

TOLERANCE AND RESPECT

TORAH/ OLD TESTAMENT. JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

New revised standard version of the Bible¹

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10,17-19 (also in Love)

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Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

1 Peter 2,12

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Romans 12, 9-11 (also in Love)

But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so; in such a case the brother or sister is not bound. It is to peace that God has called you.

1Corinthians 7,15 (also in Peace)

¹ Bible. New Revised Standard Version: <http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm>

And Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."

Acts 10.34-35 (also in Union)

TALMUD. JUDAISM

World Scripture²

Our rabbis have taught, "We support the poor of the heathen along with the poor of Israel, visit the sick of the heathen along with the sick of Israel, and bury the [dead] poor of the heathen along with the dead of Israel, in the interests of peace."

Talmud, Gittin 61a

Babylonian Talmud³

[Lev. xix. 32]: "Before the hoary head shalt thou rise up, and honor the old man." And soon after: "If a stranger sojourn with thee, ye shall not vex him." And where will be exalted their horn? In Jerusalem. As it is written [Ps. cxxii. 6]: "Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem: may those that love ye prosper. "When Jerusalem will be rebuilt, David will come as it is written [Hosea, iii. 5]: "After that will the children of Israel return and seek for the Lord their God and David their king." And with David will come Prayer, as it is written

Babylonian Talmud. P. 47, chapter II Tract Megilla (Book of Esther) 4: Volumes VII. and VIII (also in Peace and Love)

Pass not judgment upon thy neighbor until thou hast put thyself in his place.

Babylonian Talmud. P. 60, chapter II. Tract Aboth. Book 5 (Vols. IX and X)

² Wilson, Andrew (Editor): *World Scripture. A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*, International Religious Foundation, 1991. Available online: <http://www.unification.net/ws>

³ Michael L. Rodkinson (Translator) (1918) : *The Babylonian Talmud on Internet Sacred Text Archive* (online document). Available online: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/talmud.htm>

Love the Law, and respect it; love all creatures, and respect them. Subject your will to the will of others, as was done by Leah for Rachel and by David for Saul (...)

Do not slander your neighbor, because he who does so has no remedy.

**Babylonian Talmud. P. 20, chapter I. Tract Derech Eretz-Zuta. Book 5
(Vols. IX and X) (also in Love)**

Be a good merchant, pay well, and strive always to do good. Be afraid of a light sin, for this may bring you to a grave sin. Respect all kind of men. Do not say, I will flatter this man, that he may give me food; that man, to give me beverages; that man, to cover me: for it is better that thou shouldst bear thine own shame than to be ashamed of others who will do so unto the

**Babylonian Talmud. P. 22 , chapter II. Tract Derech Eretz-Zuta. Book 5
(Vols. IX and X)**

QUR'AN AND HADDITH. ISLAM

World Scripture

There is no compulsion in religion.

Qur'an 2.256

Will you then compel mankind, against their will, to believe? No soul can believe, except by the Will of God.

Qur'an 10.99-100

And nearest to them in love to the believers you will find those who say, "We are Christians," because among them are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant. And when they listen to the revelation received by the Apostle, you will see their eyes overflowing with tears, for they recognize the truth. They pray, "Our Lord! we believe; write us down among the witnesses"

Qur'an 5.82-83 (also in Love)

A man among the Muslims and a man among the Jews reviled one another. The Muslim said, "By Him who chose Muhammad above the universe," and the

Jew said, "By Him who chose Moses above the universe." Thereupon the Muslim raised his hand and struck the Jew on his face, and the Jew went to the Prophet and told him what had happened between him and the Muslim. The Prophet summoned the Muslim and asked him about that, and when he informed him the Prophet said, "Do not make me superior to Moses, for mankind will swoon on the day of resurrection and I shall swoon along with them. I shall be the first to recover and see Moses seizing the side of the Throne; and I shall not know whether he was among those who had swooned and had recovered before me, or whether he was among those of whom God had made an exception.... Do not make distinctions between the Prophets."

Hadith of Bukhari and Muslim

Revile not those unto whom they pray besides God, lest they out of spite revile God through ignorance.

Qur'an 6.108

The Qur'an⁴

Except those of the idolaters with whom you made an agreement, then they have not failed you in anything and have not backed up any one against you, so fulfil their agreement to the end of their term; surely Allah loves those who are careful (of their duty)

Qur'an 9.4

So go you both to him and say: Surely we are two apostles of your Lord; therefore send the children of Israel with us and do not torment them! Indeed we have brought to you a communication from your Lord, and peace is on him who follows the guidance.

Qur'an 20.47 (also in Peace)

⁴ Samir Alicehajic and M.H Shakir (Translator) : *The Koran*. Available online: <http://www.yildun.com/>, Zagrev (Croatia)

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (ADI GRANTH). SIKHISM

Sri Granth⁵

Faith, contentment and tolerance are the food and provisions of the angels.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.83

Anger has been dispelled, and I have grasped hold of tolerance.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.233

With tolerance, humility, bliss and intuitive poise, they continue to meditate on the Lord, the Treasure of excellence.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.253

Adopting an attitude of tolerance, and gathering truth, partake of the Ambrosial Nectar of the Name.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.261

Let the Word of the Guru's Shabad be the ear-rings in your mind, and wear the patched coat of tolerance.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.359

I have adopted the way of tolerance, and given my mind to the True Guru

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.932

⁵Sri Guru Granth Sahib in English:
<http://www.srigranth.org/servlet/gurbani.gurbani?Action=Search&Param=english>

Wind and water have patience and tolerance; the earth has compassion and forgiveness, no doubt.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.999 (also in Compassion and Forgiveness)

He does not speak empty words; he gathers in the wealth of tolerance, and burns away his anger with the Naam.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.1,013

They share the Teachings with friend and enemy alike; they love the devotional worship of God.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.1,357 (also in Sharing)

Friends and enemies are one and the same to them.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.392 (also in Love)

That which was upside-down has been set upright; the deadly enemies and adversaries have become friends.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.402 (also in Love)

My enemies have been transformed into friends.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.323 (also in Love)

In the Company of the Holy, all one's enemies become friends.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.271 (also in Love)

By His Grace, all my enemies have become friends.

Adi Granth, Sri Rag. P.239 (also in Love)