

The Golden Rule in Many & Faith Spiritual Traditions

read at the 11th United Religions Initiative New Years Eve at Green Lake by youth

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We read in the **Baha'i Faith** sacred writings:

"Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself." -- Baha'u'llah

We read in **Buddhist** scripture:

"Treat not others in ways that yourself would find hurtful." -- Udana-Varga 5.18

We read in the **Christian** gospel: "So in everything, do to others, what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets" -- New Testament: MT 7:12 NIV

We read these words of **Confucious**:

"Do not impose on others what you do not wish for yourself." — Analects XV. 24

We read in **Hindu** scripture: "This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you." -- Mahabharata 5:1517

We read from the sayings of Mohammad, the Prophet of **Islam**: "Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself." -- The Prophet Mohammed, Hadith

We read from **Jain** scripture: "One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated." -- Mahavira, Sutratvanga

We read in the Talmud of **Judaism**: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole torah; all the rest is commentary." -- Hillel, Talmad, Shabbat 31a

We re-tell a **First Peoples** proverb: "Do not wrong or hate your neighbor. For it is not he whom you wrong, but yourself." — Pima proverb.

We read in **Sikh** scripture: "I am no stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all." -- Guru Granth Sahib, pg1299

We read in the sacred books of **Taoism**: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbors loss as your own loss."-- T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien, 213-218

We recite the **Wiccan Rede**: "Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill, An it harm none do what ye will." — Doreen Valiente

We read in **Zoroastrian** scripture: "Do not unto others what is injurious to yourself." -- Shayast-na-Shayast 13.29