

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Respect for life is ^{somewhat} more common in small communities with a low birth rate than in large societies with high birth and death rates: there life is precious, here it is cheap. Religions, ^{or mores} beliefs just consecrate such and reinforce such attitudes. For example, the Jews, who were few and beleaguered valued highly their own life - not however that of the tribes or races that had not been "chosen". The early Christians, who believed in the imminence of the Kingdom of God, placed so little value on life that they preferred celibacy & martyrdom; likewise the Hindus, who believe in reincarnation, do not value life very highly.

