

The Golden Rule

The Golden Rule is the most succinct and all-embracing description of how every major religion believes individuals and nations should be treated. Every religion considers The Golden Rule to be the highest expression of spiritual thought. The founders of every major world religion--among them Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Confucius, and Muhammad -- all taught that following the Golden Rule is the surest way for mankind to fulfill its most cherished ideals.

What is harmful to yourself do not to your fellow man. That is the whole of the Torah and the remainder is but commentary.

Judaism

Tzu-Kung asked: "Is there one principle upon which one's whole life may proceed?" The Master replied, "Is not Reciprocity such a principle? -- what you do not yourself desire, do not put before others."

Confucianism

Do unto all men as you would wish to have done unto you; and reject for others what you would reject for yourselves.

Islam

*This is the sum of all true righteousness--
Treat others, as thou wouldst thyself be treated.
Do nothing to thy neighbor, which hereafter
Thou wouldst not have thy neighbor do to thee.*

Hinduism

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, for this is the law and the prophecy.

Christianity

Hurt not others with that which pains yourself.

Buddhism