



# Wilhelm Scholê International

*Developing Global Renaissance Human Beings*

Dear Friends,

A sense of belonging and Universal “connectedness” comes from a belief in shared values. Our evolving global civilization presents many fascinating challenges, beginning with finding a way to achieve cultural unity and inclusion while maintaining the diversity of our global community.

For over thirty years Wilhelm Scholê International has been meeting these challenges by implementing an interdisciplinary, intercultural, interlingual, interfaith, Cosmopolis Curriculum so that students can think deeply and broadly about the global community in which they live and become acquainted with the principles that are the “common property” of humankind.

One senses that we are at the turning point. Can we understand that the essence of wisdom of every age, every culture, every religion is the Universal rule bequeathed to us by our ancestors, ***The Golden Rule***.

There is no discontinuity with ***The Golden Rule***, no loss of one’s cultural Values/Ideals, but a symbiotic expansion of the quality of life compatible with the Traditions of all Cultures.

***The Golden Rule*** and ***Reasonableness***, two aspects of the same thing, are the sum and substance of Common Courtesy, the Universally acknowledged mark of a Cultured human being, and evidence of a *functioning conscience*.

“*True equality*,” wrote the Russian novelist and supreme psychologist, Fëdor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, “*is found only in the spiritual dignity of humankind*.” ***The Golden Rule*** forms the basis and the bond of our Common identity and represents the Common ground upon which the spiritual dignity of humankind stands.

## REQUEST

Tradition means transmission. Please share ***The Golden Rule*** with your social network and request that they share ***The Golden Rule*** with their networks. *Together* we can create a “critical mass” whereby ***The Golden Rule*** will leap over oceans and mountains and enter into the zeitgeist of the Twenty-First Century. Then we will all be consciously aware that wherever one puts one’s foot the standard of behavior accepted and expected in our global civilization is ***The Golden Rule***.

Ten Thousand Thanks!!!

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*“how to think...not what to think”*

*“A rainbow of voices” proclaims **The Golden Rule**, the invariant of civilized life,  
the base of all Religions, the ethical cornerstone of Culture:  
**Wisdom we hold in Common.***

## **THE GOLDEN RULE**

The power of being in accordance with the Moral Law is that it endures,  
so that one may say, *It is a possession of my ancestors which I have inherited.*

Ptah-hotep 2880 B.C.E.

Do not do unto others all that which is not well for oneself.

Zoroaster 6th century B.C.E.

Hurt not others with that which pains thyself.

Buddha 6th century B.C.E.

Do not do unto others what you do not want others to do unto you.

Confucius 6th century B.C.E.

Do not do unto others what you would not want others to do unto you.

Plato 5th century B.C.E.

Do not to others which if done to thee would cause thee pain.

Mahabharata 3rd century B.C.E.

Do not do unto others what thou wouldst not they should do unto thee.

Rabbi Hillel 1st century B.C.E.

Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

Jesus Christ 1st century C.E.

None of you truly have the faith if you do not desire for your brother  
that which you desire for yourself.

Muhammad 6th century C.E.

Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you  
and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.

Bahá'u'lláh 19th century C.E.

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**Socrates:** *Ever since I was a little boy, there has been a voice inside me, it never told me what to do, it only told me what not to do, and I have always obeyed that voice.*

**Jesus Christ** came from the **Hebrew Golden Rule** ( Rabbi Hillel ) which he **expanded:** *“Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”*

**Heraclitus:** *“Order is reversible.*