

Handout 6 (Article 18)

Religion can provide a spiritual basis for human rights

Religion can help promote peace and unity among the people of the world
“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Judaism and Christianity, Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:39)

“For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time: hatred ceases by love. This is an old rule. (Buddhism, Dhammapada 15)

“Peace is the highest value.” (Taoism, Tao Te Ching, Chap.31)

“All peoples shall love one another and live together in peace.” (Iroquois, Book of Life)

“Who will care and caress this land, this earth?... It is truth, justice, and compassion.” (Maori, traditional Maori song)

“O you who have attained to faith! Be ever steadfast in your devotion to God, bearing witness to the truth in all equality; and never let hatred of anyone lead you into the sin of deviating from justice. Be just: this is the closest to being God-conscious. And remain conscious of God: verily, God is aware of all that you do.” (Qur’an, 5:8)

“Ahimsa (non-violence) is the ultimate duty” (Hindu, Mahabharata, Adi Parva, 11:13)

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