

## 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

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

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

Jainism, Tattvarthasutra 6: 23-24

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

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

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Christianity, Matthew 5: 16 ASB

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Christianity, Romans 14: 19 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**

... man should know his own self and recognize that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty. Having attained the stage of fulfilment and reached his maturity, man standeth in need of wealth, and such wealth as he acquireth through crafts or professions is commendable and praiseworthy in the estimation of men of wisdom, and especially in the eyes of servants who dedicate themselves to the education of the world and to the edification of its peoples.

Bahá’í Faith, Bahá’u’lláh: TB, pp. 34-35

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

For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

Christianity, Timothy I 6: 10 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

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

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

Try your best to treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself, and you will find that this is the shortest way to benevolence.

Confucianism, Mencius VII.A.4

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

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, Talmud, Sanhedrin 27b

True learning induces in the mind service of mankind.

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

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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