

## The Golden Rule

Central to all the major faiths present today is a belief in the law of reciprocity or what is commonly called the Golden Rule.

"Ascribe not to any soul that which thou wouldst not have ascribed to thee, and say not that which thou doest not." Baha'i Faith (*Baha'u'llah*)

"...a state that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that upon another?" Buddhism (*Samuitta Nikaya v.353*)

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Christianity (*Luke 6:31*)

"Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you." Confucianism (*Analects 15:21*)

"This is the sum of duty; do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you." Hinduism (*Mahabharata 5:1517*)

"Don't do things you wouldn't want to have done to you." Humanism (*British Humanist Society.3*)

"None of you (truly) believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself." Islam (*Number 13 of Imam Al-Nawawi's Forty Hadiths*)

"A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated." Jainism (*Sutrakritanga 1:11.33*)

"What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. This is the law; all the rest is commentary." Judaism (*Taknydm Sgabbat 31a*)

"All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One" Native American Spirituality (*Black Elk*)

"The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form." Shinto (*Ko-ji-ki Hachiman Kasuga*)

"Compassion-mercy and religion are the support of the entire world." Sikhism (*Japji Sahib*)

"Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss." Taoism (*Tai Shang Kan Ying P'ien*)

"We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Unitarian (*Unitarian principles 7, 8*)

"Do whatever you will as long as it harms nobody." Wicca (*Wiccan Rede*)

"One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself to feel how it hurts." Yoruba (*Nigeria*)

"That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself." Zoroastrianism (*Dadistan-i-dinik 94:5*)

Seventeen major world faiths are presented in the **Peace Labyrinth**, a project which includes over 40 quilts containing contributions from more than 60 quilters and other supporters. Golden Rule quotations for these and other faiths can be seen at [www.religioustolerance.org](http://www.religioustolerance.org).

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## QUOTATIONS

"Truth is One; Sages call it by different names." (*Hindu Saying*)

"Whenever virtue declines and unrighteousness rises, I manifest Myself as an embodied being....to establish Dharma (*righteousness*), I am born from age to age." (*Bhagavad-Gita – A sacred scripture for the Hindu religion*)

"You shall not kill." (*Commandment 6 of The Ten Commandments – Given to Moses as a covenant with the Jewish nation.*)

"There is no calamity greater than lavish desires. There is no greater guilt than discontentment. And there is no greater disaster than greed." "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." (*Lao-tzu 604 BC – 531 BC Chinese Philosopher*)

"Hatred does not cease in this world by hating, but by not hating; this is an eternal truth." (*Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) 563 BC–483 BC Indian philosopher & religious leader*)

"Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon and star." "Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses." (*Confucius 551 BC – 479 BC Chinese philosopher & reformer*)

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." "Judge not, that you be not judged. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (*Jesus of Nazareth 7- 2 BC to 30 -36 CE*)

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." (*Abraham Lincoln 1809 – 1865 Lawyer & 16<sup>th</sup> U.S. President*)

"Earth is but one country and mankind is its citizens." (*Bahá'u'lláh (born Mirzá Husayn-'Alí Núrí) 1817-1892 Founder of Bahá'í faith*)

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – NOT absence of fear." (*Mark Twain 1835–1910 U.S novelist, short story author, & wit*)

"You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'" (*George Bernard Shaw 1856 – 1950 Irish dramatist & socialist*)

"True peace is not merely the absence of war; it is the presence of justice..." (*Jane Addams 1860-1935 Philosopher, sociologist, author, leader in woman suffrage and world peace.*)

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." "Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it." (*Mahatma Gandhi 1869 – 1948 Indian political, spiritual leader & pacifist*)

"I believe in God, only I spell it Nature." (*Frank Lloyd Wright 1869 – 1959 U. S. Architect*)

"The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is at all comprehensible." "The important thing is not to stop questioning." (*Albert Einstein 1879 – 1955 German born U.S. physicist*)

"I do not want the peace which passeth understanding, I want the understanding which bringeth peace."

"The highest result of education is tolerance." (*Helen Keller 1880 – 1968 U.S. blind & deaf educator*)

"God made Truth with many doors to welcome every believer who knocks on them." (*Kahlil Gibran 1883- 1931 Lebanese artist, poet*)

"When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others." "The way of peace is the way of love. Love is the greatest power on earth." (*Peace Pilgrim 1908–1981 American teacher, spiritual leader & Peace Prophet*)

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." "Peace begins with a smile." (*Mother Teresa 1910–1997 (born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) Catholic Nun & Founder of Missionaries of Charity*)

"For in the final analysis, our most basic common link, is that we all inhabit this small planet, we all breathe the same air, we all cherish our children's futures, and we are all mortal." (*John F. Kennedy 1917 – 1963 35<sup>th</sup> US President*)

"Life is a challenge, meet it! Life is a dream, realize it! Life is a game, play it! Life is Love, enjoy it!" (*Sri Sathy a Sai Baba 1926 - 2011 Indian spiritual leader, mystic, philanthropist and educator*)

"The highest result of education is tolerance." "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: - 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" (*Martin Luther King Jr. 1929 – 1968 U.S civil rights leader & clergyman*)

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." (*Bishop Desmond Tutu African spiritual leader and novelist*)

"Every religion emphasizes human improvement, love, respect for others, and sharing other people's suffering." (*The Dalai Lama*)

"Easy does it." "Live and let live" "One day at a time." "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." (*The 12 Step Program*)