

## Some variations on “the Golden Rule”

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Jesus: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” [positive]

Talmud: “What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. This is the law: all the rest is commentary.”

Confucius: “Do *not* do to others what you do *not* want them to do to you” [negative]

Zoroaster: “That character is best that doesn’t do to another what isn’t good for it-self.”

Buddha: “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.”

Aristotle: “We should conduct ourselves toward others as we would have them act toward us.”

Hindu scripture: “This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.”

George Bernard Shaw: “Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may be not be the same.”

“Do to others *before* they do to you.” [defensive]

“Do to others *as they have done* to you.” [reactive/reciprocal]

“Do to others as *they* would have you do to them.” [aka “The Platinum Rule”; empathetic]