

THE GOLDEN RULE

Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.

Baha'i Faith

(Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 71)

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

Buddhism

(Udāna-Varga, 5:18)

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Christianity

(Matthew 7:12)

Never do to others what would pain thyself.

Hinduism

(Mahabharata 5:1517)

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

Islam

(Sunnah)

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

That is the entire law; the rest is commentary.

Judaism

(Talmud, *showboat Shabbat*)

That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self.

Zoroastrianism

(*Dadistan-i-Dinik*, 94:5)

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UNITY FEAST

THEME:

DEVOTION AND PRAISE

The Purpose of the Unity Feast is to unite people of different backgrounds, races, religions and colors, together in Peace and Harmony.



This program includes music, prayers, and holy writings from many religions.

Join us in singing "God is One"

Welcome

Opening Prayers

Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

-- Mtw 6:9-13

Jewish Prayer

As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night.

-- Psalm 42:1-3

Bahá'í Prayer

Magnified be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou art He Whom all things worship and Who worshipeth no one, Who is the Lord of all things and is the vassal of none, Who knoweth all things and is known of none. Thou didst wish to make Thyself known unto men; therefore, Thou didst, through a word of Thy mouth, bring creation into being and fashion the universe. There is none other God except Thee, the Fashioner, the Creator, the Almighty, the Most Powerful. I implore Thee, by this very word that hath shone forth above the horizon of Thy will, to enable me to drink deep of the living waters through which Thou hast vivified the hearts of Thy chosen ones and quickened the souls of them that love Thee, that I may, at all times and un-

O My Brother! Until thou enter the Egypt of love, thou shalt never come to the Joseph of the Beauty of the Friend; and until, like Jacob, thou forsake thine outward eyes, thou shalt never open the eye of thine inward being; and until thou burn with the fire of love, thou shalt never commune with the Lover of Longing. A lover feareth nothing and no harm can come nigh him: Thou seest him chill in the fire and dry in the sea...Love accepteth no existence and wisheth no life: He seeth life in death, and in shame seeketh glory. To merit the madness of love, man must abound in sanity; to merit the bonds of the Friend, he must be full of spirit.

-- Bahá'u'lláh, The Seven Valleys, p.9

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CLOSING PRAYER:

Allah'u'Abhá (Glory be to God)

kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

-- Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p.197

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From the Christian Holy Writings:

...Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

--1 Corinthians 4:5

From the Moslem Holy Writings:

He is the living One; there is no god but He: call upon Him, giving Him sincere devotion. Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds!

--Qur'an 40.65

From the Hindu Holy Writings:

Come together, you all, with the power of spirit, to the Lord of heaven, who is One, the Guest of the people. He, the ancient, desires to come to the new, to him all pathways turn; verily he is One. We all here are thine, O Indra, praised by many, We who go about, attached to thee, Lord of wealth! O lover of song, non but thee receives our songs. Love these our words as the earth loves her creatures. Loud songs have sounded to the bounteous Indra, One worthy of praise, the Supporter of mankind...

--Sama Veda 372

From the Jewish Holy Writings:

Greater is he who acts from love than he who acts from fear.

--Talmud, sota 31a

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings:

der all conditions, turn my face wholly towards Thee. Thou art the God of power, of glory and bounty. No God is there beside Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the All-Glorious, the Omniscient.

-- Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations

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HOLY WRITINGS

From the Christian Holy Writings:

And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whenever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come beforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

--Mark 14.3-9

From the Jewish Holy Writings:

"And you shall love the Lord" —namely, you shall make the Lord beloved.

--Talmud Yoma 86

From the Moslem Holy Writings:

Heaven and earth contain me not, but the heart of my faith-

ful servant contains me.

--Hadith of suhrawardi

From the Hindu Holy writings:

The path to the Unmanifest is very difficult for embodied souls to realize (by effort at meditation). But quickly I come to those who offer me every action, who worship me only, their dearest delight, with undaunted devotion. Because they love me, these are my bondsmen, and I shall save them from mortal sorrow and all the waves of life's deathly ocean.

--Bhagavad Gita 12.5-7

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou art He the fire of Whose love hath set ablaze the hearts of them who have recognized Thy unity, and the splendors of Whose countenance have illuminated the faces of such as have drawn nigh unto Thy court.

-- Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations, p212-213

O Friends! You must all be so ablaze in this day with the fire of the love of God that the heat thereof may be manifest in all your veins, your limbs and members of your body, and the peoples of the world may be ignited by this heat and turn to the horizon of the Beloved.

--Guidelines for Teaching, #1

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From the Christian Holy Writings:

Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

--1 Corinthians 10:31

From the Jewish Holy Writings:

Praise the Lord! raise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanc-

tuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

--Psalm 150

From the Moslem Holy Writings:

Be wakeful, for the longing of the righteous to see Me has increased, and verily My longing toward them has increased more.

--Hadith

From the Zoroastrian Holy Writings:

Holy is the man of devotion; Through thoughts and words and deed and through his conscience he increases righteousness; the Wise Lord as Good mind gives the dominion. For this good reward I pray. I know that my greatest good is to worship The Wise Lord and those that have been and are. By their names will I worship them And come before them with praise.

--Avesta, Yasna 51.21-22

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings:

O Son of Being! Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this, O servant.

--Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words of Bahá'u'lláh, #5

Blessed is the spot wherein the anthem of His praise is raised, and blessed the ear that hearkeneth unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-