The Fully Functioning Person

The adult with a capacity for true maturity is one who has grown out of childhood without losing childhood's best traits:

- He has retained the emotional strength of infancy,
- The stubborn autonomy of totterhood,
- The capacity for wonder, pleasure and playfulness of the pre-school years,
- The capacity for affiliation and the intellectual curiosity of the school years,
- The idealism and passion of adolescence.

He has incorporated these into a new pattern of development dominated by adult stability, wisdom, knowledge, sensitivity to other people, responsibility, strength, and purposiveness.

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