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Document-Based Question: Childhood: An Early Modern View

Children are inclined to do evil, but education and punishment allows them to become good

(A1) Calvinist minister, 1598

Children are innocent and the best model of Adam, loving all, purely happy, knowing no evil

(A2) American minister, 1628

Sweetness of children, vivacious, innocence of his age makes everyone around him happy.

Parent happy he is born. Libert of ranging. (A3) Letter of an Anglican rector 1721

Pleased god to bless with many children, women ought to nurse their own children. Overruled by another's authority, ill counsel, didn't consider motherly duty. Regain peace, preventing Christian mothers from sinning. 1622 (b5)

Lord Fitzwilliam, happy with joy, he and Lady Fitzwilliam talk about son all the time 1786 (b6)

First parental duty is for mother to nurse own offspring, nursing children, when health and strength are adequate, it's selfish not to 1799 (b7)

Mothers swaddling children should lay limbs right. Prevent children from being lefthanded, bind. 1598 (b8)

Parents heap finery on children, as if every bone had been fractured. Irritate and wound, obstruct motion of organs. Rolling children with bandages, finery, 1772 (b9)

In father/other presence, whether speaking, silent, doing anything, do it as perfectly as God made the world, or are thoroughly taunted, or pinched and punched., 1530, Childhood experience, Lady Jane Grey. (b10)

Modes of discipline

Furious parents trying to strike and buffet children about face and head. Hit them, kick them like dogs. If parents would use only the rod, then wtheir children would be wise and happy
1581

Children must love you early so they will obey you. Deny them as seldom as possible. Deny them gently. Flatter them away. Be more in awe of your kindness than your power, and take heed of supporting a favorite child in its impertinence, right of the rest clim (b12) 1687

Lord Holland's son education of his son was unlimited indugence of every passion, whim, caprice. A great dinner held, children came in at desert, and Charles wanted to get into the large bowl of cream in the middle of the table. Lady Holland pretested, but the child was allowed to jump in, splash about. 1760

Make my son an English gentleman. Mind may be moulded to any form, generous, pathetic, rational. No blows in discipline. Better ways of restraining children. Not call him stupid, degarding produces no good effect. 1774Leter of an Anglican rector 1721