

# Researchers Prove Altruism Begins In Infancy- is this an anticipation?

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This question is right exactly in the expertise of [Elayne](#) but I know she has been very busy lately - no doubt she will weigh in when able.

My own sense of caution as to the first article would be on this premise:

"Human nature is complicated, no doubt, but most of us would at least like to think that people are [fundamentally good](#). If you're a big believer in humanity's best qualities, a new study is backing up your beliefs in a major way. It appears that babies may be instinctively altruistic."

I think it's perilous to think in terms of "good" and "evil" and as to whether we approve or disapprove of the inclination being discussed, but at the basic level of there being any kind of inclination at all, as opposed to there being only a total blank slate, I bet the findings of the article do support a reasonable theory of "anticipations."

However - is this next quote true? Because I would expect a form of anticipations would probably exist in all higher animals, and perhaps in all life forms.

["Kindness towards others](#) at one's own expense is a **uniquely human trait**. While some primates have displayed a tendency to help each other out and share resources in certain situations, it is virtually unheard of across the animal kingdom for an animal to give up food he or she needs just because another is in need."