

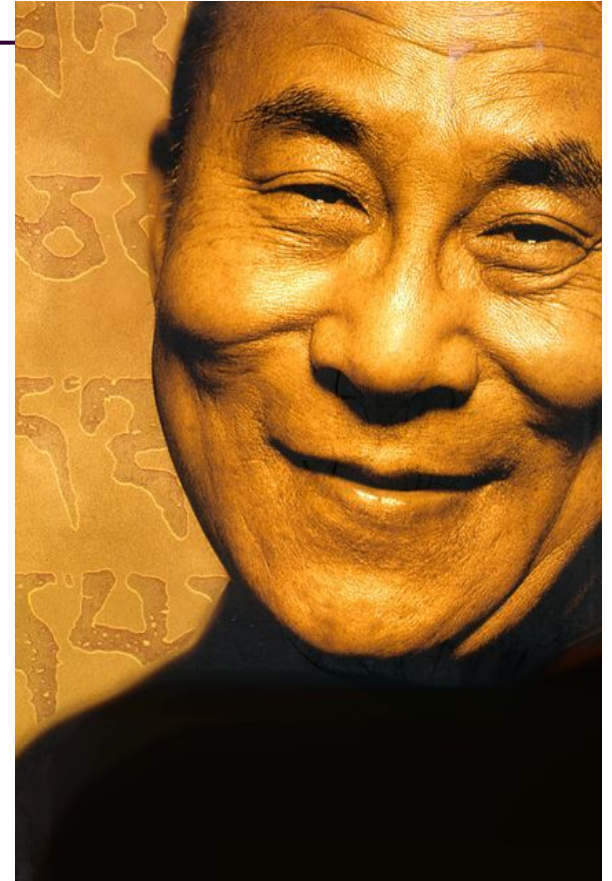
Common Sacred Ground?



Shared Beliefs

- *“Every major religion of the world has similar ideas of love, the same goal of benefiting humanity through spiritual practice, and the same effect of making their followers into better human beings.”*

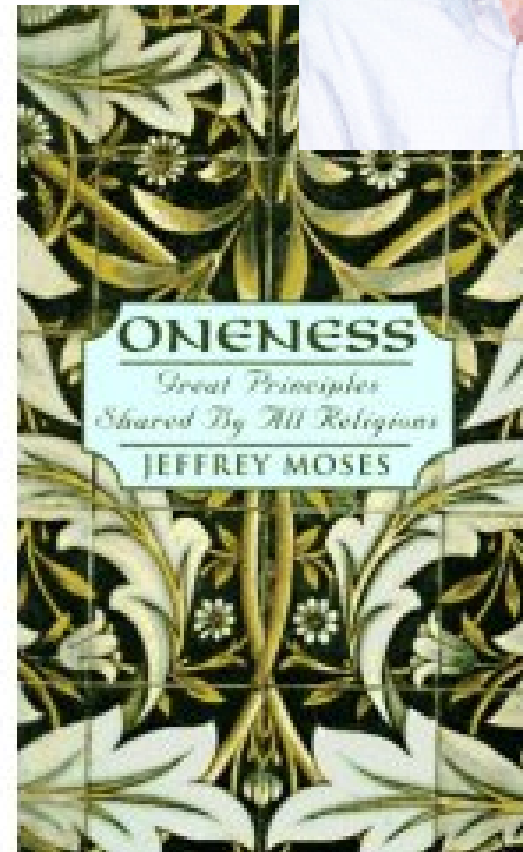
– The Dalai Lama



Common Precepts of World Religions



- **1. Do no harm**
- **2. Make things better**
- **3. Respect others**
- **4. Be fair**



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Golden Rule

Hinduism

- ***“People should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.”***
– Hinduism

Confucianism

- ***“Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.”***
– Confucius

Buddhism

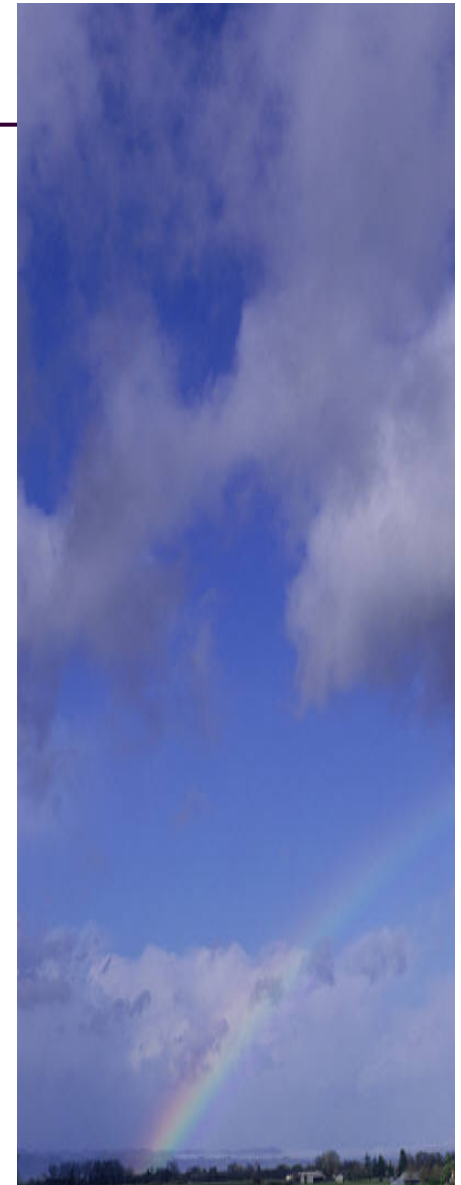
- ***“Practice the truth that thy brother is the same as thou.”***
– Buddha

Christianity

- ***“Whatever you would that people should do to you, do so to them.”***
– Christianity

Islam

- ***“No man of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”***
– Islam



Known by Your Deeds

Sikhism

- ***“God will not ask what race you are, but what have you done.”***
– Sikhism

Christianity

- ***“God will render to everyone according to their deeds.”***
– Christianity

Judaism

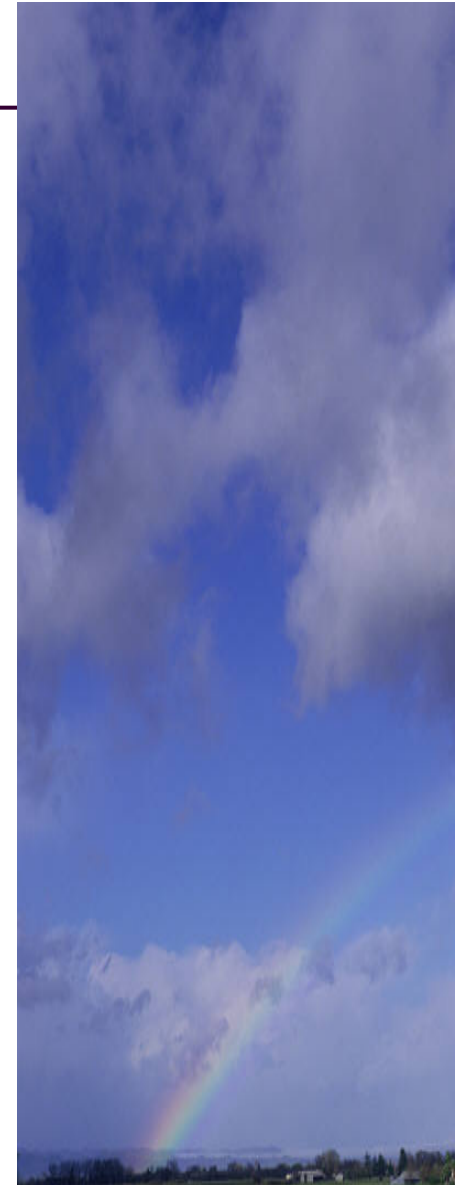
- ***“Deeds of love are worth as much as all the commandments of the law.”***
– Judaism

Buddhism

- ***“An outcaste is an outcaste by deeds. A Brahmin is a Brahmin by deeds.”***
– Buddhism

Islam

- ***“If you derive pleasure from the good you do and grief from the evil you commit, you are a true believer.”***
– Islam



Wisdom over Riches

Islam

- ***“Riches are not from an abundance of worldly goods, but from a contented mind.”***
– Islam

Christianity

- ***“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth ... but treasures in heaven.”***
– Christianity

Buddhism

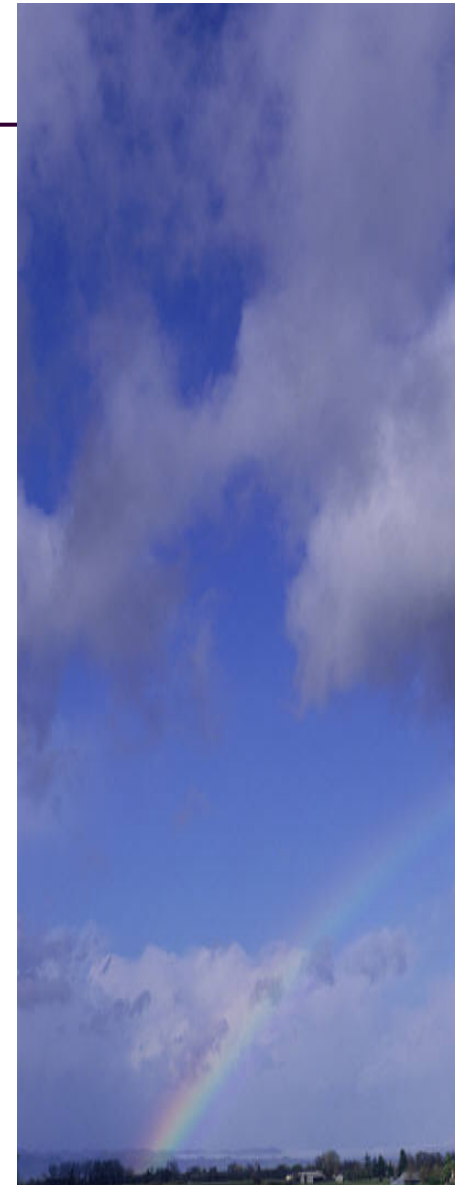
- ***“Real treasure is laid up through charity and piety.”***
– Buddha

Judaism

- ***“How much better is wisdom than gold! Understanding than silver.”***
– Judaism

Hinduism

- ***“Knowledge is the holiest of the holies, and commands the respect of kings. Shorn of it man is but an animal.”***
– Hinduism



Do No Harm

Islam

- ***“Whatever good you do for others, you send it before your own soul.”***
– Islam

Christianity

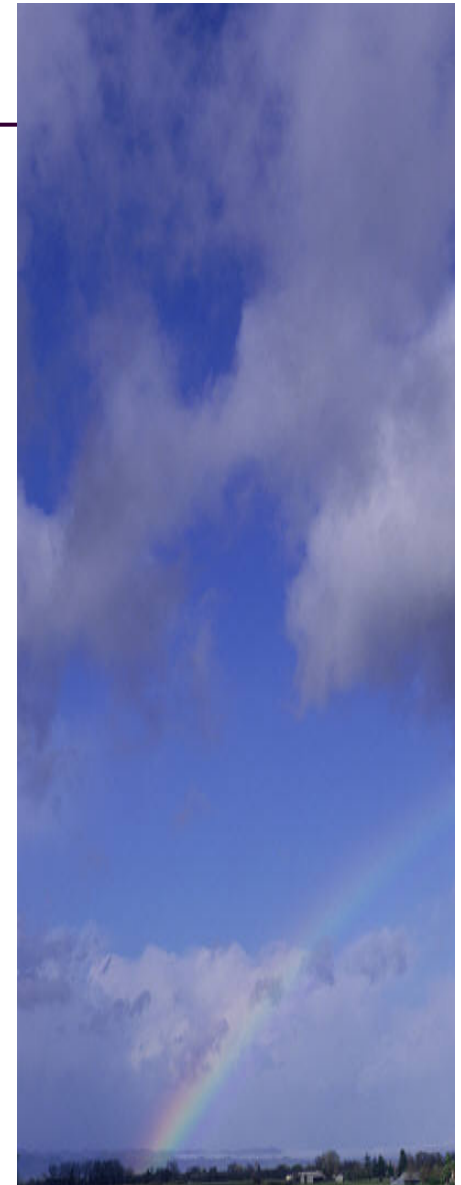
- ***“Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving.”***
– Christianity

Buddhism

- ***“Hurt none by word or deed be consistent in well-doing.”*** – Buddha

Hinduism

- ***“Do not hurt others, do no one injury by thought or deed, utter no word to pain thy fellow creatures.”***
– Hinduism



Seek Wisdom when Young

Hinduism

- ***“What one learns in youth is engraven on stone.”***
– Hinduism

Buddhism

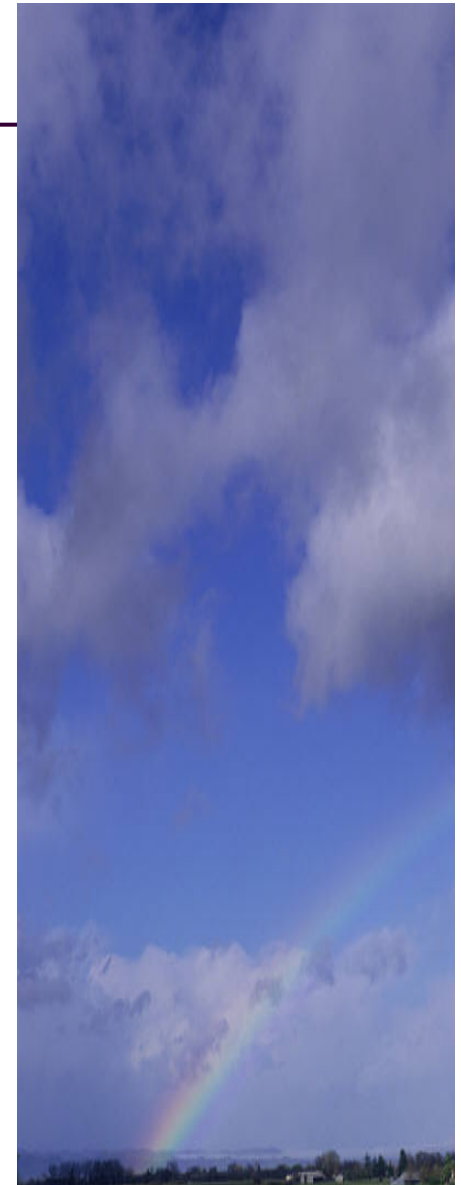
- ***“He who, even as a young student, applies himself to the doctrine of truth, brightens up this world like the moon set free from the clouds.”***
– Buddha

Judaism

- ***“Gather instruction from youth up, so thou will find wisdom till thine old age.”***
– Judaism

Islam

- ***“Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.”***
– Islam



Love Thy Neighbor

Hinduism

- ***“Obtain a proper rule of action by looking on your neighbor as yourself.”***
– Hinduism

Confucianism

- ***“Seek to be in harmony with all your neighbors.”***
– Confucius

Buddhism

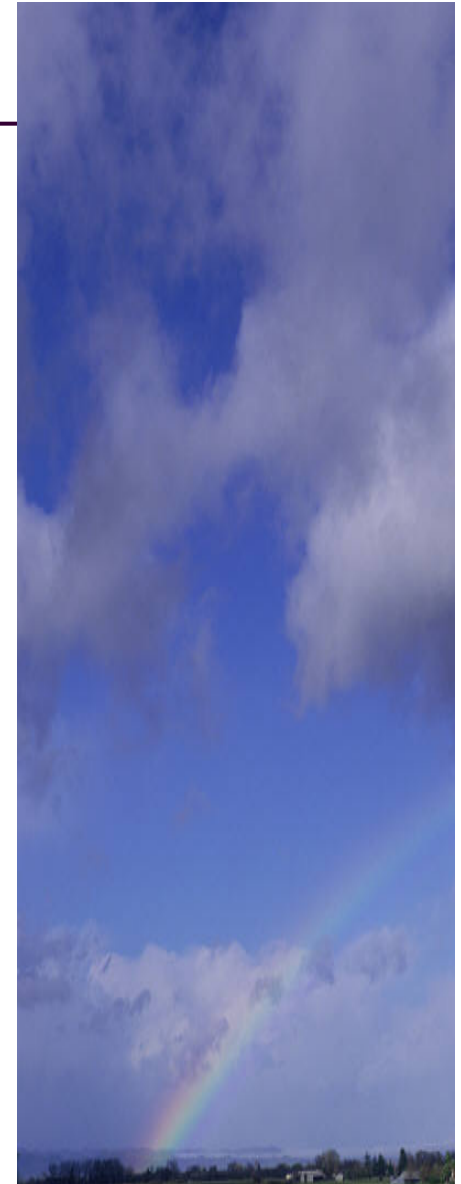
- ***“Full of love for all things in the world ... This man alone is happy.”***
– Buddha

Christianity

- ***“Love one another, even as I have loved you.”***
– Christianity

Shintoism

- ***“Regard heaven as your father, Earth as your mother, and all things as your brothers and sisters.”***
– Shintoism



Live in Unity

Hinduism

- ***“Human beings are all as head, arms, trunk, and legs to one another.”***
– Hinduism

Shintoism

- ***“Do not forget the world is one great family.”***
– Shintoism

Judaism

- ***“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”***
– Judaism

Christianity

- ***“God hath made of one blood all nations.”***
– Christianity

Islam

- ***“All creatures are the family of God.”***
– Islam

