

The Golden Rule, or “Ethic of Reciprocity”, in some of the world’s religions

(Religions often reflect or dictate a culture’s moral and/or ethical code;
the similarities here imply a similar moral/ethical code for many, many parts of the world)

Bahá’í “And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour that which thou choosest for thyself.” Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

Brahmanism “This is the sum of Dharma duty: Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you.” Mahabharata, 5:1517

Buddhism “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.” Udana-Varga 5:18

Christianity “And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” Luke 6:31

Confucianism “Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” Analects 15:23

Ancient Egyptian “Do for one who may do for you, that you may cause him thus to do.”

Hinduism “This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.” Mahabharata 5:1517

Islam “None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.” Number 13 of Imam “Al-Nawawi's Forty Hadiths.”

Judaism “...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Leviticus 19:18
“What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. This is the law; all the rest is commentary.” Talmud, Shabbat 31a.

Native American “Do not wrong or hate your neighbor. For it is not he whom you wrong, but yourself.” Pima proverb.

Roman Pagan Religion “The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves.”

Shinto “The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form.”

Sikhism “Don't create enmity with anyone as God is within everyone.” Guru Arjan Devji 259

Sufism “The basis of Sufism is consideration of the hearts and feelings of others. If you haven't the will to gladden someone's heart, then at least beware lest you hurt someone's heart, for on our path, no sin exists but this.” Dr. Javad Nurbakhsh, Master of the Nimatullahi Sufi Order.

Taoism “The sage has no interest of his own, but takes the interests of the people as his own. He is kind to the kind; he is also kind to the unkind for Virtue is kind. He is faithful to the faithful; he is also faithful to the unfaithful for Virtue is faithful.” Tao Teh Ching, Chapter 49

Unitarian “We affirm and promote respect for the interdependence of all existence of which we are a part.”

Yoruba (Nigeria) “One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself to feel how it hurts.”