

FORBEARANCE.

Mercy. Restraint.

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HINDUISM:

One of the first requirements of the [spiritual] aspirant is that he should combine unflinching enthusiasm with unyielding patience....Spiritual effort demands not only physical endurance and courage, but also unshrinking forbearance and unassailable moral courage. ~ Meher Baba

BUDDHISM:

Patient endurance:
the foremost austerity.

Unbinding:
the foremost,
so say the Awakened.
He who injures another
is no contemplative.

He who mistreats another,
no monk.

-Dhammapada, verse 184 (trans.
Thanissaro, 1997)

ZOROASTRIANISM:

Each person shall act in full agreement with these principles which are the Primal Laws of Life; and so shall the Prophet behave, with the utmost circumspection, in justice towards the Follower of the False and the Follower of Truth, and also to those in whom falsehood and truth are exactly balanced.

-Yasna 33:1 (trans. FA Bode, adapted)

TAOISM:

Instead of pouring in more
better stop while you can
making it sharper
won't help it last longer
houses full of treasure
can never be safe
the vanity of success
invites its own failure
when your work is done retire
this is the Way of Heaven

-Taoteching 9 (trans. Red Pine)

INDIGENOUS:

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle, 1854

JUDAISM:

Who is a God like You,
Forgiving iniquity
And remitting transgression;
Who has not maintained His wrath
forever
Against the remnant of His own people,
Because He loves graciousness!
He will take us back in love;
He will cover up our iniquities,
You will hurl all our sins
Into the depths of the sea.
You will keep faith with Jacob,
Loyalty to Abraham,
As You promised on oath to our fathers
In days gone by.

~Micah 7:18-20 (trans. sefaria.org)

CHRISTIANITY:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

ISLAM:

Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden whose width is that of the heavens and of the earth, prepared for the righteous; those who spend freely whether in prosperity, or in adversity; who restrain anger, and pardon men; for Allah loves those who do good. ~Qur'an 3:133-134 (Trans. Yusuf Ali)

TRUTH:

If your fellow man does not pay you his debts, forbear patiently; someday every farthing will be paid you with interest. Put thy trust in God for support, and see His hidden hand working through all sources.