

The Golden Rule

The Golden Rule is found in the scriptures of nearly every religion. It is often regarded as the most concise and general principle which lies at the heart of human behaviour. The key concepts which it embraces are:

MUTUAL RESPECT: INTER-DEPENDENCE: COMPASSION: HARMONY

African Traditional Religions - (Nigeria)

Someone going to take a stick to hurt a baby bird should try it on himself first.

The Baha'i Faith

And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour which thou choosest for thyself.

Buddhism

A state that is not pleasant or delightful to me, must be to another also, and a state that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that on another?

Christianity

Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

Confucianism

Try your best to treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself, and you will find that that is the shortest way to benevolence.

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Hinduism

One should not behave towards others in a way which is disagreeable to oneself. This is the essence of morality. All other activities are due to selfish desire.

Islam

Not one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.

Jainism

A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself should be treated.

Judaism

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Sikhism

Do not create any enmity with anyone, as God is within everyone.