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The Essence of Authentic Masculinity

## How does a Boy Become the Real Deal?

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Waiting and being measured (unhurried, un rushed, restrained, deliberate) is NOT being Passive

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

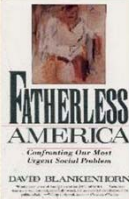


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**White Aussies - fatherlessness nothing new**

- 1800** → Currency Lads & Lasses
  - Almost half were either orphans, or totally neglected
  - "Sober, steady and self-respecting citizens, well-built, honest and strong"
- 1914** → WW I
- 1938** → WW II
- 1970** → War on Family

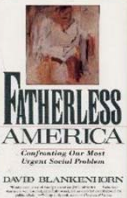
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**Boys without fathers not only experience more physical and sexual abuse, more mental disease, and more emotional distress than other children...**

David Blankenhorn, *Fatherless America*, 1996.

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**...but also receive lower grades, drop out of school at higher rates, act out in school with more frequency, end up in juvenile courts in higher numbers, and report low self-esteem and low educational expectations.**

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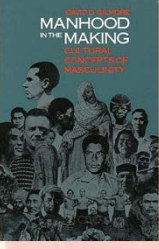
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Father-deprived girls;

- ☞ show precocious sexual interest
- ☞ derogation of masculinity and males
- ☞ poor ability to maintain sexual and emotional adjustment with one man

Patricia Draper and Henry Harpending, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 38 (3) 1982, p258.

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... a constantly recurring notion that real manhood is different from simple anatomical maleness, that it is not a natural condition that comes about spontaneously through biological maturation but rather is a precarious or artificial state that boys must win against powerful odds.

David D. Gilmore (1990) p13 *Manhood in the Making: Cultural Concepts of Masculinity*

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Boys are wired to be Warriors and need opportunities to conquer 'things'

Maggie Dent 2010

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Tyson Yunkaporta,  
a Nungar-descended Murri man

**Warrior**


**Soldier**

**Fighter**

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The permissive society refuses to offer young men any boundaries or rules. Consequently this leads many guys into a path of avoiding commitment and the loss of identity.

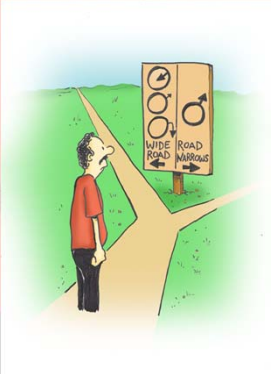
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REFLECTION & DISCUSSION?

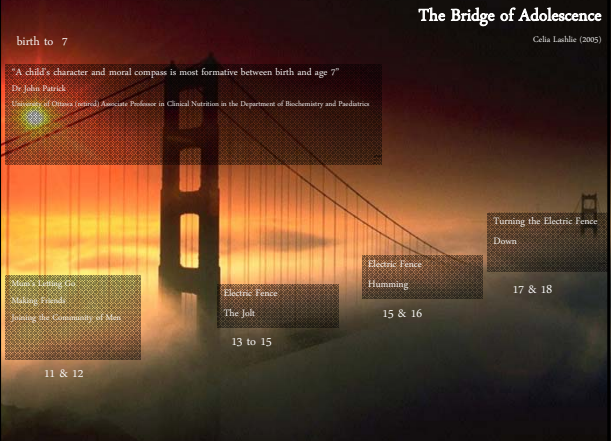
1. What was your journey into manhood?
2. Who were the key men?
3. What was it about them that impacted you



**The Bridge of Adolescence**  
Celia Laible (2005)

birth to 7

"A child's character and moral compass is most formative between birth and age 7"  
Dr John Patrick  
University of Ottawa (pastoral Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Paediatrics)



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13 to 15

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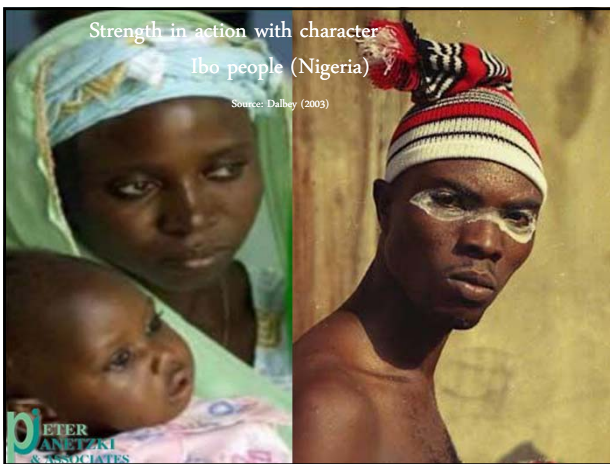
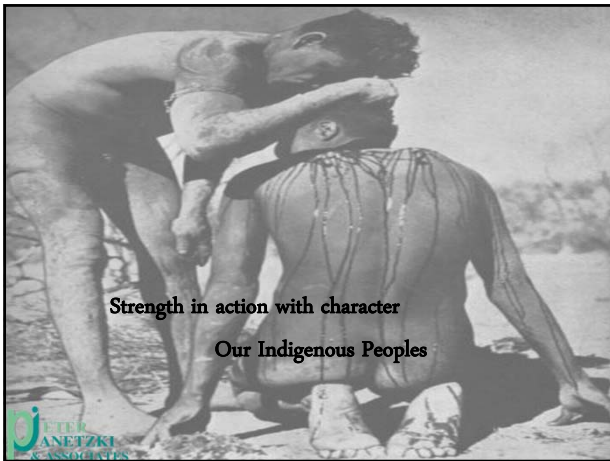
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Men's Eating Ex.  
Walking Friends  
Joining the Community of Men

Electric Fence  
The Job

Electric Fence Humming

Turning the Electric Fence Down



**5 Principles of Initiation**  
Rites of Passage

1. Conducted by the **community of men**.
2. Involve **challenge, struggle and pain**.
3. Bring a **change in relationship**, especially between mother and son.
4. Bestow **adult expectations, responsibilities and rights**. It is time for the 'new man' to step up and fulfil his role within the community of men.
5. Contain **specific culturally relevant markers**. These are anchoring points that are a reminder of one becoming a man and an outward reflection of inner transformation

**Barassi bashed after coming to woman's rescue**

abc news - 02/01 /2009

**REFLECTION & DISCUSSION?**

1. How would you rate your journey into manhood according to the 5 principles of rites of passage?
2. What is missing for you? Who can you call on to bestow this on you?



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