

The Golden Rule “The Poetry of Peace”



Good morning everyone on this beautiful morning – I was asked to introduce the Golden Rule – As I began to research the meaning of the Golden Rule I found that we share the same sentiment – It is something that has been entailed on many of us since childhood but with time we forgotten – It is also one of the few rules a lot of us try to live by, and fail every day trying.

I would like to read a selection of some of the ‘Golden Rules’

Baha’i Faith – Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.

Buddhism – Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

Christianity – In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the law and prophets.

Confucianism – One word which sums up the basis of all good conduct... loving kindness. Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.

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Hinduism – This is the sum of duty; do not do to others what you wish for yourself.

Islam – Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself.

Jainism – One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated.

Judaism – What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor.

Sikhism – I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am friend to all.

Taoism – Regard your neighbor’s gain as your own gain and your neighbor’s loss as your own loss.

Unitarianism – We affirm and promote respect for the independent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

Zoroastrianism – Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself.

If only we could apply the “Golden Rule” to our lives every day – life in general would be much easier for everyone – It is a rule that shares a common message that transpires through our differences.

What is the Golden Rule in our lives - It is the “Poetry of Peace” - It means happiness.

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