

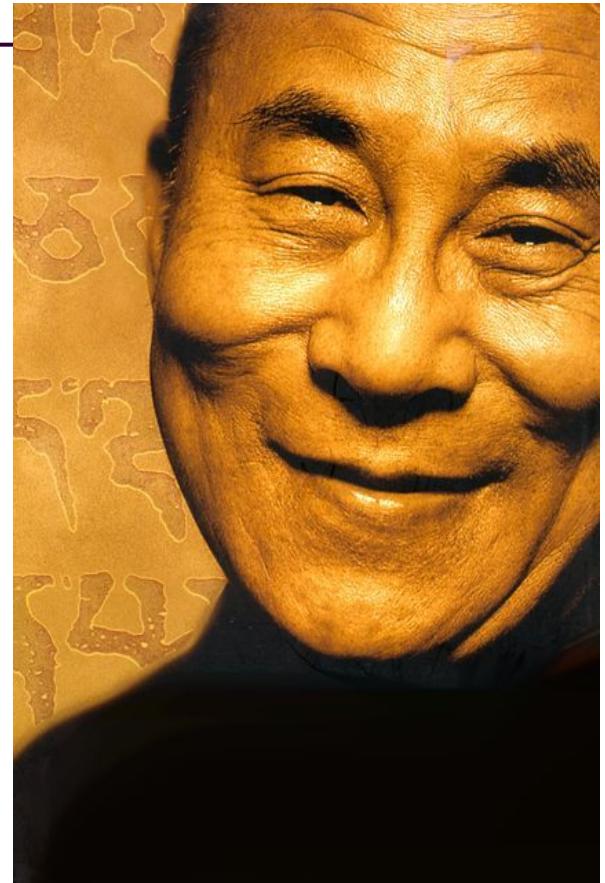
# Common Sacred Ground?



# Shared Beliefs

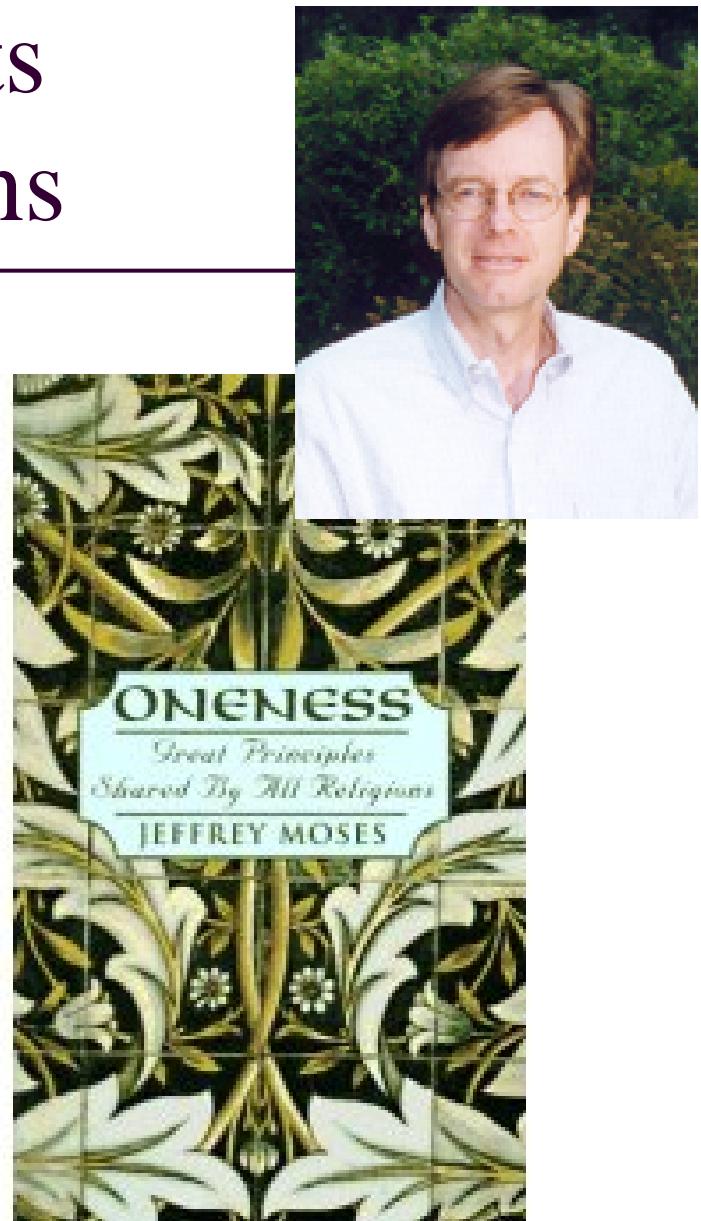
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- *“Every major religion of the world has similar ideas of love, the same goal of benefiting humanity through spiritual practice, and the same effect of making their followers into better human beings.”*  
– The Dalai Lama



# Common Precepts of World Religions

- 1. Do no harm
- 2. Make things better
- 3. Respect others
- 4. Be fair



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# Golden Rule

## Hinduism

- ***“People should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.”***

– Hinduism

## Confucianism

- ***“Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.”***

– Confucius

## Buddhism

- ***“Practice the truth that thy brother is the same as thou.”***

– Buddha

## Christianity

- ***“Whatever you would that people should do to you, do so to them.”***

– Christianity

## Islam

- ***“No man of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”***

– Islam



# Known by Your Deeds

## Sikhism

- ***“God will not ask what race you are, but what have you done.”***  
– Sikhism

## Christianity

- ***“God will render to everyone according to their deeds.”***  
– Christianity

## Judaism

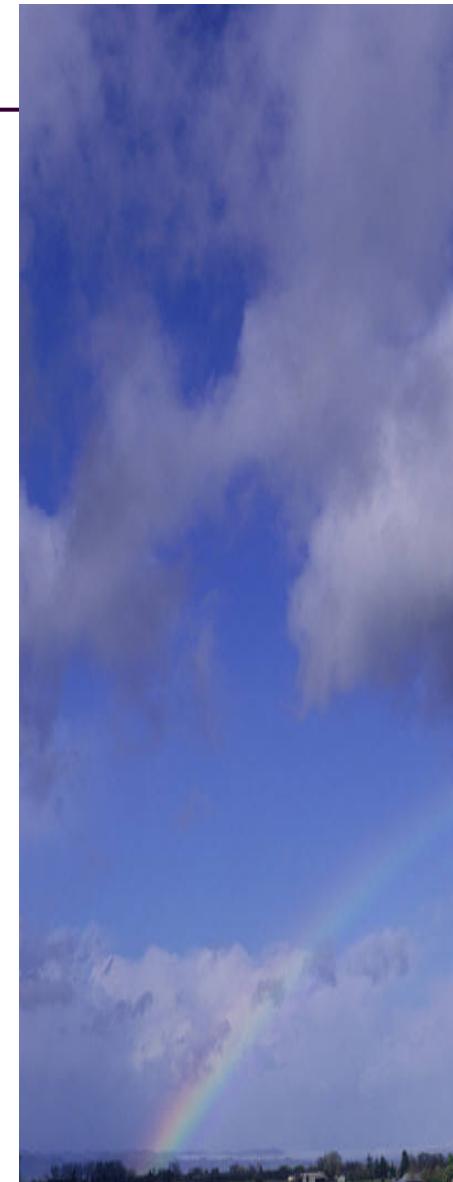
- ***“Deeds of love are worth as much as all the commandments of the law.”***  
– Judaism

## Buddhism

- ***“An outcaste is an outcaste by deeds. A Brahmin is a Brahmin by deeds.”***  
– Buddhism

## Islam

- ***“If you derive pleasure from the good you do and grief from the evil you commit, you are a true believer.”***  
– Islam



# Wisdom over Riches

## Islam

- ***“Riches are not from an abundance of worldly goods, but from a contented mind.”***  
– Islam

## Christianity

- ***“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth ... but treasures in heaven.”***  
– Christianity

## Buddhism

- ***“Real treasure is laid up through charity and piety.”***  
– Buddha

## Judaism

- ***“How much better is wisdom than gold! Understanding than silver.”***  
– Judaism

## Hinduism

- ***“Knowledge is the holiest of the holies, and commands the respect of kings. Shorn of it man is but an animal.”***  
– Hinduism



# Do No Harm

## Islam

- ***“Whatever good you do for others, you send it before your own soul.”***  
– Islam

## Christianity

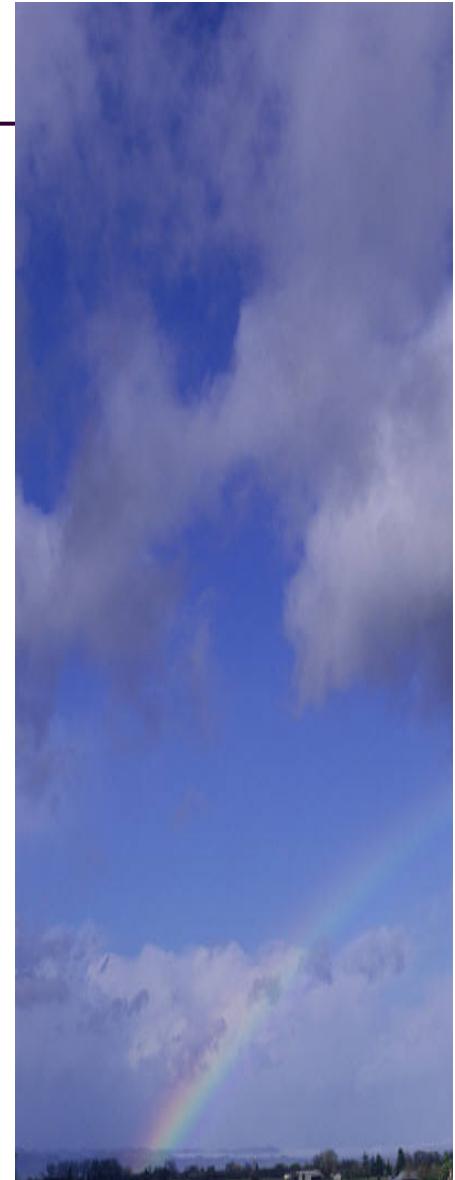
- ***“Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving.”***  
– Christianity

## Buddhism

- ***“Hurt none by word or deed be consistent in well-doing.”*** – Buddha

## Hinduism

- ***“Do not hurt others, do no one injury by thought or deed, utter no word to pain thy fellow creatures.”***  
– Hinduism



# Seek Wisdom when Young

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## Hinduism

- ***“What one learns in youth is engraven on stone.”***  
– Hinduism

## Buddhism

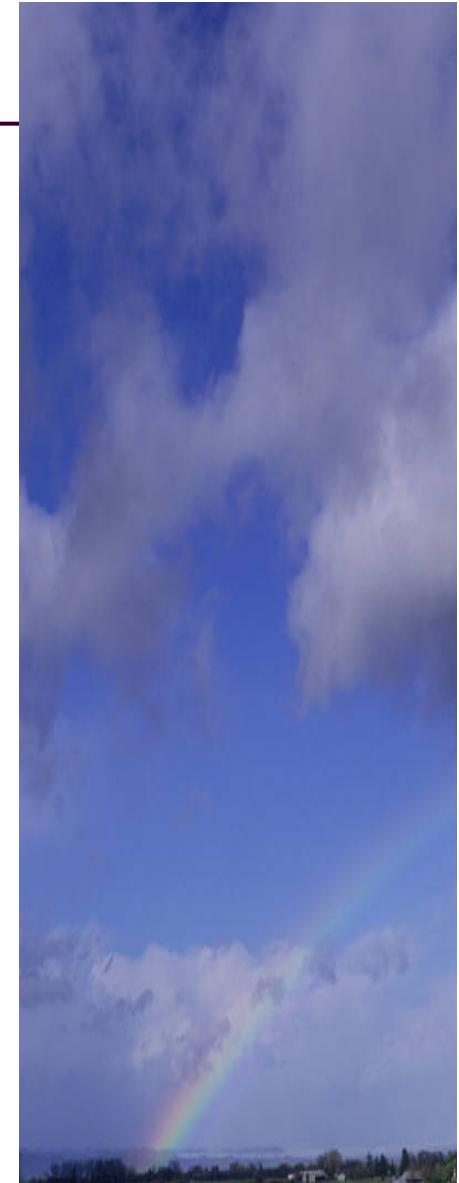
- ***“He who, even as a young student, applies himself to the doctrine of truth, brightens up this world like the moon set free from the clouds.”***  
– Buddha

## Judaism

- ***“Gather instruction from youth up, so thou will find wisdom till thine old age.”***  
– Judaism

## Islam

- ***“Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.”***  
– Islam



# Love Thy Neighbor

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## Hinduism

- ***“Obtain a proper rule of action by looking on your neighbor as yourself.”***  
– Hinduism

## Confucianism

- ***“Seek to be in harmony with all your neighbors.”***  
– Confucius

## Buddhism

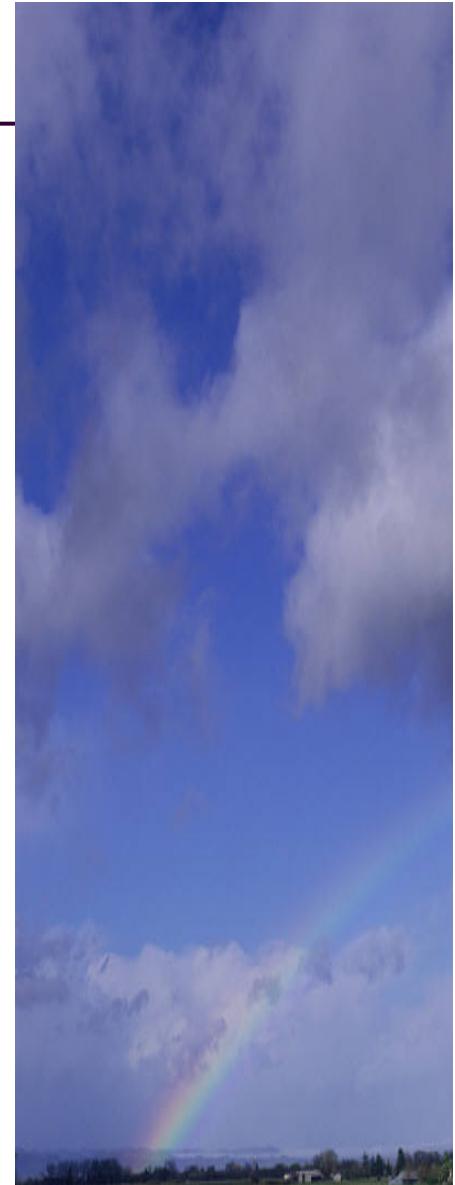
- ***“Full of love for all things in the world ... This man alone is happy.”***  
– Buddha

## Christianity

- ***“Love one another, even as I have loved you.”***  
– Christianity

## Shintoism

- ***“Regard heaven as your father, Earth as your mother, and all things as your brothers and sisters.”***  
– Shintoism



# Live in Unity

## Hinduism

- ***“Human beings are all as head, arms, trunk, and legs to one another.”***  
– Hinduism

## Shintoism

- ***“Do not forget the world is one great family.”***  
– Shintoism

## Judaism

- ***“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”***  
– Judaism

## Christianity

- ***“God hath made of one blood all nations.”***  
– Christianity

## Islam

- ***“All creatures are the family of God.”***  
– Islam

