

A Seven Step Plan for World Peace

Back to Basics: A universal code to actively promote peace and harmony in the world.

1. Believe in G-d

Do not worship idols: The essence of these Seven Universal Laws is the recognition of the Supreme Being who created the universe. To replace the worship of G-d with the worship of finite entities, be it we ourselves or other beings, undermines every sense of ethical standards and moral behavior.

Acceptance of G-d and G-d's instructions is more than a simple act of faith. It implies that we be a better person, "G-d centered" as opposed to self-centered, and thus generate a moral environment around us.

2. Respect the Creator

Do not Blaspheme: This principle, too, is fraught with important practical implications. Everything in creation reflects the band of the Creator. To degrade or deride G-d's creatures, therefore, means to blaspheme, to degrade G-d himself.

Thus we must respect all humans who are created by G-d in the Divine image and likeness. We must refrain from slander and tale bearing or otherwise insult or harm our fellow creatures.

3. Respect Human Life

Do not murder: The commandment prohibiting murder is explicitly stated to Noah by G-d, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for He made man in the image of G-d," (Genesis 9:6).

Also being expressed in an affirmation of the transcendental quality of the human being, and the sanctity of human life.

4. Respect the Family

Do not commit immoral sexual acts: In the context of history, any society that encouraged or condoned immorality was short lived. Most notable was ancient Greece, which ruled the world and then was summarily destroyed in its prime.

We should be outraged at society's permissive attitude and the proliferation of immorality in the world.

5. Respect the Rights and Property of Others

Do not steal: This prohibition directly matches the commandment “Thou shall not steal” in the Ten Commandments. The ideal is that since our sustenance comes from the hand of G-d, we should seek to earn it honestly and not through false means.

In refraining from theft, we affirm our faith in the goodness of the hand of G-d.

6. Respect G-d’s Creatures

Do not be cruel to animals: The Commandment begins with the admonition “Not to eat the limb of a living animal.” This leads to greater respect for all living things.

The higher spiritual potential of humankind allows us mastery and places us in a caretaker role for all of creation. It also obligates us to utilize all creation in a respectful and a responsible manner.

7. Respect the Law

Maintain Justice: A society that perverts justice by failing to institute a system that ensures righteousness and morality becomes an instrument for driving G-d’s blessing out of the world.

A community or city in which there are no courts or laws will ultimately succumb to devastation by its own inhabitants, as has been demonstrated historically over and over again.

At the dawn of creation G-d prescribed Seven Laws for humanity as taught by Moses in the Bible. These laws are timeless, not bound by geographical boundaries and can never be altered or modified.

In our day and age, these laws assume great relevance. While science and technology have advanced beyond all expectations, the very moral fabric of society is suffering acute decay. By keeping these Seven Universal Laws we can all help make the world a better, more stable place to live in.

The purpose of every human being is to contribute towards the creation of a moral and ethical atmosphere in a civilized world. From time immemorial these Seven Laws have provided a basic foundation for the maintenance of moral civilization, and ensured the preservation of a just and peaceful society for us all.

*Think about it, because **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***