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II. The Constraint of Personal Testifying (Vss. 26-28)

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IV. The Method of Personal Testifying (Vss. 28-29).

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