

“GOLDEN RULES” IN WORLD RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHY

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| Ancient Egyptian | <i>That which you hate to be done to you, do not do to another. -The Eloquent Peasant</i> |
| Baha'i | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself. And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour that which thou choosest for thyself. – Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, 71</i> |
| Buddhism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>...a state that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that upon another? Samyutta Nikaya 353</i> • <i>If you see yourself in others, then whom can you harm? - Buddha</i> • <i>Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. - Udana-Varga 5:18</i> |
| Christianity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Always treat others as you would like them to treat you. - Matthew 7:12</i> |
| Confucianism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you. Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself. Analects 15:23-24</i> • <i>'Is there one word that can serve as a principle of conduct for life?' Confucius replied, 'Reciprocity. Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire.' Doctrine of the Mean 13.3</i> • <i>Try your best to treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself, and you will find that this is the shortest way to benevolence. Mencius VII.A.4</i> |
| Hinduism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do nothing unto others which would cause you pain if done to you. - Mahabharata, 5:1517</i> • <i>Impartial everywhere he looks, he sees himself in all beings and all beings in himself. Bhagavad Gita 6:29</i> • <i>One should never do that to another which one regards as injurious to one's own self. This, in brief, is the rule of dharma. Other behavior is due to selfish desires. Brihaspati, Mahabhara'ta (Anusasana Parva, § CXIII, v. 8)</i> |
| Islam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself. Qu'ran Surah 59, "Exile," v. 9.</i> • <i>That which you want for yourself, seek for mankind. Hadith Sukhanan-i-Muhammad</i> |
| Jainism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated. Suttrakritanga 1.11.33</i> • <i>Killing a living being is killing one's own self; showing compassion to a living being is showing compassion to oneself. He who desires his own good, should avoid causing any harm to a living being. Suman Suttam, verse 151</i> |
| Judaism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Leviticus 19:18</i> • <i>What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. This is the law: all the rest is commentary. Talmud, Shabbat 31a</i> |
| Native American | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One. Black Elk</i> • <i>Do not wrong or hate your neighbor. For it is not he who you wrong, but yourself. Pima proverb</i> • <i>Only act so that the consequences of your action will be good for the 7th generation. Ogala Sioux</i> |
| Quaker | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oh, do as you would be done by. And do unto all men as you would have them do unto you, for this is but the law and the prophet. –Quaker peace testimony</i> |
| Rastafari | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Thou shalt first bind up the wound of thy brother and correct the mistakes in thine own household before ye can see the sore on the body of your friend, or the error in the household of thy neighbour. The Holy Pilby, III.8</i> |
| Shinto | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form.</i> |
| Sikh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Don't create enmity with anyone as God is within everyone. Guru Arjan Devji 259</i> |
| Taoism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss. T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien</i> • <i>The good I meet with goodness; the bad I also meet with goodness; that is virtue's goodness. The faithful I meet with faith; the faithless I also meet with faith; that is virtue's faith. Tao te Ching, 49</i> |
| Wicca | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do whatever you will, as long as it harms nobody, including yourself.</i> |
| Yoruba (Nigeria) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself to feel how it hurts.</i> |
| Zoroastrianism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whatever is disagreeable to yourself do not do unto others. Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29</i> |

Philosophers & Others

- Epictetus: *What you would avoid suffering yourself, seek not to impose on others.* (c. 100 CE)
 - Hegel: *I behold the others as myself and myself as them.* (*The Phenomenology of Spirit*, 1807 CE)
 - Kant: *Act as if the maxim of thy action were to become by thy will a universal law of nature.* (1785 CE)
 - Plato: *May I do to others as I would that they should do unto me.* (Greece; 4th century BCE)
 - Seneca: *Treat your inferiors as you would be treated by your superiors.* Epistle 47:11 (Rome; 1st century CE)
 - Isocrates: *Do not do to others that which would anger you if others did it to you.* (Greece; 5th century BCE)
 - Plato's Socrates: *One should never do wrong in return, nor mistreat any man, no matter how one has been mistreated by him.* (*Crito*, 49CE)
 - Pittacus: *Do not to your neighbor what you would take ill from him.* (ca. 640–568 BCE)
 - Thales: *Avoid doing what you would blame others for doing.* (624 BCE)
 - Sextus the Pythagorean: *What you do not want to happen to you, do not do it yourself either.* (1st Century BCE)
 - Epicurus: *It is impossible to live a pleasant life without agreeing 'neither to harm nor be harmed'.* (469 BC–399 BCE)
 - *Sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedas: Use what is yours in a way that you don't harm another's.* (A Law Dictionary, Adapted to the Constitution and Laws of the United States. John Bouvier, 1856)
 - *The Golden Rule is of no use to you whatsoever unless you realize that it's your move!* – Dr. Frank Crane (1861–1928)
 - *The golden rule for every business man is this: Put yourself in your customer's place.* – Orison Swett Marden (1850-1924)
 - *If you return an ass's kick, most of the pain is yours.* – Cuba proverb
 - *Practicing the Golden Rule is not a sacrifice; it is an investment.* – unknown
 - *Tweet unto others, as you would have them tweet unto you.* – Sign outside Salvation Army, West Asheville
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