

## 32-Loyalty

Let son be loyal to father, and of one mind with his mother; let wife speak to husband words that are honey-sweet and gentle.

Hinduism,  
*Atharva Veda* 3: 30

Our religion, in the exercise of which we are to seek for our perfection, mentions nothing of all that (namely, of renouncing the pleasures of the senses, etc.); on the contrary, it has in view that man, trained conformably to nature, shall observe a golden medium, be temperate in eating and drinking, and in the pleasures of legitimate love; that he shall dwell just and loyal, in a civilized country, and not in solitudes and amidst desert mountains; not offend his body by coarse habiliments.

Judaism, Maimonides,  
*Shemona Perakim*, sect. 4

The Buddha is called bhagava because people are steadfast in their loyalty towards him since he is always intent on the benefit of all living beings in the world, and determines in his great compassion to teach the Dhamma.

Buddhism, Sujin Boriharnwanaket,  
*Commentary to the "Itivuttaka"*, topic 283

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Christianity,  
*1 John* 3: 24

The whole world is the outward form of Universal Reason,  
For it is the father of all creatures of reason.  
When a man acts basely towards Universal Reason,  
Its form, the world, shows its teeth at him.  
Be loyal to this father and renounce disobedience,  
That this earthy house may furnish you golden carpets.

Islam, Rumi,  
*The Masnavi*, 4.8.3

As God is loving and kind to all men, man must likewise manifest loving-kindness to all humanity. As God is loyal and truthful, man must show forth the same attributes in the human world. Even as God exercises mercy

toward all, man must prove himself to be the manifestation of mercy. In a word, the image and likeness of God constitute the virtues of God, and man is intended to become the recipient of the effulgences of divine attributes.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,  
*Promulgation of Universal Peace*,  
pp. 403-404

In every country where any of this people reside, they must behave towards the government of that country with loyalty, honesty and truthfulness. This is that which hath been revealed at the behest of Him Who is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,  
*Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*,  
p. 22-23

The time has come when all mankind shall be united, when all races shall be loyal to one fatherland, all religions become one religion, and racial and religious bias pass away. It is a day in which the oneness of humankind shall uplift its standard and international peace, like the true morning, flood the world with its light.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,  
*Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 153