

## **Parenting**

### **EXCERPTS; CHILDREN**

#56b-1011

**Paul Solomon Reading 0065 - L - 0039 - FA - 0001 11/--/72**

Question: What is the general health of the baby?

Answer: There is a great necessity for the communication with the inner spirit, that is, for the communication on higher levels. This one should be seen as the gift of God, as one who will enter the home for a specific purpose., Use this then as an instrument of love and see that he will return love and would bind together in love. Relate to the child on a higher level and watch love increase in return, and cement these bonds See the child in this manner and know that wherever there is given the force, there is the growing of force. There is the developing of force. These proper attitudes will increase health and vitality. The negative thought planted in the mother by the doctor about this child holds the greatest probable difficulty.

#39A-5008

**Paul Solomon Reading 0134 - L - 0095 - MA - 0001 - JDE, 02/19/73**

The knowledge within self, that that which need be done for the children, for the self, for the family, is taking place in natural order. See then that the proper relationship is maintained within self and that self is kept in balance; so will those decisions follow in natural order. There will be the realization "That God is the guide of my family", or that the "Spirit within is rearing my children." Could there be greater confidence than this?

#213-1041

**Paul Solomon Reading 0327 - R - 0252 - GR- 0001, 04/11/74**

Question: How might we best serve those entities incarnating during these periods of change, and aid in their development?

Answer: Especially by becoming aware that with all of these predictions of dire consequences and changes in the earth, and famine and fear, that there should be hope, trust, faith within you, realizing that all these things are not but a purging of the place that the Master loves, and would not come, did He not so love. All these then are expressions of the hand of God, purifying His world, and in this sense may be seen as a beautiful thing. And if you would understand these changes that come about the earth and the groaning and pain that she experiences, then compare it with that you have spoken of here; with the pain and travail of the labor of the mother bringing forth the beauty of a child.

So see the earth, pregnant with the beauty of her Master, and suffering in travail, in labor. But the suffering in itself comes as a thrill to the expectant parents, and so it should be to you in this day who bring children in this aspect of the earth's development, for she enters now into labor that will burst forth into the glory of God as His kingdom is born on this earth.

See it in this manner; so shall ye prepare the children for that they shall see and experience and be a part of.

Question: Is the Biblical admonishment "He that spareth the rod hateth his son" to be taken literally, or is there a better method for discipline and/or punishment?

Answer: Could be taken literally in this sense: That as there is a bond of love between the parent and the child, there need be only the most fleeting look of disappointment on the face of the parent and the child is admonished, is punished, if you would; for he would feel pain in having disappointed one he loves. Yet if there would be the feeling of lack on the part of the parent that he must express force or control, then should that be done; yet that greater would be consistency in the application of that that is done. That is, not that a child would be loved one minute and hated the next, not that there e stern discipline on the part of one parent, and petting or lack of discipline by the other, for such confusion will bring the greater turmoil.

If there is the necessity to resort to physical punishment, it is a lack and a fear within the parent, knowing no better way, and feeling that he must be in control. How seldom it would be that one would even know when such should be applied; but especially see it in this way; that never, ever, should a parent discipline or speak or approach a child, when there is within him anger that would express. For anger often takes form of possession, or that is, that that is highest within you not being in control. There is that that is lower in control and one controlled by that lower within him is of that moment possessed by that lower within him and in such condition should not approach a child, who may very well accept such controls himself, thus becoming susceptible to those same conditions, you see.

Then pray; pray always before applying discipline of any nature, whether it be of the rod, or of scolding; and be aware of this among you: Those who would condemn one who would strike a child, yet you would scream or scold, be very aware that a child can be scarred and hurt much more deeply by the expression of hate and anger, even if the voice be not raised, but only through the eyes and even through the heart, than he can be by the physical striking. Be aware that that could be done to the body is the least of the harm that can come to the soul.

That it is that in your heart that will make the greater difference in the discipline of the child, and your purpose in applying it. For you will find, if you study and observe of self, that most often it is that that hurt the ego of your self-identity that caused you to lash out at the child and not at all that best of his soul growth. Then careful: Attune yourself with the Master first and so often you will not find the need for discipline at all.

