

# The Golden Rule

Even before written language, humanity's diverse cultures had all discovered one important rule of social behavior. The Golden Rule has found its way into the philosophies, ethics, laws, and religions of the planet:



**World** *All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. **Article 1, Universal Declaration of Human Rights***



**Taoism** *Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and your neighbor's loss as your own loss.*



**Sikhism** *Treat others as thou wouldst be treated thyself.*



**Judaism** *What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man.*



**Islam** *No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.*



**Humanism** *People should aim to treat each other as they would like to be treated themselves – with tolerance, consideration and compassion.*



**Hinduism** *Do naught unto others what would cause you pain if done to you.*



**Confucianism** *Do not do to others what you would not like yourself.*



**Christianity** *Always treat others as you would like them to treat you ...*



**Buddhism** *Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.*

