judgment over our children, we are keeping them empowered. This means all we really have to do is sit our children down and teach them the resolution strategy best suited for their case. Through time, this trains the child to go to the parent not for judgment, but for advice. Once your children start coming to you for advice (collaborating with you), you know you and your child are moving towards a sovereign relationship. This is one example of how instruction and empowerment can craft the good.

If we plotted the relationship between a parent and child on my model, then we would first put the child (infant) as the master and the parents as the slave. As the child ages, the roles naturally switch (if you know how to parent). It's only after the child learns and incorporates knowledge does the relationship shift towards the independent half of the model.

If the parent was loving, logical, and patient enough, then the odds of avoiding chaos are high. Past chaos are the sovereign and independent relationships. The relationship can't form a sovereign one until the child finds their independence. This is important. The child must discover themselves and be content with themselves before they can return to the family and express themselves without fear of retribution.

Believe it or not, children hide things from their parents. Some hide their values and beliefs. In these cases, the child may deceive you and merely play along with your beliefs in order to avoid conflict. This deception may afford them the ability to mimic a sovereign relationship, but all they are doing is pretending. You'll know your

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