

Citizenship

Family

My dear sisters the women, you have had a hard life to live in this world, yet without you this world would not be what it is...By your hands the family moves.

American Indigenous Religions, Sioux
Tradition of the Sacred Pipe

Women are sacred. If you make your wife suffer, you will die in a short time. Our grandmother, Earth, is a woman, and in abusing your wife you are abusing her.

American Indigenous Religions,
Winnebago Tradition

May my father bless you with life;
May your road reach to Dawn Lake,
May your road be fulfilled.

American Indigenous Religions, Zuni
Prayer

Beware lest ye commit that which would sadden the hearts of your fathers and mothers.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: FL, #7

Supporting one's father and mother, cherishing wife and children and a peaceful occupation; this is the greatest blessing.

Buddhism, Sutta Nipata 262

You children must always obey your parents, for this is what pleases the Lord.

Christianity, Colossians 3: 20 NLT

Tseng Tzu said: "When they are careful (about their parents) to the end and continue in reverence after (their parents) are long gone, the virtue of the people will return to its natural depth."

Confucianism, Analects 1: 9

Let son be loyal to father, and of one mind with his mother; let wife speak to husband words that are honey-sweet and gentle.

Hinduism, Atharva Veda 3: 30

When the female relations live in grief, the family soon wholly perishes; but that family where they are not unhappy ever prospers.

Hinduism, Laws of Manu 3: 57

And We have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents: in travail upon travail did his mother bear him, and in years twain was his weaning...

Islam, Qur'án 31: 14

Natural mildness should be there in the family. Observance of the vows leads to mildness....

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 6: 18

Right belief should there be amongst family members. Crookedness and deception cause unhappiness in the family.

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 6: 22

Straightforwardness and honesty in one's body, speech, and mental activities lead the family to an auspicious path.

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 6: 23

Purity, reverence, ceaseless pursuit of knowledge, charity, removal of obstacles that threaten equanimity, service to others—these make the family happy.

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 6: 24

Hear...your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck.

Judaism, Misheli (Proverbs): 1: 8-9 JPS

Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Judaism, Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 6 JPS

Son, why do you quarrel with your father,
Due to him you have grown to this age?
It is a sin to argue with him.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Sarang, M.4, p.
1200

As the child, according to its natural disposition,
commits thousands of faults,
The father instructs and slights, but again hugs
him to his bosom.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Sorath, M.5

Career/Work

...it is incumbent on every one to engage in
crafts and professions, for therein lies the
secret of wealth...

Baha'i Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: HW, Persian
#80

You will know them by their fruits...A sound tree
cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear
good fruit.

Christianity, Matthew 7: 16, 18 RSV

WE have, surely, created man to toil and
struggle. Does he think that no one has power
over him?

Islam, Qur'án 90: 5-6

Even one that is slack in his work is brother to
him that is a destroyer.

Judaism, Misheli (Proverbs) 18: 9 JPS

Finances/Wealth

Riches destroy the foolish, not those who seek
beyond. By craving for riches the fool destroys
oneself, as one destroys others.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 255

[H]e who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully.

Christianity, Corinthians II 9: 6 RSV

And in no wise covet those things in which Allah
hath bestowed His gifts more freely on some of
you than on others...

Islam, Qur'án 4: 32

The mutual rivalry for piling up (the good things
of this world) diverts you (from the more
serious things).

Islam, Qur'án 102: 1

The poor will never cease to exist in the land, so
I am commanding you to open your hand
generously to your poor and destitute brother
in your land.

Judaism, Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15:
11 Kaplan

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower
is servant to the lender.

Judaism, Misheli (Proverbs) 22: 7 JPS

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity,
than he that is perverse in his ways, though he
be rich.

Judaism, Misheli (Proverbs) 28: 6 JPS

If you look to others for fulfillment, you will
never truly be fulfilled. If your happiness
depends on money, you will never be happy
with yourself.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching 44

Society

The truest and greatest power is the strength of
Peace...because Peace is the will of the Great
Spirit.

American Indigenous Religions, Hopi
Declaration of Peace

The frog does not drink up the pond in which he
lives.

American Indigenous Religions, Proverb
(Teton Sioux)

Do not seek to benefit only yourself, but think of
other people also.

American Indigenous Religions, Yamana
Eskimo Initiation

So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: ESW, 14; GWB, 288

Women and men have been and will always be equal in the sight of God.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: WMN #54

There are no differences or distinctions of race among you in the sight of God.

Bahá'í Faith, 'Abdu'l-Bahá: PUP, 433

No goodly deed was or will ever be lost, for benevolent acts are treasures preserved with God for the benefit of those who act.

Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh: HQ, #40

Whoever has virtue and insight, who is just, truthful, and does one's own work, the world will love.

Buddhism, Dhammapada 155

"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."

Christianity, Matthew 5: 9 NLT

"The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Christianity, Matthew 23: 11-12 NLT

I look upon all creatures equally; none are less dear to me and none more dear.

Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita 9: 29

And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colours: verily in that are Signs for those who know.

Islam, Qur'án 30: 22

For those who believe and work deeds of righteousness is a reward that will never fail.

Islam, Qur'án 41: 8

A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated.

Jainism, Suttrakritanga 1.11.33

The Law is that which leads to welfare and salvation. It forms conduct and character distinguished by the sense of equality among all beings.

Jainism, Somadeva, Nitivakyamrita 1: 1

Consider the family of humankind one.

Jainism, Jinasena, Adipurana

Have benevolence towards all living beings, joy at the sight of the virtuous, compassion and sympathy for the afflicted, and tolerance towards the indolent and ill-behaved.

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 7: 11

Rendering help to another is the function of all human beings.

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 5: 21

And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of HaShem's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Judaism, Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 2 JPS

All men are responsible for one another.

Judaism, Judaism, Talmud, Sanhedrin 27b

All from one clay are made; in all one Light shines.

One breath pervades all, what point is any weeping over another?

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Gauri, M.5, p. 188

True learning induces in the mind service of mankind.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Asa, M.1, p. 356

Let all mankind be thy sect.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Japuji 28, M.1, p. 6

Without selfless service are no objectives fulfilled; In service lies the purest action.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Maru, M.1, p. 992

One who serves and seeks no recompense Finds
union with the Lord. Such a servant alone takes
the Master's guidance, says Nanak, As on him is
divine grace.

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Sukhmani 18,
M.5, pp. 286

If you overesteem great men, people become
powerless. If you overvalue possessions, people
begin to steal.

Taoism, Tao Te Ching 3

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