

## SUMMARY

We researched the forms of families and circumstances of bringing up children in some farm villages in Kashgar, Hotan, in Uighur. The result revealed a close relationship between children and the old people, a kind of symbiosis of the infant and the old. In early infancy children have various contacts with their blood relatives and neighbors by gathering around aged persons. Mothers return to their housework one-year after bearing their babies and try to wean from them little by little. Directly and indirectly the old have rich relationships with children. They protect children in early infancy, and their relations develop reciprocally during childhood. Then children are conscious of the responsibility for taking care of the old people with great reverence.

As nuclear families increase in the advanced and industrialized nations, mother-child relations become strong and the old's absence becomes characteristic. S. Freud's successors have not denied the premise that circumstances surrounding infant are inevitably left to the medium of maternity alone. Successors have tried to explain how an infant constructs the inner world on the basis of its objective relationship to the mother or her substitute.

This theory describes a close system of a nuclear family, and so it does not make clear the systematic formation of children's character in the farm villages in Uighur. It would not necessarily be good for a system of extended family with blood

relationships to be realized in our modernized society. A tidal wave of industrialization is happening in the farm villages in Uighur. We, however, can find some possibilities of ordinary relationships between the infant and the olds, which do not involve blood relations there.

The 20th century is said to be the children's one. Its fundamental significance is the discovery of mankind's possibilities as influenced by education. When we can die of natural causes in the 21st century, it will become a century of the old. Then a new kind of family distant from blood relationships will appear, with the basis of human's connections through symbiosis of the infant and the old.