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Annotated Bibliography

Cross, David, and Karen Purvis. "Is maternal deprivation the root of all evil?" *Avances en Psicologia Latinoamericana*, vol. 26, no. 1, 2008, pp. 66-81.

Weaving spiritual applications throughout the article, the authors incorporate a plethora of references to substantiate that maltreatment has a direct connection to attachment disorders. They provide articulate and heavily-supported reasoning, detailing the specific causes of maternal deprivation individually and then incorporating them in a broader sense to answer the article's title in the affirmative.

Feldman, Ruth. "Mother-infant synchrony and the development of moral orientation in childhood and adolescence: Direct and indirect mechanisms of developmental continuity." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, vol. 77, no. 4, 2007, pp. 582-597. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0002-9432.77.4.582>.

This longitudinal study tracked 31 Israeli children from ages 3 months to 13 years (infancy to adolescence). There were direct parallels noted between increased attachment/coherence and the child's moral cognition, empathy development, and verbal IQ. Toddlers who were able to regulate their own behavior later proved to excel in lead-lag structures and language skills.