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Oneness: Great Principles Shared by all Religions

Using what you know about religions and philosophies, try to determine from which religion each quote originates.

Christianity	Bible	
Islam	Koran/Quran	Hadiths
Judaism	Torah	Talmud
Buddhism	Tripitaka	Mahayana Sutras
Hinduism	Vedas	Upanishads
Sikhism	Guru Granth Sahib	
Confucianism	Analects	Five Great Classics
Shinto	Kojiki	Nihon-gi
Jainism	Agam literature	
Taoism	Tao Te Ching	
Sufism	Koran/Quran	

The Golden Rule

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, for this is the law and the prophets.
(Christianity)

What is hurtful to yourself do not to your fellow man. That is the whole of the (holy text) and the remainder is but commentary.
(Judaism)

Do unto all men as you would they should unto you, and reject for others what you would reject for yourself.

(Islam)

Hurt not others with that which pains yourself.

(Buddhism)

What you do not yourself desire, do not put before others.

(Confucius)

Treat others as thou wouldst be treated thyself.

(Sikhism)

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

(Jainism)

Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain; and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss, even though you were in their place.

(Taoism)

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)

Love Thy Neighbor

Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.

(Judaism)

A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; even as I have loved you.

(Christianity)

A man obtains a proper rule of action by looking on his neighbor as himself.

(Hinduism)

Full of love for all things in the world, practicing virtue in order to benefit others, this man alone is happy.

(Buddhism)

Seek to be in harmony with all your neighbors; live in amity with your brethren.

(Confucianism)

No one is a believer until he loves for his neighbor, and for his brother, what he loves for himself.
(Islam)

Wisdom is More Precious Than Riches

Riches are not from an abundance of worldly goods, but from a contented mind.
(Islam)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
(Christianity)

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather than silver!
(Judaism)

The real treasure is laid up by a man or woman through charity and piety, temperance and self-control...the treasure thus hid is secure, and does not pass away.
(Buddhism)

Knowledge is the best treasure that a man can secretly hoard in life. Learning is the revered of the revered.....knowledge is the holiest of the holiest, the god of gods, and commands respect of crowned heads; shorn of it man is but an animal.
(Hinduism)

Blessed to Forgive

The most beautiful thing a man can do is to forgive wrong.
(Judaism)

The Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."
(Christianity)

He who forgives and makes peace, shall find his rewards for it from God.
(Islam)

Where there is forgiveness there is God himself.
(Sikhism)

Recompense injury with kindness.
(Taoism)

Never is hate diminished by hatred; it is only diminished by love---this is an eternal law.
(Buddhism)

Speak Truth

Sincerity is the way of heaven, and to think how to be sincere is the way of a man. Never was there one possessed of complete sincerity who did not move others. Never was there one without sincerity who was able to move others.
(Confucius)

Say what is true! Do thy duty. Do not swerve from the truth.
(Hinduism)

Do not clothe the truth with falsehood; do not knowingly conceal the truth.
(Islam)

Speak ye every man truth to his neighbor; execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates.
(Judaism)

Him I call indeed a Brahmana who utters true speech, instructive and free from harshness, so that he offends no one.
(Buddhism)

Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.
(Christianity)

Avoid Doing What You Know to Be Wrong

Do nothing which appears wicked in your own eyes.
(Judaism)

Let a man avoid doing what his sense of righteousness tells him to avoid. This is the most direct and simplest way to act correctly in all circumstances.
(Confucianism)

If knowing your duty and task, you bid duty and task go by--that is sin.
(Hinduism)

Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

(Christianity)

Knowing the truth, one should live up to it.

(Jainism)

When anything pricketh your conscience, forsake it.

(Islam)

Start When Young to Seek Wisdom

Knowledge is riches, what one learns in youth is engraven on stone.

(Hinduism)

My son, gather instruction from thy youth up; so shalt thou find wisdom till thine old age.

(Judaism)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(Christianity)

Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.

(Islam)

He who, even as a young student, applies himself to the doctrine of truth, illuminates this world like the moon set free from the clouds.

(Buddhism)

Honor the Elderly

He who greets and constantly reveres the aged, four things will increase to him: life, beauty, happiness, power.

(Buddhism)

With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

(Judaism)

Treat with reverence due to age the elders in your own family.

(Confucianism)

Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father.

(Christianity)

To honor an old man is to show respect for God.

(Islam)

A village without elders is like a tree without roots. *Nilotic proverb, Africa*

When an elder speaks, be silent and listen. *Mohawk, Native American*

Moderation in All Things

He who possesses moderation is lasting and enduring.
(Taoism)

Commit no excess; do nothing injurious.....pleasures should not be carried to excess.
(Confucianism)

He who avoids extremes in eating and fasting, in sleep and waking, and in work and play,
He wins balance, peace, and joy.
(Hinduism)

Let your moderation be known unto all men.
(Christianity)

If a man oversteps the limits of moderation, he pollutes his body and mind.
(Shinto)

Observe moderation in all you do, and if that is not possible, try to be near moderation.
(Islam)

Honor Thy Father and Mother

If each man would love his parents and show due respect to his elders, the whole empire would
enjoy tranquility.
(Confucianism)

To support Father and Mother, To cherish Wife and Child, To follow a peaceful calling,
This is the greatest blessing.
(Buddhism)

Serve and revere your parents. Heaven is spread beneath the feet of mothers everywhere.
(Islam)

Honor thy Father and Mother. Forget not the favors thou hast received.
(Hinduism)

For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother.
(Christianity)

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.

(Judaism)