

Uni(Tea)

Unity of Mankind

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God that made the world and all things therein....giveth to all life, breath, and all things: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth....

Christianity: The New Testament, Acts 17:24-26

In the beginning, the Great Spirit made this world for His pleasure. He piled up the mountains, scooped out the lakes, traced the rivers, planted the forests; and to dwell in them, He created the insects, the fish, the reptiles, the birds, the beasts, and man—all of one flesh, and in all, the breath of life, which is a measure of the Great Spirit. All are His children....

Native American tradition: from The Gospel of the Redman, p. 73

God, the Almighty, has created all mankind from the dust of earth. He has fashioned them all from the same elements; they are descended from the same race and live upon the same globe. He has created them to dwell beneath the one heaven....His teachings are the means of establishing union and fellowship among mankind and awakening love and kindness in human hearts. He proclaims the oneness of the kingdom of humanity. He rebukes those things which create differences and destroy harmony; He commends and praises every means that will conduce to the solidarity of the human race.

Baha'i Faith: Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 297

Grandfather, Great Spirit, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike....
Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live.

Native American: Sioux prayer

Every being in the universe is an expression of the Tao....

Taoism: Lao-Tzu, Tao-Te-Ching, no. 51

In every man, there is a spark of the Divine Soul.

Jewish rabbinic teaching: Rabbi Isaac of Worka

Thou art My lamp, and My light is in thee.

Baha'i Faith: Baha'u'llah, Arabic Hidden Words, no. 11

There is one body, and one Spirit...one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Christianity: The New Testament: Ephesians 4:4,6

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...And when a man sees that the God in himself is the same God in all that is, he hurts not himself by hurting others: then he goes indeed to the highest Path.

Hinduism: Krishna, The Bhagavad-Gita, XIII, 28

The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. He Who is the Day Star of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth....

If any differences arise amongst you, behold Me standing before your face, and overlook the faults of one another for My name's sake and as a token of your love for My manifest and resplendent Cause. We love to see you at all times consorting in amity and concord within the paradise of My good-pleasure, and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship.

Baha'i Faith: Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, pp. 288, 315

To dwell in a peaceful land, with right desires in one's heart—this is the greatest blessing.

Buddhism: Words of the Buddha

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
And goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace.

Christianity: The New Testament, Matthew 5:9; James 3:18

God guideth all who seek His good pleasure to ways of peace and safety, and leadeth them out of darkness, by His will, unto the light, guideth them to a path that is straight.

Islam: Muhammad, Qur'an: 5:18

The truest and greatest power is the strength of Peace...because Peace is the will of the Great Spirit.

Native American: Hopi Declaration of Peace

The religion of God and His divine law are the most potent instruments and the surest of all means for the dawning of the light of unity amongst men. The purpose of religion...is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world; make it not the cause of dissension and strife.

Baha'i Faith: Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p. 129

Therefore, it is our duty to put forth our greatest efforts and summon all our energies in order that the bonds of unity and accord may be established among mankind. For thousands of years we have had bloodshed and strife. It is enough; it is sufficient. Now is the time to associate together in love and harmony. For thousands of years we have tried the sword and warfare; let mankind for a time at least live in peace.

Baha'i Faith, Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 31

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...I charge you all that each one of you concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity. When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love.

Baha'i Faith: 'Abdu'l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 31; Paris Talks, p. 29

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Judaism: The Old Testament, Psalms 85:8-11

....It shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see My glory.

The Old Testament, Isaiah 66:18

...Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

The Old Testament: Micah 4:2-5

The Great Peace towards which people of good will throughout the centuries have inclined their hearts, of which seers and poets for countless generations have expressed their vision, and for which from age to age the sacred scriptures of mankind have constantly held the promise, is now at long last within the reach of the nations. For the first time in history it is possible for everyone to view the entire planet, with all its myriad diversified peoples, in one perspective. World peace is not only possible but inevitable. It is the next stage in the evolution of this planet....

Baha'i Faith: The Universal House of Justice, The Promise of World Peace, 1985