

# Sources of Early Modern Emotion in English, 1500-1700



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## Meekness, Mildness, Gentleness

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1586	La Primaudaye, Pierre de	<i>The French academie wherein is discoursed the institution of maners, and whatsoeuer els concerneth the good and happie life of all estates and callings, by preceptes of doctrine, and examples of the liues of ancient sages and famous men</i>	STC 15233	Translation of part 1 of <i>Academie françoise</i> .  Contains chapters on <i>Passions of the Body and Soul, Temperance, Ambition, Pride, Shame, Fear, Generosity, Hope, Choler and Wrath, Meekness, Envy and Hatred</i>
1595	Hurault, Jacques	<i>Politicke, moral, and martial discourses.</i>	STC 14000	Translation of <i>Trois livres des offices d'estat</i> .  Chapter 1.10 "Of the Passions of the mind" treats the emotions of a prince, including <i>Despair, Hope, Fear, Meekness</i> .

				Chapter 2.5 on “Gentlenesse and Courtesie” also contains a long section on envy.
1612	Wilson, Thomas	<i>A Christian dictionarie Opening the signification of the chiefe words dispersed generally through Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, tending to increase Christian knowledge.</i>	STC 25786	Contains entries on emotion words in a theological context, including <i>Abomination, Affections, Affliction, Anger, Boldness, Cheerfulness, Compassion, Covetousness, Desire, Despair, Emulation, Fear, Filthy, Gall, Hope, Jealousy, Joy, Maliciousness, Meekness, Modesty, Passions, Pleasure, Purge, Revenge, Reverence, Shamefastnesse, Tear, Vile, Wrath, Zeale</i>
1621	Coeffeteau, Nicholas	<i>A table of humane passions With their causes and effects</i>	STC 5473	Chapters on <i>Love, Jealousy, Hatred, Pleasure Envy and Emulation, Fear or Dread, Shame, Hope and Despair, Choler, Mildness and Gentleness</i>
1650	Caussin, Nicolas	<i>The holy court in five tomes...</i>	WING C1547	Fourth Tome, "Containing the Command of REASON over the PASSIONS," contains sections on <i>Love, Hatred, Desire, Aversion, Delectation, Sadness, Hope, Despair, Fear, Boldness, Shamefacedness, Anger, Envy and Jealousy, Mildness and Compassion</i>  Fourth Tome was published separately in 1638 as <i>The holy court fourth tome. The commaund of reason, ouer the passions. Written in French by F N. Caussin, of the Society of Iesus.</i> (STC 4875).

### Secondary Sources:

Newman, Jane O. "'And let mild women to him lose their mildness': Philomela, Female Violence, and Shakespeare's *The Rape of Lucrece*." *Shakespeare Quarterly* 45 (1994): 304-26.