

## Definition of a mature person

The following is taken from the “Moral and Spiritual Values in Education” used by the Los Angeles City Schools as part of their educational programme:

As mature people, we have developed attitudes in relation to ourselves and our environment, which have lifted us above childishness in thought and behaviour.

1. We accept criticism gratefully, being honestly glad for an opportunity to improve.
2. We do not indulge in self-pity and have begun to feel the laws of compensation operating in all areas of life.
3. We do not expect special consideration from anyone.
4. We control our temper.
5. We meet emergencies with poise.
6. Our feelings are not easily hurt.
7. We accept responsibility for our own acts.
8. We have outgrown the all-or-nothing stage, recognising that no person or situation is wholly good or bad, and have begun to appreciate the Golden Mean.
9. We are not impatient at unreasonable delays.  
We have learned that we are not the arbiters of the universe, and that we must often adjust to other people and their convenience.
10. We can endure defeat and disappointment without whining or complaining.
11. We do not worry unduly about things that cannot be helped.
12. We are not given to boasting or showing off in socially unacceptable ways.

13. We are honestly glad when others enjoy success or good fortune. We have outgrown envy and jealousy.
14. We are open-minded enough to listen thoughtfully to the opinions of others, and do not become vigorously argumentative when our views are opposed.
15. We are not chronic fault-finders.
16. We plan things in advance rather than trusting in the inspiration of the moment.

## In terms of spiritual maturity:

1. We have faith in a higher power.
2. We feel an organic part of mankind, contributing our part to each group of which we are a member.
3. We obey the essence of the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like others to treat you.

(Taken from the GA “Orange” book)

## OMI Constitutions

C29 A sign of fidelity

“...whatever circumstances which could provoke its dispersal or tempt us to withdraw from it”

C30 This vow is “already included in the three vows...our attachment...commitment”

## "Desperado"

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses?  
You've been out ridin' fences for so long now  
Oh, you're a hard one  
I know that you got your reasons  
These things that are pleasin' you  
Can hurt you somehow

Don't you draw the queen of diamonds, boy  
She'll beat you if she's able  
You know the queen of hearts is always your best bet  
Now it seems to me, some fine things  
Have been laid upon your table  
But you only want the ones that you can't get

Desperado, oh, you ain't gettin' no younger  
Your pain and your hunger, they're drivin' you home  
And freedom, oh freedom well, that's just some  
people talkin'  
Your prison is walking through this world all alone

Don't your feet get cold in the winter time?  
The sky won't snow and the sun won't shine  
It's hard to tell the night time from the day  
You're losin' all your highs and lows  
Ain't it funny how the feeling goes away?

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses?  
Come down from your fences, open the gate  
It may be rainin', but there's a rainbow above you  
You better let somebody love you  
(Let somebody love you)  
You better let somebody love you before it's too late



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