

# A bit on teenagers

“[Khemehekis](#) wrote: 2024-12-24T21:12:05+00:00 Do any yinrih cultures have a concept of adolescence?”

I brought it up in the Commonthroat thread a bit. <scBmg> (literally "sojourners") are a close analog to teenagers. Yinrih are cut loose at around 53 Earth years of age, which is when the ovary is fully developed, but this phase can bleed through to their later puppy years as well. This phase can last for up to a century. This is the period when the newly adult yinrih establishes themselves as an independent adult and starts searching for others to form a childermoot with if they are so inclined.

Child rearing styles vary widely throughout place and time at Focus, but the traditional Claravian view emphasizes obedience and filial piety when young, but with the understanding that the child will ultimately make their own choices as an adult. In other words, parents pour a firm foundation during puppyhood and leave it to their adult children whether they want to build on it or not.

The phrase *rnL rfcrl qfdr qP sfcqn*. (literally "I [sad] do not stand in your [child] way.") is a traditional way of saying "I don't approve of what you're doing but respect your agency as an adult to do it."

This is also the time when a yinrih chooses whether or not to affirm the faith they were raised in or reject it. the semantic similarity of <scBmg> (sojourner) to rDmg (wanderer/apostate) is not coincidental.

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