

Ethical Ideas of World Religions

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Abstract

The article deals with the ethical teachings of world religions. And it is intended for a wide range of readers.

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Introduction

Religion is a Latin word that means “piety, holiness”. Religion talks about the essence of human life. Religion is one of the sources of ethics. All religions have their own ethical ideas. And they are directed to improving moral and society. World religions are Buddhism, Christianity and Islam. The moral views of these religions play an essential role in the spiritual life of mankind [1].

Buddhism

The moral teachings of Buddhism are based on seven requirements: kind thoughts, kind words, kind behavior, kind manners, kind relations, goodwill, and a kind profession. The ideal of Buddhism is not to harm people, nature and the world.

The wisdom of Buddha says:

- a) The biggest enemy of a person is himself.
- b) To understand everything is to forgive everything.
- c) The most enormous sadness in a person’s life is envy.
- d) The biggest mistake in life is to lose yourself [2].
- e) You will not be punished for your anger; you will be punished with your anger.
- f) When the mind is clear, joy follows you as a shadow and never leaves you.
- g) Don’t spread gossip. Gossip is negative. If a person has heard negative, should keep quiet about it. Don’t pass on negative energy further.

h) Don’t moralize others. Wisdom is spiritual energy. Share it only when the person needs a spiritual guide.

i) Don’t talk about your limitations. There is no point in telling others about shortcomings. It shows the weakness of a person and decreases his spiritual energy.

j) Don’t talk about relationships. It is about friendship, love and work. If more talk about them, they get worse. If a person does compliment on something, it will change for the worse.

k) Do not talk about perspective. In order not to break the plan, do not talk about it.

l) Do not be proud of your own achievements. Do not joy for success and do not belittle others. Everything in this life can change.

m) Do not shout with good deeds. Silence is gold. A person does not be sad about people and situations: they are powerless without your reaction.

n) Kindness is medicine for your soul. A person does not need to talk about it. Because all kind deeds will be rewarded someday.

o) Do not wait for gratitude and remember with good positive energy get bigger.

p) Do not take negativity to heart. If a person does not accept the negative, it stays with the one who brought it. Pride is man’s first sin.

- q) A person should relate with the love and mercy for all living beings. Love is active and selfless, it unit people.
- r) It is necessary to evaluate morality by deeds, not by words.
- s) Life is passing fast and nothing about it makes sense. Our joys and sadness are unimportant: today we feel bad, and tomorrow it will be good. We should not cry with emotions. Be calm as a flower.
- t) Only our soul remains with us, and all material things bring trouble and pain. Less attachment to material things means less pain.
- u) Do not try being better than someone, develop yourself spiritually. Do not keep evil. Anger destroys us from the inside, so it harms us much more than the enemy. The best quality is forgiveness. Control your actions. Each action of humans has results for the Universe because we are all part of its organism. What we give what we get - everything is simple.
- v) Live here and now. Everything has an end. In suffering from a past and worrying about a future, a sense of life is not lost. Get a little happiness just at the moment.
- w) Be thankful for things which you have. Be glad and enjoy what is around you.
- x) Everything changes. We easily lose what we love if it is not hidden within us. Any change should be accepted with thankfulness.
- y) Only your inner world is real. Every material thing has only the value that we give to it. The real world is in the human soul. We should cultivate it as a magic garden.
- z) Listen to your heart. It is important to listen to yourself and follow your heart. All barriers are only in our heads! We are formed from our thoughts. We become what we think about.
- aa) Getting angry is keeping hot coal in hand, planning to throw it at someone; he, first of all, burns himself.
- bb) We are born again every morning. Only what you are doing now has real meaning.
- cc) Happiness depends on what you think. Hate cannot destroy hatred; only love can kill hate and it is an eternal law. Pain is inevitable. But suffering is everyone's personal choice. Win yourself and you will win thousands of battles.
- dd) There is no fire in the world more powerful than passion, more cutting than hate, and a big tornado (or hurricane) than greed.
- ee) Do not be afraid of what will happen to you, your future will not change from this, but the present will become calm.
- ff) There are five prohibitions of Buddhism: do not kill a living being, do not take another's thing, do not come close to someone's wife, do not tell lies, and do not drink alcohol.

Christianity

In Christian philosophy, a human is an existence between angels and animals. According to Christian ethics, moral development is a reflection of the divine property in person.

The ethical ideas of Christianity are as follows [3]:

- a. Remember the God in your hearts.
- b. Answer with calmness and mellowness.
- c. Do not judge others.
- d. Be patient in sadness. Be always in prayer.
- e. Be honest with each other.
- f. Do not steal and do not predict.
- g. Do not lie in judgment, and in mensuration.
- h. Do not offend your neighbor.
- i. Only ignorant people misprize wisdom.
- j. Blessed person is a clever man.
- k. The intelligence of a person is reflected in his good behavior.
- l. Never look at a woman with lust.
- m. If a person tries to material wealth less, he will think more about spiritual things.
- n. Love your God with all heart, soul and mind.
- o. Love is divine perfection, and lowliness is service to other people.
- p. Love your enemies; do well to those who hate you, bless those who criticize you and pray for those who insult you.
- q. How many times should a person forgive a brother who sins against him? Practically without a counting.
- r. Do not be angry with your brother and forgive a brother's mistakes.
- s. Comfort and support the weak people and be patient with everything.
- t. Be away from evil, do good and you will live long.
- u. Love brotherly each other with tenderness.
- v. Be glad for those who are glad and cry with those who cry.
- w. Stand up before the older person and honour the old man and be afraid of your God.
- x. If a person thinks that he knows something, he does not know anything as well as he should know.
- y. The wise person should not demonstrate his wisdom, a strong person should not demonstrate his power or strength, and a rich person should not demonstrate his wealth.

- z. Wisdom is better than richness. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.
- aa. Wisdom is cleanness, calmness, modesty, and mercilessness to evil.
- bb. If anyone misses wisdom, ask God, who gives everyone simply and without rejection.
- cc. Whoever loves God has been given knowledge from Him.

Islam

Prophet Muhammad (s) owned a great morality. Allah in the Holy Qur'an says: "Verily, you (Muhammad) have a great character (the best moral qualities)" (68:4). The main mission of the prophecy of Muhammad (s) is to call people to monotheism, to the true path and be an example in educating kind morals of people. In hadith says: "I was sent to perfect the beauty of morality". The Prophet (s) was a great humanist since with his softness and kind soul he surprised everyone, even his enemies. The Messenger of Allah has devoted his life to improving the morality of people, and he did only kind deeds. Muhammad (s) mastered all the best moral qualities, and the morality of the Prophet (s) is ideal for Muslims and other people [4].

The instructions of Muhammad (s) are as follows:

- a) Religion is politeness.
- b) Silence is wisdom.
- c) Shyness is a sign of faith.
- d) Word is beautiful in shortness and pithiness.
- e) Kindness makes life blessed.
- f) Good relationship with people is prudence.
- g) Good morality is perfect faith.
- h) Every believer should learn the sciences.
- i) The best of you is the one with the best character (temper).
- j) A glorious personality is the keeper of the faith.
- k) The most spiritual valuable is open-heartedness.
- l) Religiosity when a man endures his anger.
- m) Envy destroys good deeds, just as fire burns wood.
- n) A believer does not hurt others with his hands and word.
- o) Kindness is happiness, and evil is misfortune.
- p) A bad temper damages deeds, just as vinegar damages honey.
- q) Kindness dissolves sins like the sun dissolves ice.
- r) One of the signs of a person's happiness is his good manners.
- s) The greeting is a duty. In first greet after speak. If anybody asks you without a greeting, don't answer.
- t) Greet by entering your home to increase the blessing of your home.
- u) Whoever stops his anger, God keeps his heart safe and filled with faith.
- v) On the Day of Judgment, the closest of you to me will be the one with the best morals.
- w) There is nothing heavier on the scales of the deeds of a slave on the Day of Judgment than a good moral.
- x) Allah will not allow burning in Hell the one who has kind character.
- y) Indeed, the slave of Allah, because of his bad character, reaches the deepest levels of Hell.

Islamic ethics requires from Muslims the following moral values: perfection, honesty, strength, politeness, hard work, humanity, tolerance, patriotism, liberality, respect, trust ability, loyalty, and justice.

Islam continued and developed all the ethical teachings of the previous religions and applied them in life. Islam was a basic spiritual phenomenon of the East for more than 1400 years [5].

Conclusion

- a) The main goal of religion is the improve morality. This shows the following instructions.
- b) Judaism: What you hate, do not wish for others.
- c) Hinduism: Don't allow others the pain that brings you suffering.
- d) Daoism: Consider the win of a friend as your win, his loss as your loss.
- e) Buddhism: Do not allow others what you think is evil.
- f) Christianity: Do to others what you want to do to you.
- g) Islam: The believer wishes for his sister and the brother of what he wants for himself.

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