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Jean Piaget. ^{Rey} Moral judgement of ^{the} child.



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~~6 yr old~~

General evolution from unilateral to mutual respect.

- 1) 6 yr. old has morality based on obedience and idealization of authority. Adult is always right. (f. King, leader ... see p. 230.)
- 2) As the child begins to cooperate with other children he begins to question the justice of other ~~adult~~ authority.
| This process seems to imply - extension of world & related to - parent loves monopoly of love + monopoly of knowledge (child understands world)
- 3) after 12 sense of equity - rather than of equality.
| question: is this characteristic of patriarchal (bourgeois?) society vs. matriarchal society.
| whole concept of equity socially conditioned.
| laws, market etc...?
- 4) create sense of vengeance and of empathy for others.
- 5) At 6 child more aggressive or fierce with others because subject to adult ~~restriction~~ constraint (sense of powerlessness)



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~~Egocentricity or aggressiveness 6 yrs. old are "secondary growths". The primary tendency is for reciprocal affection & for good, but adult constraint forces the child to prefer duty to good.~~

Notion of good appears later than the notion of duty is perhaps the final conscious rejection of something that is the primary condition of the moral life - the need for the reciprocal affection. (173)

"What comes first in the order of action comes last in the order of conscious realization." (?)

190. Child ends in moments of attachment by invariably admitting their [parents] right & the authority they wield over him.

227 "Among the instinctive tendencies must above all be mentioned the vindictive tendencies and compassion."

229 "... as soon as we have rules, we get judgements of guilt and innocence as we get the moral structure of retributive justice. When then, do these rules come from?"

230 "... respect for the adult ... diminishes in favor of the relations of equality and reciprocity ... it is perfectly normal that in the domain of retribution the effect of unilateral respect should tend to diminish with age" That is why the idea of



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expiation loses more and more of its power, and the
punishment tends more and more to the rule of the law
of reciprocity alone."

297. letter 6 → 12 right for vengeance from 19% to 95%

321 " Disobedience - the principle of all sin .. "

322 " In our view, therefore, this primitive and
materialistic conception of expiatory punishment is
not in part as good as the adult upon the child ... but it is
the inevitable product of punishment as reflected in a
mystically realistic mentality of the child. "

333. " Without leaving the sphere of reciprocity, generosity is
- the characteristic of a kind stage, allows itself to
justice pure and simple, and between the more refined
forms of justice, just as equity is love properly so called,
there is longer any real conflict. "