

06-Oneness of Humanity

All who have died are equal.

Comanche Wisdom

I look upon all creatures equally; none are less dear to me and none more dear.

Hinduism, *Bhagavad Gita* 9: 29

He who regards well-wishers, friends, foes, neutrals, mediators, the objects of hatred, relatives, the virtuous and the sinful alike, he stands supreme.

Hinduism, *Bhagavad Gita* 6: 9

And G-d created humankind in the divine image, creating it in the image of G-d—creating them male and female.

Judaism, *Genesis* 1: 27

G-d formed the Human from the soil's humus, blowing into his nostrils the breath of life: the Human became a living being.

Judaism, *Genesis* 2: 7

In working for the good and oneness of humanity I don't think of myself just as a Tibetan or a Buddhist, but as a human being. We have to think of the whole of humanity. Being human is the common ground in our efforts to create a better and a more compassionate world because we all survive in dependence on others.

Buddhism, The Dalai Lama, *Dali Lama Foundation*

This directly relates to the matter of creating harmony amid diversity, a fundamental issue of the twenty-first century. While highly respecting the unique characteristics of different races and cultures, we have to create solidarity based on our common humanity. In the absence of such solidarity, the human race has no future. Diversity should beget not conflict in the world but richness.

Buddhism, Daisaku Ikeda, *The Wisdom of the Lotus Sutra Vol. II*, p. 82

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Christianity, *Acts 17: 24-27*

Mankind was one single nation, and Allah sent Messengers with glad tidings and warnings; and with them He sent the Book in truth, to judge between people in matters wherein they differed; but the People of the Book, after the clear Signs came to them, did not differ among themselves, except through selfish contumacy. Allah by His Grace guided the believers to the Truth, concerning that wherein they differed. For Allah guided whom He wills to a path that is straight.

Islam, Muhammad, *Quran 2: 213*

O mankind! Reverence your Guardian-Lord, who created you from a single soul, created, of like nature, the mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women;- reverence Allah, through whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (That bore you): for Allah ever watches over you."

Islam, Muhammad, *Quran 4:1*

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.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 14

Therefore, we must exercise extreme patience, sympathy and love toward all mankind, considering no soul as rejected. If we look upon a soul as rejected, we have disobeyed the teachings of God. God is loving to all. Shall we be unjust or unkind to anyone? Is this allowable in the sight of God? God provides for all. Is it befitting for us to prevent the flow of His merciful provisions for mankind?

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Promulgation of Universal Peace, pp. 286-287