

44-Peace & Harmony

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

American Indigenous Religions,
Hopi Declaration of Peace

Peace and happiness are available in every moment.
Peace is every step. We shall walk hand in hand.
There are no political solutions to spiritual problems.
Remember: If the Creator put it there, it is in the right place.
The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.
Tell your people that, since we were promised we should never be moved,
we have been moved five times.

An Indian Chief, 1876

Peace be to earth and to airy spaces! Peace be to heaven, peace to the waters, peace to the plants and peace to the trees! May all the gods grant me peace! By this invocation of peace may peace be diffused!

By this invocation of peace may peace bring peace! With this peace the dreadful I appease, with this peace the cruel I appease, with this peace all evil I appease, so that peace may prevail, happiness prevail! May everything for us be peaceful!

Hinduism, *Atharva Veda* 19.9: 14

Sweet be the glances we exchange, our faces showing true concord.
Enshrine me in your heart and let one spirit dwell within us.

Hinduism, *Atharva Veda* 7: 36

And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of HaShem's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

...For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of HaShem from Jerusalem.

Judaism, *Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 2-3*

And He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears

into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Judaism, *Yisheyah (Isaiah) 2: 4*

In harmony with the Tao,
the sky is clear and spacious,
the earth is solid and full,
all creatures flourish together,
content with the way they are,
endlessly repeating themselves,
endlessly renewed.

Taoism, Lao-Tzu,
Tao Te Ching, Chapter 39

He brings together those who are divided, he encourages those who are friendly; he is a peacemaker, a lover of peace, impassioned for peace, a speaker of words that make for peace.

Buddhism,
Digha Nikaya (Tevigga Sutta) 13: 75

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Christianity, *Matthew 5: 9*

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Christianity, *Romans 14: 19*

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Christianity, *Colossians 3: 14*

And [know that] God invites [man] unto the abode of peace, and guides him that wills [to be guided] onto a straight way.

Islam, *Qur'án 10:25*

...through which God shows unto all that seek His goodly acceptance the paths leading to peace and, by His grace, brings them out of the depths of darkness into the light and guides them onto a straight way.

Islam, *Qur'án 5:16*

Exalted, immensely exalted is He Who hath removed differences and established harmony. Glorified, infinitely glorified is He Who hath caused discord to cease, and decreed solidarity and unity.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Compilation of Compilations, Vol II (Women), p. 357

Beware lest ye sow tares of dissension among men or plant thorns of doubt in pure and radiant hearts.

Bahá'i, Bahá'u'lláh,
Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 138

We must use our utmost endeavors in order that the Holy Spirit may influence minds and hearts toward peace, the bounties of God surround, the divine effulgences become successive, human souls advance, minds expand in wider vision, souls become more holy and the world of humanity be rid of its great menace.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá,
Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 322