

The American Indian had distinctive traits and high ideals. For example, profanity was unknown to the native Indian tongue. The Indian had to learn to swear in English!

Stealing within the tribes was an extreme rarity, punishable by expulsion.

To an Indian any man was welcome to drop in at meal time and eat his fill, quite without invitation. Stinginess was the lowest, meanest vice they knew. Yet many Indian hunter, hungry and poor because the white man had caused their game to vanish from the prairies was fired upon or warned away if he happened to approach a white man for a present of food or tobacco.

Perhaps the greatest of all Indian virtues was the obedience and respect shown by Indian youth to their elders. Indian children were respected by their elders and treated as having rights. An Indian child was never struck by his parents and the Indian regarded with horror the white father who whipped his child.

It is the false picture of the American Indian implanted in the minds of children that concerns us most deeply.