

Spiritual/Transpersonal Domain

The Great Spirit is in all things, is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us; that which we put into the ground, She returns to us....

American Indigenous Religions, Big Thunder [Bedagi] (Wabanaki Algonquin)

It is the general belief of the Indians that after a man dies his spirit is somewhere on the earth or in the sky, we do not know exactly where, but we are sure that his spirit still lives...

American Indigenous Religions, Chased-by-Bears (Santee-Yanktonai Sioux)

...everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is the Indian theory of existence.

American Indigenous Religions, Mourning Dove [Christine Quintasket] (Salish)

We are all brothers and sisters. That includes every living thing, the green things, the winged of the earth, the four-legged, the things that crawl and swim, the mountains, the streams, the rain, the clouds.

American Indigenous Religions, Russell Means (Oglala Sioux) (Actor and Activist)

There is no death. Only a change of worlds.

American Indigenous Religions, Chief Seattle (Suquamish)

The honour of man is through the attainment of the knowledge of God; his happiness is from the love of God; his joy is in the glad-tidings of God; his greatness is dependent upon his servitude to God. The highest development of man is his entrance into the divine kingdom; and the outcome of this human existence is the nucleus and essence of eternal life.

Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: *PUP*, p. 329

The fear of God hath ever been a sure defense and a safe stronghold for all the peoples of the world.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: *ESW*, p. 27

For every one of you his paramount duty is to choose for himself that on which no other may infringe and none usurp from him. Such a thing - and to this the Almighty is My witness - is the love of God, could ye but perceive it.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: *GI*, p. 261

The world of humanity cannot advance through mere physical powers and intellectual attainments; nay, rather, the Holy Spirit is essential. The divine Father must assist the human world to attain maturity. The body of man is in need of physical and mental energy, but his spirit requires the life and fortification of the Holy Spirit.

Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 182

If, however, an individual hath spiritual characteristics, and virtues that shine out, and his purpose in life be spiritual and his inclinations be directed toward God, and he also study other branches of knowledge--then we have light upon light: his outer being luminous, his private character radiant, his heart sound, his thought elevated, his understanding swift, his rank noble.

Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: *CC I*, p. 282

The slanderers of the true dharma in the latter age of decay are as numerous as the soil of all the worlds in the universe is immeasurable. Those who keep the true dharma are as few in number as a bit of soil on a fingernail.

Buddhism, Mahaparinirvana Sutra

Whoever takes refuge with the awakened one, the truth, and the community, who with clear understanding perceives the four noble truths: namely suffering, the origin of suffering, the cessation of suffering, and the eightfold holy way that leads to the cessation of suffering, that is the safe refuge; that is the best refuge; having gone to that refuge, a person is delivered from all pains.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 137

The outward form, brethren, of him who has won the truth stands before you, but that which binds it to rebirth is cut in twain.

Buddhism, Digha Nikaya, Brahmajala Sutta

People driven by fear go for refuge to mountains and forests, to sacred groves and shrines. That is not a safe refuge; that is not the best refuge. After having got to that refuge, a person is not delivered from all pains.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 136

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

Christianity, Matthew 6: 33 RSV

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Christianity, Matthew 7: 13-14 ASB

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Lo, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Christianity, Luke 17: 20-21 RSV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Christianity, John 3: 16 RSV

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

Christianity, John 12: 24 RSV

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

Christianity, John 15: 8 ASB

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.

Christianity, Galatians 5: 22-23 RSV

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

Christianity, John I 5: 4 RSV

On Me fix thy mind; to Me be devoted; worship Me; revere Me, thus having disciplined thyself, with Me as thy goal, to Me shall thou come.

Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita 9: 34

All those who take refuge in me, whatever their birth, race, sex, or caste, will attain the supreme goal; this realization can be attained even by those whom society scorns. Kings and sages, too seek this goal with devotion.

Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita 9: 32-33

Wherever you find strength, or beauty, or spiritual power, you may be sure that these have sprung from a spark of My essence.

Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita 10: 41

As one not knowing that a golden treasure lies buried beneath his feet may walk over it again and again, yet never find it, so all beings live every moment in the city of Brahman, yet never find him because of the veil of illusion by which he is concealed.

Hinduism, Chandogya Upanishad 8.3: 2

Behold the universe in the glory of God; and all that lives and moves on earth.

Hinduism, Isha Upanishad 1: 1

Be aware of Me always, adore Me, make every act an offering to Me, and you shall come to Me; this I promise, for you are dear to Me.

Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita 18: 65

Seek not for life on earth or in heaven. Thirst for life is delusion. Knowing life to be transitory, wake up from this dream of ignorance and strive to attain knowledge and freedom.

Hinduism, Srimad Bhagavatam 11: 13

I have breathed into man of My spirit.

Islam, Qur'án 15: 29

It was We Who created man, and We know what dark suggestions his soul makes to him: for We are nearer to him than (his) jugular vein.

Islam, Qur'án 50: 16

God asks nothing of any soul save that which He has given it.

Islam, Qur'án 65: 7

No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision; He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.

Islam, Qur'án 6: 103

Say, O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the mercy of God: for God forgives all sins: for His is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

Islam, Qur'án 39: 53

O man! Verily you are ever toiling on toward your Lord -- painfully toiling -- but you shall meet Him ... You shall surely travel from stage to stage.

Islam, Qur'án 84: 6, 19

But verily thy Lord is full of grace to mankind: Yet most of them are ungrateful.

Islam, Qur'án 27: 73

Every man's fate We have fastened on his own neck: On the Day of Judgment We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open.

Islam, Qur'án 17: 13

Heaven and earth contain Me not, but the heart of My faithful servant contains Me.

Islam, Hadith of Suhrawardi

The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no G-d'; they have dealt corruptly, they have done abominably; there is none that doeth good.

Judaism, Tehilim (Psalms) 14: 1 JPS

Trust in HaShem, and do good; dwell in the land, and cherish faithfulness. So shalt thou delight thyself in HaShem; and He shall give thee the petitions of thy heart.

Judaism, Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 3-4 JPS

Resign thyself unto HaShem, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Judaism, Tehilim (Psalms) 37: 7 JPS

My son, despise not the chastening of HaShem, neither spurn thou His correction; For whom HaShem loveth He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Judaism, Mishlei (Proverbs) 3: 11-12 JPS

The name of HaShem is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is set up on high.

Judaism, Mishlei (Proverbs) 18: 10 JPS

Just as God fills the whole world, so the soul fills the body. Just as God sees, but is not seen, so the soul sees, but is not itself seen. Just as God feeds the whole world, so the soul feeds the whole body. Just as God is pure, so the soul is pure. Just as God dwells in the innermost precincts [of the Temple], so also the soul dwells in the innermost part of the body.

Judaism, Talmud, Berakot 10a

Let a man always consider himself as if the Holy One dwells within him.

Judaism, Talmud, Ta'anit 11b

The Tao is infinite, eternal.

Why is it eternal?

It was never born; thus it can never die.

Why is it infinite?

It has no desires for itself; thus it is present for all beings.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching, chapter 7

To know the eternal is called enlightenment.

Not to know the eternal is to act blindly to result in disaster.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching 16

This is true religion; to cleanse oneself with pure thoughts, pure words, and pure deeds.

Zoroastrianism, Zend Avesta

Every being in the universe is an expression of the Tao.

It springs into existence, unconscious, perfect, free, takes on a physical body, lets circumstances complete it.

That is why every being spontaneously honors the Tao.

The Tao gives birth to all beings, nourishes them, maintains them, cares for them, comforts them, protects them, takes them back to itself, creating without possessing, acting without expecting, guiding without interfering.

That is why love of the Tao is in the very nature of things.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching, chapter 51

The Tao is always at ease.

It overcomes without competing, answers without speaking a word, arrives without being summoned, accomplishes without a plan.

Its net covers the whole universe.

And though its meshes are wide, it doesn't let a thing slip through.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching, chapter 73

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