

PSALM 51:5

King James Version

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

R' Samson Raphael Hirsch Translation

“Lo, I was begotten with the capacity to sin and with predisposition to iniquity did my mother nurse me.”

R' Hirsch's Paraphrase

“When I was a babe in my mother's arms I was not yet subject to the rule and control of the Divine fire of the Torah, for this is a kind of obedience which man can acquire only by training and maturity and not by birth.”