



Interfaith Appendix

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1 THE LORD IS LOVING AND PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY FOR THE RIGHTEOUS.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>It is my purpose to provide for my saints D&C 104:15</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“O God! Refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. I lay all my affairs in Thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being. O God! I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.</p> <p>O God! Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself. I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord. - ‘Abdu’l-Bahá</p> <p>(Compilations, Baha’i Prayers, p. 150) (suggested by a Baha’i through the Facebook Poll)</p> <p>Thy mercy hath enveloped all created things and Thy compassion surpassed all that are in heaven and all that are on earth.... Raise them up, then, to such heights that no amount of tribulation will keep them back from Thy wondrous remembrance, nor any trouble hinder them from turning toward the court of Thy transcendent oneness.”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Offer to each a freedom which is conditional only upon the freedom and dignity of others, so that individuals may develop a self-reliant responsibility rather than being the conditioned animals of institutions and ideologies. (See “Buddhism and Democracy,” Bodhi Leaves No. B. 17)</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit—even if bit by bit, habitually—the enlightened one fills himself full.” Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God. Romans 8: 28</p> <p>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6: 33</p> <p>Whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. John 11:22</p> <p>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father James 1:17</p> <p>A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. John 3:27</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	"The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times." - Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist
Mormon Scriptures	It is my purpose to provide for my saints D&C 104:15
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth" Ps. 41:2 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Ex. 20:6</p> <p>If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land... Lev. 26:3-6</p> <p>Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God. Eccl. 5:19</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>God is He Who gives all Sustenance,- Lord of Power,- Steadfast forever. The Winds that Scatter 51:58</p> <p>There is no moving creature on earth but its sustenance depends on God: He knows the time and place of its definite abode and its temporary deposit: All is in a clear Record. The Prophet Hud 11:6</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Why, O mind, do you plot and plan, when the Dear Lord Himself provides for your care? [Sri Guru Granth Sahib pg. 10]</p> <p>Poll Response: For each and every person, our Lord and Master provides sustenance. Why are you so afraid, O mind? The flamingoes fly hundreds of miles, leaving their young ones behind. Who feeds them, and who teaches them to feed themselves?</p> <p>Sri Guru Granth Sahib: SO DAR ~ THAT DOOR. RAAG AASAA, FIRST MEHL</p>

2 THE LORD CARES ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES, BOTH TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>All things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal. D&C 29:34</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“All humanity is under the protection of His love and favor, and unto all He has pointed the way of guidance and progress... In accordance with these principles and actions and by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, both material and spiritual happiness shall become realized.”</p> <p>From Abdul Baha, ‘the Promulgation of Universal Peace’</p> <p>“If ye transgress the commandment of God, not one jot or one tittle of all your works shall be acceptable in His sight. Ye shall, ere long, discover the consequences of that which ye shall have done in this vain life, and shall be repaid for them.”</p> <p>“Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Not hoarding, having comprehended food, their pasture — emptiness & freedom without sign: their trail, like that of birds through space, can’t be traced.</p> <p>Effluents ended, independent of nutriment, their pasture — emptiness & freedom without sign: their trail, like that of birds through space, can’t be traced.</p> <p>[Dhp VII Arahantavagga: Arahants]</p> <p>“Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves.”</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7</p> <p>But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:25</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>I personally take care of both spiritual and material welfare of those ever-steadfast devotees who always remember and adore Me with single-minded contemplation. (9.22)</p> <p>bhagavad gita</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>There is a single light of science, and to brighten it anywhere is to brighten it everywhere.</p> <p>--Isaac Asimov</p>

Mormon Scriptures	All things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal. D&C 29:34
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever. Deut. 4:40 Psalm 128:1-2</p> <p>How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will be happy and it will be well with you.</p> <p>“Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’ “But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:17-18</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Seek, with that which God has bestowed on you, the Home of the Hereafter, nor forget your portion in this world. The Narration 28:77</p> <p>Our Lord! Give us good in this world and good in the Hereafter. The Heifer 2:201</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Wherever I look, I see the Lord pervading there, in the union of Shiva and Shakti, of consciousness and matter. Guru Nanak Dev page 21 line 4 guru granth sahib</p> <p>By His Grace, you abide in comfort upon the earth. With your children, siblings, friends and spouse, you laugh. By His Grace, you drink in cool water. You have peaceful breezes and priceless fire. By His Grace, you enjoy all sorts of pleasures. You are provided with all the necessities of life. He gave you hands, feet, ears, eyes and tongue...</p> <p>Siri Guru Granth Sahib: GAUREE SUKHMANI, FIFTH MEHL, SHALOK:</p>

3 THE LORD HAS GIVEN US DIFFERENT TALENTS AND WANTS US TO SHARE THEM

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts and to every man is given a gift by the spirit of God. To someone is given one, and to someone is given another, that all may be profited thereby. D&C46:11-12</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“On the high seats of justice, they issue their commands, and they send down gifts according to each man’s deserving”</p> <p>“The Fourth Valley” Baha’u’llah</p> <p>O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.</p> <p>The Promulgation of Universal Peace, Talk at all-souls Church Lincoln Center, Chicago Illinois</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“He who has understanding and great wisdom does not think of harming himself or another, nor of harming both alike. He rather thinks of his own welfare, of that of others, of that of both, and of the welfare of the whole world. In that way one shows understanding and great wisdom.”— Anguttara Nikaya (Gradual Sayings) Fours, No. 186</p> <p>“A gift of Dhamma conquers all gifts;”</p> <p>Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:6</p> <p>Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 1 Cor 12:4,7</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Those who have serenity, self control, austerity, purity, patience, honesty, transcendental knowledge, transcendental experience, and belief in God are labeled as intellectuals (Brahmans). (18.42)</p> <p>Those having the qualities of heroism, vigor, firmness, dexterity, not fleeing from battle, charity, and administrative skills are called leaders or protectors (Kshatriyas). (18.43)</p> <p>Those who are good in cultivation, cattle rearing, business, trade, finance, and industry are known as business men (Vaishyas). Those who are very good in service and labor type work only are classed as workers (Shudras). (18.44)</p> <p>bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	"Individual ambition serves the common good." -Adam Smith
Mormon Scriptures	For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts and to every man is given a gift by the spirit of God. To someone is given one, and to someone is given another, that all may be profited thereby. D&C46:11-12
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship Ex 35:31</p> <p>Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them...Neh. 9:20</p> <p>But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord Micah 3:8</p> <p>And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; Isa. 11:2</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	He has raised you in ranks, some above others: that He may try you in the gifts He has given you. Cattle 6:165
Sikh Scriptures	<p>There never has been, and there never will be. 3 As Great as You Yourself are, O Lord, so Great are Your Gifts.</p> <p>Great is the Greatness of the Lord; He gives His Gifts without being asked. 6 page 84, line 18</p> <p>As Great as our Lord and Master is, so great are His gifts. He bestows them according to His Will page 147, line 4 [Sri Guru Granth Sahib Page 9]</p> <p>Serve Him in many different ways; Dedicate your soul, your breath of life and your wealth to Him. Carry water for Him, and wave the fan over Him — renounce your ego. Make yourself a sacrifice to Him, time and time again.</p> <p>Sri Guru Granth Sahib: RAAG AASAA, SEVENTH HOUSE, FIFTH MEHL:</p>

4 THE LORD PROVIDES A WAY FOR US TO BE OBEDIENT

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them. 1 NEPHI 3:7</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“Assist me and assist them, O my Lord, to obey Thee and to keep Thy precepts.”</p> <p>“Prayers and Meditations by Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>I bear witness that Thou art to be praised in Thy doings, and to be obeyed in Thy behests, and to remain unconstrained in Thy bidding. The Tablet of Ishraqat, The Eighth Ishraq, Kitab-i-Aqdas</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>87-88. Abandoning the dark way, let the wise man cultivate the bright path. Having gone from home to homelessness, let him yearn for that delight in detachment, so difficult to enjoy. Giving up sensual pleasures, with no attachment, let the wise man cleanse himself of defilements of the mind.</p> <p>89. Those whose minds have reached full excellence in the factors of enlightenment, who, having renounced acquisitiveness, rejoice in not clinging to things — rid of cankers, glowing with wisdom, they have attained Nibbana in this very life. [10] [Dhp VI Panditavagga: The Wise]</p> <p>“Those with initiative, mindful, clean in action, acting with due consideration, heedful, restrained, living the Dhamma: their glory grows.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Teach them to observe all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20</p> <p>I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philip. 4:13</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“it is your duty of all of you to obey my dictate” Vishnu Purana Chapter 8</p>

Humanist Thought	"How selfish soever man may be supposed, there are evidently some principles in his nature, which interest him in the fortune of others, and render their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it, except the pleasure of seeing it." -Adam Smith
Mormon Scriptures	I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them. 1 NEPHI 3:7
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Follow the revelation given to you from your Lord. The Heights 7:3
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	He has raised you in ranks, some above others: that He may try you in the gifts He has given you. Cattle 6:165
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Those who wear the Necklace of the Lord around their necks, and focus their consciousness on the Guru's Feet - wealth and supernatural spiritual powers follow them, but they do not care for such things at all. 4 Whatever pleases God's Will comes to pass. Nothing else can be done. Servant Nanak lives by chanting the Naam.</p> <p>Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 26</p> <p>O Nanak, it is written that you shall obey the Hukam of His Command, and walk in the Way of His Will. 1 </p> <p>Guru Nanak Dev: page 1 line 7</p>

5 SEEK THE LORD AND HE WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 3 NEPHI 14:7</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“He must search after the truth to the utmost of his ability and exertion, that God may guide him in the paths of His favour and the ways of His mercy.”</p> <p>“Gems of Divine Mysteries-Javahiru’l-Asrar” Bahauallah</p> <p>Yea, although to the wise it be shameful to seek the Lord of Lords in the dust, yet this betokeneth intense ardor in searching. “Whoso seeketh out a thing with zeal shall find it.”</p> <p>The Seven Valleys, The Valley of Search</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>82. On hearing the Teachings, the wise become perfectly purified, like a lake deep, clear and still. [Dhp VI Panditavagga: The Wise]</p> <p>“Those with initiative, mindful, clean in action, acting with due consideration, heedful, restrained, living the Dhamma: their glory grows.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>I reward men by granting them the things they desire Just in accordance with the way in which they seek Me and the motive with which they seek Me. Bhagavad Gita page 123, 11]</p> <p>15 Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws.</p> <p>16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed.</p> <p>17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord.</p> <p>18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain.</p> <p>Rig Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	A Humanist Code of Ethics: "Being is more important than having." - Arthur Dobrin
Mormon Scriptures	Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 3 NEPHI 14:7
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. Isa. 58:9</p> <p>But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deut. 4:29</p> <p>But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 2 Chr. 15:4</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Ask God of His bounty. Women 4:32</p> <p>Ask, and you will be given. (Hadith)</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>True is the Master, True is His Name-speak it with infinite love. People beg and pray, "Give to us, give to us", and the Great Giver gives His Gifts. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 2]</p> <p>Those whose hearts are filled with the Lord's Name by the Guru — says Nanak, all treasures come to them.</p> <p>Siri Guru Granth Sahib: RAAG GAUREE GWAARAYREE, FIFTH MEHL, CHAU-PADAS, DU-PADAS</p>

6 THE LORD WANTS US TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE OUR TALENTS SO THAT WE CAN SERVE OTHERS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>That every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord’s storehouse . . . every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. [SAME AS #34; USING #6] Doctrine and Covenants 82:18–19</p>
<p>Baha’i Scriptures</p>	<p>“Is it not an evidence of the justice of God that each of us, whether materially comfortable or struggling for physical survival, is assessed in terms of the efforts we have made to seize whatever opportunities existed in our lives, to develop and use our allotted talent, be it large or small? “Each shall receive his share from thy Lord,” is Bahá’u’lláh’s assurance.”</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>Upon becoming a Bahá’í one’s whole life is, or should become devoted to the progress of the Cause of God, and every talent or faculty he possesses is ultimately committed to this overriding life objective. Within this framework he must consider, among other things, whether by continuing his education now he can be a more effective pioneer later, or alternatively whether the urgent need for pioneers</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice/ 9 October 1968 - To the Bahai Youth in Every Land</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“While you are performing a bodily act, you should reflect on it: ‘This bodily act I am doing — is it leading to self-affliction, to the affliction of others, or to both? Is it an unskillful bodily act, with painful consequences, painful results?’ If, on reflection, you know that it is leading to self-affliction, to affliction of others, or both... you should give it up. But if on reflection you know that it is not... you may continue with it. [The Wings to Awakening]</p> <p>“by giving, when asked, no matter how little you have: you enter the presence of devas.”</p> <p>Dhp XVII PTS: Dhp 221-234 Kodhavigga: Anger</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>No effort is ever lost in selfless service, and there is no adverse effect. Even a little practice of the discipline of selfless service protects one from the great fear of repeated birth and death. (2.40)</p> <p>bhagavad gita</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“You must keep sending work out; you must never let a manuscript do nothing but eat its head off in a drawer. You send that work out again and again, while you’re working on another one. If you have talent, you will receive some measure of success - but only if you persist.”</p> <p>— Isaac Asimov</p>

Mormon Scriptures	That every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord' s storehouse . . . every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. [SAME AS #34; USING #6] D&C 82:18–19
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's asake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. Gen 39:3-5 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: Lev. 19:18
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Help one another in righteousness and piety; help not one another in sin and rancour. The Table Spread 5:3
Sikh Scriptures	you shall find peace, doing seva (selfless service). Guru Nanak Dev page 25 line 19 guru granth sahib Poll Response: Y1 Your servant begs to serve those who are enjoined to Your service. SIREE RAAG, THIRD MEHL, FIRST HOUSE: Siri Guru...

7 THE LORD CAN PERFORM MIRACLES, FOR HE IS INFINITELY POWERFUL

Original Scriptures	The Lord has the power to help us become self-reliant. He has said, "Behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles [SAME AS #23 AND #7; USE #7] 2 Nephi 27:23
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"Powerful art Thou to do what Thou pleasest and to ordain what Thou willest."</p> <p>"Prayers and Meditations by Baha'u'llah"</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/prayers-meditations/#q=powerful</p> <p>Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.</p> <p>Bahá'u'lláh / XXXV: "I give praise to Thee, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee by Thy Name..."</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>"Brahman, there are not only one hundred other monks... two... three... four... five hundred other monks: the monks who are endowed with these three miracles are many more than that."</p> <p>[AN 3.60 Sangarava Sutta: To Sangarava]</p> <p>"Don't underestimate merit ('It won't amount to much'). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full."</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p> <p>Papavagga: Evil</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77: 14
Hindu Scriptures	<p>29. One sees Him as a wonder ; and so also another speaks of him as a wonder ; and as awonder another hears of Hitn; and though hearing, none understands Him at all. Bhagavad Gita, page 53. 29</p> <p>Verily, there is no purifier in this world like the true knowledge of the Supreme Being. One discovers this knowledge within, naturally, in course of time when one's mind is cleansed of selfishness by Karma-yoga. (4.38) Bhagavad Gita</p>
Humanist Thought	To dream anything that you want to dream, that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do, that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself, to test your limits, that is the courage to succeed. -Bernard Edmonds
Mormon Scriptures	The Lord has the power to help us become self-reliant. He has said, "Behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles [SAME AS #23 AND #7; USE #7] 2 Nephi 27:23

<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord Ex 34:10</p> <p>Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. Ps. 78:12</p> <p>You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77: 14</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>He shows you His Signs: which, then, of the Signs of God do you deny? The Forgiver 40:81</p> <p>Doer of whatsoever He wills. Signs of the Zodiac 85:16</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>He Himself is the Supreme Master of all; wealth and miraculous spiritual powers, and all other external tastes and pleasures, are all like beads on a string. Union with Him, and separation from Him, come by His Will. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 6]</p> <p>God is omnipotent, possessing all powers; Guru Arjan Dev: Page 811, Line 5</p>

8 PEOPLE OF FAITH SHOULD WILLINGLY SERVE AND WORK TO BRING ABOUT GOODNESS IN THE WORLD AND RECIEVE BLESSINGS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. [SAME AS # 30, #45, #8; USE #30] D& C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“...you would do well to remember, in these days of transition, that it behoves the people of Bahá to place, at all times, their entire trust in the power of Divine assistance and to remain staunchly united, pressing onward, step by step, with enthusiasm and patience.”</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20090611_001&f=f1</p> <p>Fear God, O people, and refrain from shedding the blood of anyone. Contend not with your neighbor, and be ye of them that do good. Beware that ye commit no disorders on the earth after it hath been well ordered, and follow not the footsteps of them that are gone astray.</p> <p>Gleanings from the Writings of Bahau llah / CXXVIII “Say: Doth it beseem a man while claiming...”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“A man is not called wise because he talks and talks again; but if he is peaceful, loving and fearless then he is in truth called wise.” — Gautama Buddha, The Dhammapada: The Sayings of the Buddha</p> <p>“In just the same way, when you’ve done good & gone from this world to the world beyond, your good deeds receive you—as kin, someone dear come home.”</p> <p>Dhp XVI PTS: Dhp 209-220 Piyavagga: Dear Ones</p> <p>“By telling the truth; by not growing angry; by giving, when asked, no matter how little you have: by these three things you enter the presence of devas.”</p> <p>Dhp XVII PTS: Dhp 221-234 Kodhavagga: Anger</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10</p> <p>But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. Gal. 4:18</p> <p>Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6</p> <p>And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Col. 3:23</p>

Hindu Scriptures	Selfless service enjoined by the scriptures, and performed without the desire for the fruit, with a firm belief and conviction that it is a duty, is in the mode of goodness. (17.11) bhagavad gita
Humanist Thought	A ship in harbor is safe -- but that is not what ships are made for. John A. Shedd
Mormon Scriptures	Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. [SAME AS # 30, #45, #8; USE #30] D& C 58:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. Ex. 25:2</p> <p>Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chr. 15:7</p> <p>He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8</p> <p>Learn to do well Isa. 1:17</p> <p>I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jer 17:10</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Hasten towards all that is good / Compete in good deeds. The Heifer 2:148</p> <p>The Table Spread 5:48</p> <p>Humanity is in loss: except those who have faith, do good deeds, exhort one another to Truth and exhort one another to Patience. Time 103:2-3</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Through selfless service, eternal peace is obtained. The Gurmukh is absorbed in intuitive peace. 7 Guru Amar Das</p> <p>page 125 line 19 guru granth sahib</p>

9 SEEK FIRST THE LORD, AND HE WILL PROVIDE FOR HIS FOLLOWERS BLESSINGS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine. D& C 104:15 With faith in the Lord, we are working together to become self-reliant.</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“Is there any doubt concerning God? He hath created you and all things. The Lord of all worlds is He. ” Paris Talks Abdul-Baha Yea, although to the wise it be shameful to seek the Lord of Lords in the dust, yet this betokeneth intense ardor in searching. “Whoso seeketh out a thing with zeal shall find it.” The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys Bahá’u’lláh / The Valley of Search True reliance is for the servant to pursue his profession and calling in this world, to hold fast unto the Lord, to seek naught but His grace, inasmuch as in His Hands is the destiny of all His servants. Bahá’u’lláh / 10. Aṣḥ-i-Kullu’l-K h ayr (Words of Wisdom)</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Offer to each a freedom which is conditional only upon the freedom and dignity of others, so that individuals may develop a self-reliant responsibility rather than being the conditioned animals of institutions and ideologies. (See “Buddhism and Democracy,” Bodhi Leaves No. B. 17) “Here he rejoices he rejoices hereafter. In both worlds the merit-maker rejoices. He rejoices, is jubilant, seeing the purity of his deeds.” Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Matthew 6:31-32 - Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>11. Howsoever men approach Me, even so do I reward them ; My path do men follow in all things O son of Pritha. Bhagavad Gita, page 123, 11 Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	Nature intended me for the tranquil pursuits of science by rendering them my supreme delight. --Thomas Jefferson
Mormon Scriptures	And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine. D& C 104:15 With faith in the Lord, we are working together to become self-reliant.
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan, Ex 16:35</p> <p>And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. Joshua 5:12</p> <p>The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. ... And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness. Ps 105:40-41,43</p> <p>And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 1Kgs. 17:11-15</p> <p>Psalms 34:10 - The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Seek your provision from God (alone), worship Him and be grateful to Him. The Spider 29:17</p> <p>Were you to place your trust totally upon God as it should be placed, He would give you sustenance the way He sustains the birds: they go out in the morning hungry and return in the evening with bellies full. (Hadith)</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Mothers, fathers, friends, children and spouses-no one is the support of anyone else. For each and every person, our Lord and Master provides sustenance. Why are you so afraid, O mind? [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 10]</p> <p>Why, O mind, do you plot and plan, when the Dear Lord Himself provides for your care? Guru Arjan Dev: Page 10, Line 9</p>

10 THE LORD TEACHES AND GUIDES AND DIRECTS IN ALL THINGS

Original Scriptures	I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. [SAME AS # 37 and # 10; USE # 10] Psalm 32:8
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Thou hast inspired the Pen with the mysteries of Thine eternity, and bidden it teach man that which he knoweth not, and caused him to partake of the living waters of truth from the cup of Thy Revelation”</p> <p>“Prayers and Meditations by Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/prayers-meditations/#q=teach</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>76-77</p> <p>Regard him as one who points out treasure, the wise one who seeing your faults rebukes you. Stay with this sort of sage.</p> <p>For the one who stays with a sage of this sort, things get better, not worse. Let him admonish, instruct deflect you away from poor manners. To the good, he’s endearing; to the bad, he’s not. [Dhp VI Panditavagga: The wise]</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p> <p>“Heedful among the heedless, wakeful among those asleep, just as a fast horse advances, leaving the weak behind: so the wise.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:20
Hindu Scriptures	<p>“O father! Lord Vishnu who resides in the heart of us all is the supreme creature. Who can teach anybody anything apart from Him?”</p> <p>“Bhagavad-Gita” Chapter 11 “Tale of Prahlada and Narsimha Incarnation</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>“You know that I don’t believe that anyone has ever taught anything to anyone. I question that efficacy of teaching. The only thing that I know is that anyone who wants to learn will learn. And maybe a teacher is a facilitator, a person who puts things down and shows people how exciting and wonderful it is and asks them to eat.” — Carl R. Rogers</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>5 And it came to pass that the Lord commanded them that they should go forth into the wilderness, yea, into that quarter where there never had man been. And it came to pass that the Lord did go before them, and did talk with them as he stood in a bcloud, and gave cdirections whither they should travel.</p> <p>6 And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness, and did build barges, in which they did cross many waters, being directed continually by the hand of the Lord.</p> <p>Ether 2:5-6</p> <p>The story of the Liahona (Alma 37:38-47)</p> <p>You had another one on the duplicate principle #37; we could use that one as well.</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>God is the Guide of those who believe, to a straight path. Pilgrimage 22:54</p> <p>God teaches you; and God is Knower of every thing. The Heifer 2:282</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>The Commander, by His Command, leads us to walk on the Path. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib]</p>

11 PEOPLE OF FAITH PUT THE LORD FIRST AND PROSPER

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted. JACOB 2:18–19</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The legitimacy of wealth depends, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá has indicated, on how it is acquired and on how it is expended. In this connection, He has stated that “wealth is praiseworthy in the highest degree, if it is acquired by an individual’s own efforts and the grace of God, in commerce, agriculture, crafts and industry”, if the measures adopted by the individual in generating wealth serve to “enrich the generality of the people”, and if the wealth thus obtained is expended for “philanthropic purposes” and “the promotion of knowledge”, for the establishment of schools and industry and the advancement of education, and in general for the welfare of society...ponder the above statement of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá in which He conditions the acquisition of wealth on diligent work and the grace of God... It will surely become evident, as they do so, that what will attract God’s blessings and ensure true happiness both in this world and in the next is the development of spiritual qualities, such as honesty, trustworthiness, generosity, justice, and consideration for others, and the recognition that material means are to be expended for the betterment of the world.” The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>True reliance is for the servant to pursue his profession and calling in this world, to hold fast unto the Lord, to seek naught but His grace, inasmuch as in His Hands is the destiny of all His servants. Bahá’u’lláh / 10. Aṣḥ-i-Kullu’l-K h ayr (Words of Wisdom)</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Having righteously gathered wealth Which he obtains by his own effort, He fully satisfies with food and drink Whatever beings live in need. Iti 72-90 [Itivuttaka: The Group of Threes]</p> <p>Help people to overcome ego-centeredness, through co-operation with others, in place of either subordination and exploitation or the consequent sense of “righteous” struggle against all things.</p> <p>[Buddhism and Social Action, An Exploration by Ken Jones]</p> <p>“Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others.”</p> <p>Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake, and the gospel’s 30. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29</p> <p>But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>18-Ig. He who is the same to foe and friend, and also in honor and dishonor ; who is the same in cold and heat, in pleasure and pain ; who is free from attachment ; to whom censure and praise are equal ; who is silent, content with anything, homeless, steady-minded, full of devotion ; that man is dear to me. 20. They, verily, who follow this immortal Law described above, endued with faith, looking up to me as the Supreme, and devoted, they are exceedingly dear to Me. Bhagavad Gita 313-314, 18-20</p> <p>15 Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E'en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E'en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-16</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>"Visualizing how you want to be is [an] effective way to move toward your goal." Ellen Bass and Laura Davis</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted. JACOB 2:18–19</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;</p> <p>Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.</p> <p>And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. 1 Kgs. 3:11-13</p> <p>And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh 24:15</p> <p>Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession. Proverbs 28:10</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>That which is with God is better than any amusement or merchandise; and God is the best of providers! Gathering 62:11</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Those who wear the Necklace of the Lord around their necks, and focus their consciousness on the Guru's Feet - wealth and supernatural spiritual powers follow them, but they do not care for such things at all. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 26]</p> <p>Through the wealth of the Lord, I have forgotten my anxiety; through the wealth of the Lord, my doubt has been dispelled. From the wealth of the Lord, I have obtained the nine treasures; the true essence of the Lord has come into my hands. 3 No matter how much I eat and expend this wealth, it is not exhausted; here and hereafter, it remains with me. Loading the treasure, Guru Nanak has given it, and this mind is imbued with the Lord's Love. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 496]</p> <p>As You command, I obey; as You give, I receive. Guru Arjan Dev: Page 98, Line 13</p>

12 THE LORD REWARDS THOSE WHO ARE DILIGENT AND PRAYERFUL, AND HAVE ROBUST FAITH

Original Scriptures	All victory and glory is brought to pass unto you through your diligence, faithfulness, and prayers of faith. D&C 103:36
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>With every stride thus taken, the path forward will become increasingly clear, enabling you to proceed resolutely in the conduct of your affairs. The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20090611_001&f=f1</p> <p>By God! Though weariness lay Me low, and hunger consume Me, and the bare rock be My bed, and My fellows the beasts of the field, I will not complain, but will endure patiently as those endued with constancy and firmness have endured patiently, through the power of God, the Eternal King and Creator of the nations, and will render thanks unto God under all conditions. We pray that, out of His bounty—exalted be He</p> <p>Bahá'u'lláh / Náṣiri'd-Dín S h áh : paragraph 268</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>80 Irrigators guide the water. Fletchers shape the arrow shaft. Carpenters shape the wood. The wise control themselves. 81 As a single slab of rock won't budge in the wind, so the wise are not moved by praise, by blame. [Dhp VI Panditavagga: The Wise]</p> <p>"Don't underestimate merit ('It won't amount to much'). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full."</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17</p> <p>But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that comesto God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him Hebrews 11:16</p> <p>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>Set aside all meritorious deeds and religious rituals, and just surrender completely to My will with firm faith and loving devotion. I shall liberate you from all sins, the bonds of Karma. Do not grieve. (18.66)</p> <p>bhagavad gita</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>"To most of us the future seems unsure. But then it always has been; and we who have seen great changes must have great hopes." John Masefield</p>

Mormon Scriptures	All victory and glory is brought to pass unto you through your diligence, faithfulness, and prayers of faith. D&C 103:36
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. Deut. 6:17</p> <p>He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. Ps. 102:17</p> <p>Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, Job 22:27</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>That God may reward the people of truth by their truth ... The Confederates 33:24</p> <p>As for those who have faith and do good deeds, they shall have a reward that will never end. The Splitting Asunder 84:25</p> <p>The Fig 95:6</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>The faithful have intuitive awareness and intelligence. The faithful know about all worlds and realms. The faithful shall never be struck across the face. The faithful do not have to go with the Messenger of Death. Such is the Name of the Immaculate Lord. Only one who has faith comes to know such a state of mind. 13 The path of the faithful shall never be blocked. The faithful shall depart with honor and fame [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 3]</p> <p>Whosoever will be inimical towards that Krishna, the gopas said that he will not be with them and whosoever will serve Him with love and full mind, He will be on his side. 386 Sri Dasam Granth Sahib pg. 724</p>

13 PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAY FOR THE THINGS WHICH THEY NEED AND DO NOT DOUBT

Original Scriptures	Hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus for what things so ever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing. [SAME AS #42] MORMON 9:27
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Thou art He Who from everlasting hath succored whosoever hath sought Thee, and bountifully favored him who hath asked Thee.”</p> <p>“Prayers and Meditations by Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/prayers-meditations/#f=f2-40</p> <p>I beseech you all to pray with heart and soul that this may be accomplished.</p> <p>‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 37. The Cruel Indifference of People towards the Suffering of Foreign Races</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>121. Think not lightly of evil, saying, “It will not come to me.” Drop by drop is the water pot filled. Likewise, the fool, gathering it little by little, fills himself with evil.</p> <p>122. Think not lightly of good, saying, “It will not come to me.” Drop by drop is the water pot filled. Likewise, the wise man, gathering it little by little, fills himself with good.</p> <p>[Dhp IX Papavagga: Evil]</p> <p>“Those with initiative, mindful, clean in action, acting with due consideration, heedful, restrained, living the Dhamma: their glory grows.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt. James 1:6</p> <p>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1</p> <p>Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12</p> <p>Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>But those faithful devotees, who set Me as their supreme goal and follow — or just sincerely try to develop — the above mentioned nectar of moral values are very dear to Me. (12.20) bhagavad gita</p> <p>20: Men of the three Vedas, the somadrinkers, purified from sin, worshipping Me by sacrifices, pray for the goal of heaven ; they reach the holy world of the Lord of the Gods and enjoy in heaven the heavenly pleasures of the Gods. Bhagavad Gita page 251, 20</p>

Humanist Thought	"You never fail until you stop trying." Albert Einstein
Mormon Scriptures	Hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus for what things so ever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing. [SAME AS #42] MORMON 9:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. Josh 22:5</p> <p>and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chr. 20:20</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Believers, seek assistance through perseverance and prayer: truly, God is with those who patiently persevere. The Heifer 2:153
Sikh Scriptures	<p>I serve my True Guru with single-minded devotion, and lovingly focus my consciousness on Him. The True Guru is the mind's desire and the sacred shrine of pilgrimage, for those unto whom He has given this understanding. The blessings of the wishes of the mind are obtained, and the fruits of one's desires. Meditate on the Name, worship the Name, and through the Name, you shall be absorbed in intuitive peace and poise. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 26]</p> <p>People beg and pray, "Give to us, give to us", and the Great Giver gives His Gifts. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 2, line 3)</p>

14 THE LORD WILL PROVIDE- DO NOT WORRY

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Trust that it is God's purpose to provide for His Saints' temporal needs and that He has all power to do so.</p> <p>It is my purpose to provide for my saints D&C 104:15</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"Thou beholdest my low estate and the habitation wherein I dwell, and bearest witness unto my perplexity, my crying needs, my troubles, and the afflictions I suffer...And, finally, I beg of Thee by the light of Thy countenance to bless my affairs, and redeem my debts, and satisfy my needs."</p> <p>"Prayers and Meditations by Baha'u'llah"</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/prayers-meditations/#q=needs</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>You don't need to obsess over the attainment of future realizations. As long as you act in the present with as much understanding as you possibly can, you'll realize everlasting peace in no time at all.</p> <p>Lama Zopa Rinpoche</p> <p>"Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves"</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6: 25-26</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E'en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E'en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-18</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Secular humanism proposes ... the complete implementation of the agenda of modernism ... what is necessary for it to occur is a ... New Enlightenment. Paul Kurtz</p>

Mormon Scriptures	It is my purpose to provide for my saints D&C 104:15
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Thou shalt not be affrighted...: for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God... Deut 7:17</p> <p>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1</p> <p>The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked Proverbs 10:3</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Do not worry: truly, God is with us! Repentance 9:40
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Let spiritual wisdom be your food, and compassion your attendant. The Sound-current of the Naad vibrates in each and every heart. . .[Sri Guru Grinith Sahib page 6]</p> <p>Why, O mind, do you plot and plan, when the Dear Lord Himself provides for your care? (Sri Guru Grinith Sahib page 10, line 9)</p>

15 THE LORD EXPECTS US TO MAKE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO ATTAIN SELF RELIANCE

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man that he should act for himself. Wherefore, man could not act for himself save it should be that he was enticed by the one or the other 2 Nephi 2:16, 26</p> <p>And the Messiah cometh in the fulness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall. And because that they are redeemed from the fall they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; to act for themselves and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the law at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given. 2 Nephi 2:26</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“For every one of you his paramount duty is to choose for himself that on which no other may infringe and none usurp from him.” CXXII “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah” (3 of 80)</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gleanings-writings-bahauallah/#q=love</p> <p>Man reacheth perfection through good deeds, voluntarily performed, not through good deeds the doing of which was forced upon him. And sharing is a personally chosen righteous act: that is, the rich should extend assistance to the poor, they should expend their substance for the poor, but of their own free will, and not because the poor have gained this end by force. For the harvest of force.</p> <p>‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 79: “O respected personage! I have read your work,....”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act on upon them?” — Gautama Buddha</p> <p>“You yourself must strive. The Buddhas only point the way.”-The Buddha</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit(‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p> <p>Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12</p> <p>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>"When through Mind one has in mind "I wish to learn the sacred sayings (mantra)," then he learns them; "I wish to perform sacred works (karma)," then he performs them; "I would desire sons and cattle," then he desires them; "I would desire this world and the yonder," then he desires them. Truly the self (ātman) is Mind."</p> <p>"ThIrd Kha"a" Seventh Prapa'haka 1</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>I believe that a person should take an affirmative outlook. There are always problems in life, old and new, uncertainties, and unexpected contingencies. The optimal way to deal with this is not to give up in despair, but to move ahead using the best intelligence and resources that we have to overcome adversity. Paul Kurtz</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man that he should act for himself. Wherefore, man could not act for himself save it should be that he was enticed by the one or the other 2 Nephi 2:16, 26</p> <p>And the Messiah cometh in the fulness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall. And because that they are redeemed from the fall they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; to act for themselves and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the law at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given. 2 Nephi 2:26</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days Deut 30:19</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Seek, with that which God has bestowed on you, the Home of the Hereafter, nor forget your portion in this world. The Narration 28:77</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>You Yourself are the Creator. Everything that happens is by Your Doing. Guru Ram Das page 12 line 1</p> <p>Let self-control be the furnace, and patience the goldsmith. Guru Nanak Dev page 8 line 8 guru granth sahib</p>

16 THE LORD SEES EVERYONE EQUALLY— BE ONE IN HEART AND MIND.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>The poor and the rich must be one. All must serve and love one another. Unity and Service. Moses 7:18, D&C 56:16–17</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“But in the divine teachings equality is brought about through a ready willingness to share. It is commanded as regards wealth that the rich among the people, and the aristocrats should, by their own free will and for the sake of their own happiness, concern themselves with and care for the poor. This equality is the result of the lofty characteristics and noble attributes of mankind. ”</p> <p>“The Promulgation of Universal Peace” Abdu’l-Baha</p> <p>Third: It behooveth man to adhere tenaciously unto that which will promote fellowship, kindness and unity.</p> <p>Bahá’u’lláh / 7. Lawḥ-i-Dunyá (Tablet of the World)</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“When watching after yourself, you watch after others. When watching after others, you watch after yourself.” The Buddha (From the Samyutta Nikaya)</p> <p>“Just as, your majesty, some man might render the king a service, and the king, being well pleased, might repay the service...” Miln II.3.9: Characteristic of Feeling {Miln 60}</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>The Self is present equally in all beings. There is no one hateful or dear to Me. But, those who worship Me with love and devotion are very close to Me, and I am also very close to them. (See also 7.18) (9.29) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>A human being is part of the whole called by us 'Universe', a part limited in time and space.</p> <p>We experience ourselves, our thoughts and feelings as something separate from the rest...</p> <p>This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us.</p> <p>Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty...</p> <p>We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive. -Albert Einstein</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>The poor and the rich must be one. All must serve and love one another. Unity and Service. Moses 7:18, D&C 56:16–17</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Ps 133:1</p> <p>But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Deut. 15:8</p> <p>Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord. Lev 19:18</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Remember [with gratitude God's favour on you:] you were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His Grace, you became brothers. The Family of Imran 3:103</p> <p>You will not enter heaven until you have faith, and you will not have faith until you love each other. (Hadith)</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>You fool: chant the Name of the Lord, and preserve your virtue. Egotism and possessiveness are very enticing; egotistical pride has plundered everyone. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 19]</p> <p>The God-conscious being looks upon all alike, like the wind, which blows equally upon the king and the poor beggar. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 272, line 17)</p>

17 STAY WORTHY. WHEN WE ARE OBEDIENT TO THE LORD WE WILL BE BLESSED.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land” (Isaiah 1:19) When we obtain any blessing . . . it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated D&C 130:21</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Judge fairly, I adjure thee, and arise to serve thy Lord. He, verily, shall reward thee with a reward which neither the treasures of the earth nor all the possessions of kings and rulers can equal.”</p> <p>“Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah p 5</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#f=f3-125</p> <p>All are commanded to seek the good pleasure of the Lord of unity, to follow His command and obey His will; in this way the world of humanity shall become illumined with the reality of love and reconciliation. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 103. St. James Methodist Church</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Monks, what is the noble eightfold path? Right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.</p> <p>[Analysis of the Path, SN45.8]</p> <p>“By telling the truth; by not growing angry; by giving, when asked, no matter how little you have: by these three things you enter the presence of devas.”</p> <p>Dhp XVII PTS: Dhp 221-234 Kodhavagga: Anger</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. John 15:7</p> <p>But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:25</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>, Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda - 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>"I will follow my logic, no matter where it goes, after it has consulted with my heart. If you ever come to a conclusion without calling the heart in, you will come to a bad conclusion." Robert Ingersoll</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>When we obtain any blessing . . . it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated D&C 130:21</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is this day. Deuteronomy. 6:24</p> <p>If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God Deuteronomy 28: 1-2</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>If you give thanks, I will give you more. Abraham 14:7</p> <p>If they had established the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that was sent to them from their Lord, they would have eaten from above and from below their feet.</p> <p>The Table Spread 5:66</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Priceless are His Virtues, Priceless are His Dealings. Priceless are His Dealers, Priceless are His Treasures. Priceless are those who come to Him, Priceless are those who buy from Him. Priceless is Love for Him, Priceless is absorption into Him. Priceless is the Divine Law of Dharma, Priceless is the Divine Court of Justice. Page 5]</p> <p>Blessed are they, blessed are they, who meditate on their Dear Lord (sri granth sahib page 11, line 7)</p>

18 SEEK THE SPIRIT. BE ACTIVE IN RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND ENDURANCE

Original Scriptures	The Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance John 14:26 Search diligently, pray always, and be believing[SAME AS # 18 & # 26; USE # 18] D&C 90:24
Baha’l Scriptures	And elsewhere He saith: “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” And: “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.” “Gems of Divine Mysteries - Javahiru’l-Asrar” Bahauallah http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gems-divine-mysteries/#r=ghdm_en-body
Buddhist Scriptures	Contemplative wisdom is a precious thing, but true Wisdom reveals itself in positive action — or “in-action.” Though a person may, through Clear Comprehension of Purpose (sattbaka-sampajanna), keep loyal to the social ideal, his Clear Comprehension of (presently absent) Suitability may counsel in-action, or just “waiting.” [Buddhism and Social Action, An Exploration by Ken Jones, 2.6] “From striving comes wisdom; from not, wisdom’s end. Knowing these two courses— to development, decline —conduct yourself so that wisdom will grow.” Dhp XX PTS: Dhp 273-289 Maggavagga: The Path
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Seek the Spirit. The Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance. John 14:26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy. Ecclesiastes 2:26
Hindu Scriptures	Therefore, focus your mind on Me, and let your intellect dwell upon Me alone through meditation and contemplation. Thereafter you shall certainly attain Me. (12.08) bhagavad gita
Humanist Thought	The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within. -Mahatma Gandhi

Mormon Scriptures	<p>Search diligently, pray always, and be believing D&C 90:24 [SAME AS # 18 & # 26; USE # 18]</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is this day. Deuteronomy. 6:24</p> <p>If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God Deuteronomy 28: 1-2</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Be conscious of God. God teaches you; and God is Knower of every thing. The Heifer 2:282</p> <p>Believers, if you are conscious of God, He will grant you a Criterion (to judge between right and wrong). Spoils of War 8:29</p> <p>*** jahadu fina</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>O mind, vibrate and meditate forever on the Lord; seek the Protection of His Sanctuary. page 31 line 3 guru granth sahib</p> <p>One who lives righteously is known as righteous; one who commits sins is known as a sinner. (Sri Granth Sahib page 138, line 13)</p>

19 ACT; BE ENGAGED

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>If any man will do his will, he shall know. John 7:17</p> <p>I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded 1 Nephi 3:7</p> <p>Men should be anxiously engaged . . . and bring to pass much righteousness D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“O Lord! Strengthen my back, enable me to serve Thee with the utmost endeavor”</p> <p>“Tablets of the Divine Plan” Abdu’l-Baha</p> <p>Now in this radiant century let us try to do the will of God that we may be rescued from these things of darkness and come forth into the boundless illumination of heaven, shunning division and welcoming the divine oneness of humanity. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 82. All Souls Unitarian Church</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Set your heart on doing good. Do it over and over again, and you will be filled with joy.” — Gautama Buddha</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p> <p>Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. James 1:23-25</p> <p>Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>O Arjuna, the mode of goodness attaches one to happiness of learning and knowing the Spirit, the mode of passion attaches to action, and the mode of ignorance attaches to negligence by covering the Self-knowledge. (14.09)</p> <p>bhagavad gita</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Change your life today. Don’t gamble on the future, act now, without delay.</p> <p>Simone de Beauvoir</p>

<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded 1 Nephi 3:7 Men should be anxiously engaged . . . and bring to pass much righteousness D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. Exodus 39:42 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them. Exodus 39:43</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>And those who are patient, seeking the countenance of their Lord, and establish prayer and spend from what We have provided for them secretly and publicly and prevent evil with good-those will have the good consequence of [this] home.</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>They alone dance, who are pleasing to You, and who, as Gurmukhs, embrace love for the Word of the Shabad. They are devotees, with the essence of spiritual wisdom, who obey the Hukam of His Command. [Sri Guru Grath Sahib, page 506, line 5] According to their own actions, some are drawn closer, and some are driven farther away. (Sri Guru Grath Sahib, page 8, line 12)</p>

20 WE ARE GUIDED WHEN WE SEEK THE COUNCIL OF THE LORD IN ALL THINGS, CHOICES AND TASKS

Original Scriptures	Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good. ALMA 37:37
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“In all thine affairs put thy reliance in God, and commit them unto Him. He will render thee a reward which the Book hath ordained as great.”</p> <p>“Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah pg 5</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#f=f3-125</p> <p>In the day time and in the night season, at even and at morn, We pray to God on thy behalf, that He may graciously aid thee to be obedient unto Him and to observe His commandment, that He may shield ●●● to achieve, now or in the days to come. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds! Bahá’u’lláh / CXIV: “Hearken, O King (Sulṭán ‘Abdu’l-‘Azíz),...”</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>The non-doing of any evil, the performance of what’s skillful, the cleansing of one’s own mind: this is the teaching of the Awakened. [Dhp XIV Buddhavagga: Awakened]</p> <p>“Like a deep lake clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89</p> <p>Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26</p> <p>However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come. John 16:13</p>
Hindu Scriptures	The Spirit in the body is the witness, the guide, the supporter, the enjoyer, and the controller. (13.22) bhagavad gita
Humanist Thought	In my view, humanism relies on reason and compassion. Reason guides our attempt to understand the world about us. Both reason and compassion guide our efforts to apply that knowledge ethically, to understand other people, and have ethical relationships with other people. - Molleen Matsumura (more)

Mormon Scriptures	Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good. ALMA 37:37
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:4-5
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"Say: 'O you mankind! Now truth (i.e. the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad), has come to you from your Lord. So whosoever receives guidance, he does so for the good of his own self; and whosoever goes astray, he does so to his own loss; and I am not (set) over you as a Wakeel (disposer of affairs to oblige you for guidance).'" Yoonus 10:108
Sikh Scriptures	I serve my True Guru with love, that He may lead me to Union with my Husband Lord. He created all, and He Himself watches over us. Some are close to Him, and some are far away. She who knows her Husband Lord to be always with her, enjoys His Constant Presence. 1 O woman, you must walk in harmony with the Guru's Will. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 38]

21 DILIGENT SPIRITUAL PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL TO TEMPORAL PROGRESSION

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>"You and I are here on the earth to prepare for eternity, to learn how to learn, to learn things that are temporally important and eternally essential, and to assist others in learning wisdom and truth [see D&C 97:1]."</p> <p>DAVID A. BEDNAR, "Learning to Love Learning," Ensign, Feb. 2010, 27</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"...unless the development of society finds a purpose beyond the mere amelioration of material conditions, it will fail of attaining even these goals. That purpose must be sought in spiritual dimensions of life..."—The Prosperity of Humankind Statement of the Bahá'í International Community</p> <p>Read more at https://www.bic.org/focus-areas/religion-society#m2SZ6MULsGHQqbUh.99</p> <p>The question has been asked: Will the spiritual progress of the world equal and keep pace with material progress in the future? In a living organism the full measure of its development is not known or realized at the time of its inception or birth. Development and progression imply gradual stages or degrees. For example, spiritual advancement may be likened to the light of the early dawn. 'Abdu'l-Bahá / 50. Brotherhood Church</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>"Monks and Learned Ones; Just as gold is burnt, cut and rubbed, examine my words carefully and do not accept them simply out of respect. I have shown you the methods that lead to liberation, but you should know that liberation depends upon yourself." [Sutras]</p> <p>"Those with initiative, mindful, clean in action, acting with due consideration, heedful, restrained, living the Dhamma: their glory grows."</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:9</p> <p>Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;</p> <p>And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>"1. 'Verily, when one understands, then he speaks the Truth. One who does not understand, does not speak the Truth. Only he who understands speaks the Truth. But one must desire to understand Understanding" Seventeenth Kha"á (Upanishad)</p> <p>1. 'Verily, when one has Faith, then he thinks. One who has not Faith does not think. Only he who has Faith thinks. But one must desire to understand Faith. Nineteenth Kha"á (Upanishad)</p>

Humanist Thought	The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift. -Albert Einstein
Mormon Scriptures	<p>"You and I are here on the earth to prepare for eternity, to learn how to learn, to learn things that are temporally important and eternally essential, and to assist others in learning wisdom and truth [see D&C 97:1]."</p> <p>DAVID A. BEDNAR, "Learning to Love Learning," Ensign, Feb. 2010, 27</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>You will ordain peace (God's favor and blessings, both temporal and spiritual) for us, for You have also wrought in us and for us all our works Isaiah 26:12</p> <p>Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 7:12 - "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Wisdom is the lost property of the Believer, let him claim it wherever he finds it. Source: Sunan At-Tirmidhi 2687</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>He renounces sexual desire, anger, egotism, greed, attachment and Maya. Within his mind, he meditates on the reality of the Imperishable Lord; by Guru's Grace he finds Him. 6 Spiritual wisdom and meditation are all said to be God's gifts [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 503, line 5,6]</p> <p>Take the Support of the Lord, who gives support in the spiritual and material worlds. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 320, line 2)</p>

22 WHEN WE HUMBLY CENTER OUR LIVES ON LEARNING OF AND OBEYING THE LORD, HE GIVES US PEACE

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me D&C 19:23</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“O friend, the heart is the dwelling of eternal mysteries, make it not the home of fleeting fancies; waste not the treasure of thy precious life in employment with this swiftly passing world. Thou comest from the world of holiness—bind not thine heart to the earth; thou art a dweller in the court of nearness—choose not the homeland of the dust.” “The Valley of Wonderment” Baha’u’llah Peace be upon him who followeth the Right Path! Bahá’u’lláh / The Seven Valleys</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Resolutely train yourself to attain peace” is a genuine quote from the Buddha. It’s from the Utthana Sutta of the Sutta Nipata. In those who reject what should, & do what shouldn’t be done— heedless, insolent — effluents grow. But for those who are well-applied, constantly, to mindfulness immersed in the body; don’t indulge in what shouldn’t be done & persist in what should—mindful, alert—effluents come to an end. Dhp XXI PTS: Dhp 290-305 Pakinnakavagga: Miscellany</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10: 27 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 But the fruit of the spirit is: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance. Galations 5:22</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Ka?ha 3. 7-8</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“Humility and inner peace go hand in hand. The less compelled you are to try to prove yourself to others, the easier it is to feel peaceful inside.” Richard Carlson</p>

Mormon Scriptures	Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me D&C 19:23
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Psa 37:11</p> <p>The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. Psa 22:26</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Verily, Allah has revealed to me that you must be humble towards one another, so that no one wrongs another or arrogantly boasts to another. Source: Sahih Muslim 2865, Grade: Sahih
Sikh Scriptures	<p>There are so many beggars, but He is the only Giver. He is the Giver of the soul, and the praanaa, the breath of life; when He dwells within the mind, there is peace. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 18]</p> <p>Those who meditate on You, Lord, those who meditate on You-those humble beings dwell in peace in this world. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 11, line 4)</p> <p>Obedient to the Lord, I enjoy peace forever. Siri Guru Granth Sahib:RAAG RAAMKALEE, FIFTH MEHL, FIRST HOUSE:</p>

23 THE LORD CAN PERFORM MIRACLES, FOR HE IS INFINITELY POWERFUL

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>"Behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles." 2 Nephi 27:23</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"Thus do I say: There is no power or might save in God" "The Third Valley" Baha'u'llah Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Protector, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The Báb / "Lauded and glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Thou ..."</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>"Brahman, there are not only one hundred other monks... two... three... four... five hundred other monks: the monks who are endowed with these three miracles are many more than that." [AN 3.60 Sangarava Sutta: To Sangarava] "Don't underestimate merit ('It won't amount to much'). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full." Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>I see You with infinite power, without beginning, middle, or end; with many arms, with the sun and the moon as Your eyes, with Your mouth as a blazing fire scorching all the universe with Your radiance. (11.19) bhagavad gita</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>You see things; and you say "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say "Why not?"-George Bernard Shaw</p>

Mormon Scriptures	"Behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles. 2 Nephi 27:23
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord Ex 34:10</p> <p>Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. Ps. 78:12</p> <p>You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77: 14</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Ali Quli Qarai 30:54 "It is Allah who created you from [a state of] weakness, then He gave you power after weakness...He creates whatever He wishes, and He is the All-knowing, the All-powerful."
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Whatever pleases God's Will comes to pass. Nothing else can be done. Servant Nanak lives by chanting the Naam. [Sri Guru Garth Sahim, page 26]</p> <p>The Creator Lord has worked a wondrous miracle; O Nanak, His glorious greatness is true. (Sri Guru Garth Sahim, page 678, line 6)</p>

24 THE LORD WANTS US TO PRAY OVER ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES THAT THEY WILL BE BLESSED

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Cry unto [God] over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them. Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase. ALMA 34:24–25</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“I beseech you all to pray with heart and soul that this may be accomplished.” “Paris Talks” Abdu’l-Baha</p> <p>By the life of God! The word “Equity” shineth bright and resplendent even as the sun. We pray God to graciously shed its radiance upon everyone. He is in truth powerful over all things, He Who is wont to answer the prayers of all men. Bahá’u’lláh / 4. Tarázát (Ornaments)</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Embodiment of all sources of refuge, Orgyen Rinpoche, to you we pray with a yearning so strong it is hard to bear. Despel all outer, inner and secret obstacles into space and grant your blessings so that our aims and wishes are fulfilled. [Rangung Pema Niyngthik, Guru Rinpoche’s Seven-Chapter Supplication]</p> <p>“Heedful among the heedless, wakeful among those asleep, just as a fast horse advances, leaving the weak behind: so the wise.” Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing.-Matthew 6:28</p> <p>Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.- Acts 14:17</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>...man who honours and obeys your laws. He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. Rig Veda 15-16</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” Albert Einstein</p>

Mormon Scriptures	Cry unto [God] over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them. Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase. ALMA 34:24–25
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12 ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’ Jeremiah 33:3
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	“And enjoin upon thy people worship, and be constant therein. We ask not of thee a provision: We provide for thee. And the sequel is for righteousness.” (Surah Ta Ha: 132)”
Sikh Scriptures	He Himself gives, and then we receive. Nothing else can be done. The Gift is in the Hands of the Great Giver. At the Guru’s Door, in the Gurdwara, it is received. Whatever He does, comes to pass. All act according to His Will. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 33] People beg and pray, “Give to us, give to us”, and the Great Giver gives His Gifts. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 2, line 3)

25 THE LORD KNOWS ALL THINGS AND CAN ACCOMPLISH ALL THINGS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>But the Lord knoweth all things from the beginning; wherefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men.¹ NEPHI 9:6</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Thou art the God Who knoweth all things, and is supreme over all things. Thou art the God Who dealeth mercifully with all things, Who judgeth between all things and Whose vision embraceth all things. Thou art God my Lord, Thou art aware of my position...Thou dost suffice everyone, while no one can be self-sufficient without Thee.”</p> <p>“Selections from the WRitings of the Bab”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-bab/selections-writings-bab/#f=f8-533</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Having known the escape from sensual desires And the overcoming of forms, One whose energy is always ardent Reaches the stilling of all formations.</p> <p>Such a bhikkhu who sees rightly Is thereby well released. Accomplished in knowledge, at peace, That sage has overcome all bonds. [Iti 72, Itivuttaka: The Group of Threes]</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually — the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. -Hebrews 4:13</p> <p>We also are but men, with natures kindred to your own; and we bring you the Good News that you are to turn from these unreal things, to worship the ever-living God, the Creator of earth and sky and sea and of everything that is in them. -Acts 14:15</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>7 He knows the path of birds that fly through heaven, and, Sovran of the sea, He knows the ships that are thereon. 9 He knows the pathway of the wind, the spreading, high, and mighty wind 11 From thence perceiving he beholds all wondrous things, both what hath been, And what hereafter will be done. Hymn XXV. Varuna (Veda)</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>"Isn't it a noble, an enlightened way of spending our brief time in the sun, to work at understanding the universe and how we have come to wake up in it? This is how I answer when I am asked – as I am surprisingly often – why I bother to get up in the mornings. To put it the other way round, isn't it sad to go to your grave without wondering why you were born? Who, with such a thought, would not spring from bed eager to resume discovering the world and rejoicing to be part of it?" – Richard Dawkins, <i>Unweaving the Rainbow</i>, 1998</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>But the Lord knoweth all things from the beginning; wherefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men.1 NEPHI 9:6</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works. Psalm 33:13-15</p> <p>"It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him. Daniel 2:22</p> <p>He blessed him and said: Abram is blessed by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth Genesis14:19</p> <p>All you who fear the LORD, trust the LORD! He is your helper and your shield. The LORD remembers us and will bless us. He will bless the people of Israel and bless the priests, the descendants of Aaron. Psalm 115:11-12</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "When Allah completed the creation, He wrote in His Book which is with Him on His Throne, "My Mercy overpowers My Anger." 130:416</p> <p>130 hadith found in 'Beginning of Creation' of Sahih Bukhari.</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>"All the sources of creation, and all languages meditate on Him, forever and ever." (Guru Arjan, Asa, pg. 456)</p> <p>Everything happens according to Your Will. You Yourself accomplish all that occurs. (Sri Granth Sahib page 11, line 12)</p>

26 SEEK THE LORD, PRESS FORWARD IN FAITH, AND ALL THINGS WILL WORK OUT FOR THE BEST

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly.</p> <p>D&C 90:24</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Know thou that whoso seeketh to scale the summits of the divine mysteries must needs strive to the utmost of his power and capacity for his Faith, that the pathway of guidance may be made clear unto him. ”</p> <p>“Gems of Divine Mysteries - Javahiru’l-Asrar” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gems-divine-mysteries/#r=gdm_en-body</p> <p>He beholdeth the wonders of Divinity in the mysteries of creation and discovereth the paths of guidance and the ways of His Lord. Such is the station reached by them that search after God, and such are the heights attained by those who hasten unto Him.</p> <p>Bahá’u’lláh / Gems of Divine Mysteries : paragraph 37</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>141-142 Neither nakedness nor matted hair nor mud nor the refusal of food nor sleeping on the bare ground nor dust & dirt nor squatting austerities cleanses the mortal who’s not gone beyond doubt.</p> <p>If, though adorned, one lives in tune with the chaste life— calmed, tamed, & assured —having put down the rod toward all beings, he’s a contemplative a brahman a monk.</p> <p>[Dhp X Dandavagga: The Rod]</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5:16</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“O Krishna!...Thou art my best teacher.” Prayer to Lord Krishna “Bhagavad-Gita”</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>“The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.—”Old Man’s Advice to Youth: ‘Never Lose a Holy Curiosity.’ ” LIFE Magazine (2 May 1955) p. 64” — Albert Einstein</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly. D&C 90:24</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. Psalms 14:2</p> <p>2 Chron 15:3 “Listen to me, Asa, Judah, and Benjamin! The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will allow you to find him, but if you abandon him, he will abandon you. Israel lived for years without the true God, priests to teach them, and the Law,</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>“...Allah will raise up, to (suitable) ranks (and degrees), those of you who believe and have been granted Knowledge. And Allah is well-acquainted with all you do.” (58:11)</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>The servants of the Lord have the greatest good fortune; they have faith in the Lord, and a longing for the Lord. Obtaining the Name of the Lord. . . [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 10]</p> <p>By one’s own efforts, nothing can be accomplished; the Lord, in His Mercy, bestows power. (Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 1016, line 12)</p>

27 THE LORD REWARDS THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>For the Lord God hath said that: Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land. 2 NEPHI 4:4</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Who holdeth from His Lord a testimony beyond the power of men to produce, he must needs follow Him in all that He pleaseth to proclaim, command and ordain;”</p> <p>“Gems of Divine Mysteries - Javahiru’l-Asrar” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gems-divine-mysteries/#r=gdm_en-body</p> <p>O people of the world! Follow not the promptings of the self, for it summoneth insistently to wickedness and lust; follow, rather, Him Who is the Possessor of all created things, Who biddeth you ••• is not of Us, and We are quit of him. Such is the command which hath, through the power of truth, been made manifest from the heaven of Revelation.</p> <p>Bahá’u’lláh / The Kitáb-i-Aqdas : paragraph 64</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>21. Heedfulness is the path to the Deathless. Heedlessness is the path to death. The heedful die not. The heedless are as if dead already. [3]</p> <p>22. Clearly understanding this excellence of heedfulness, the wise exult therein and enjoy the resort of the Noble Ones. [Dhp II Appadavagga: Heedfulness]</p> <p>In those who reject what should, & do what shouldn’t be done — heedless, insolent — effluents grow. But for those who are well-applied, constantly, to mindfulness immersed in the body; don’t indulge in what shouldn’t be done & persist in what should — mindful, alert — effluents come to an end.</p> <p>Dhp XXI PTS: Dhp 290-305 Pakinnakavagga: Miscellany</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.- John 14:21</p> <p>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad- 2 Corinthians 5:10</p> <p>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him Hebrews 11:6</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>...man who honours and obeys your laws.</p> <p>16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. ... and prospers every way unharmed.</p> <p>17 E'en without war he gathers wealth, and goes his way on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect,....</p> <p>18 E'en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none:</p> <p>Rig Veda 15-18</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>As long as we are persistent in our pursuit of our deepest destiny, we will continue to grow. We cannot choose the day or time when we will fully bloom. It happens in its own time.”</p> <p>Denis Waitley</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>For the Lord God hath said that: Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land. 2 NEPHI 4:4</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do. Deuteronomy. 29:9</p> <p>For surely there is a reward; And thy hope shall not be cut off. Proverbs 22:4</p> <p>The reward of humility is the fear of the LORD, along with wealth, honor, and life Proverbs 22:4</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>In the name of Allah, I trust in Allah for there is no power or might but in Allah. Verily, we seek refuge in you from being misguided or misleading others, from being oppressed or oppressing others, from behaving foolishly or being abused. Source: Sunan At-Tirmidhi 3427, Grade: Sahih</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Whatever we seek from Him, we receive. He is the Support of the unsupported. 2 Guru Arjan Dev page 47 line 3 guru granth sahib</p> <p>My Lord and Master has heard my prayer; my efforts have been rewarded. (Sri Granth page 105. line 19)</p>

28 THE LORD HAS BLESSED US AND WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS US IF WE HAVE FAITH

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>For ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save. 2 NEPHI 31:19</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The Faith of God hath in this day been made manifest. He Who is the Lord of the world is come and hath shown the way. His faith is the faith of benevolence and His religion is the religion of forbearance. This faith bestoweth eternal life” Tablet of the Seven Questions: paragraph 3.5 Baha’u’llah</p> <p>Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor. Bend your energies to whatever may foster the education of men. Nothing is, or can ever be, hidden from God. If ye follow in His way, His incalculable and imperishable blessings will be showered upon you. This is the luminous Tablet, whose verses have streamed from the moving Pen of Him Who is the Lord of all worlds. Ponder it in your hearts Bahá’u’lláh / V: “This is the Day whereon the Ocean of God’s...”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Having faith in the Dhamma as foremost, The peace of detachment, bliss; Having faith in the Sangha as foremost, A field of merit unsurpassed. [Iti 72-90 Itivuttaka: The Group of Threes]</p> <p>“Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others.”</p> <p>Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For I am proud of the gospel; it is God’s saving power for everyone who has faith. -Romans 1:16</p> <p>And He made no difference between us and them, but cleansed their hearts by faith (by a strong and welcome conviction that Jesus is the Messiah, through Whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God). Act 15:9</p> <p>But we have faith that we will get salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus in the same way as they. Act 15:11</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>For those who worship the Supreme with unswerving devotion as a personal deity of their choice, offer all actions to Me, intent on Me as the Supreme, and meditate on Me; I swiftly become their savior ¾ from the world that is the ocean of death and transmigration ¾ whose thoughts are set on My personal form, O Arjuna. (12.06-07) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	"The happy life is to an extraordinary extent the same as the good life."– Bertrand Russell, The Conquest of Happiness, 1930
Mormon Scriptures	For ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save.2 NEPHI 31:19
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand. Psalm 62:7
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"It is He Who sent down tranquillity into the hearts of the Believers, that they may add faith to their faith;- for to Allah belong the Forces of the heavens and the earth; and Allah is Full of Knowledge and Wisdom;-“ 46:4
Sikh Scriptures	From the very beginning, and throughout the ages, the True Name of the Creator has been our Saving Grace. Guru Arjan Dev page 137 line 3 guru granth sahib His Blessings are so abundant that there can be no written account of them. (Sri Granth, page 5 line 11)

29 THE LORD BLESSES THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH WITH THE POWER TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>But behold, I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender mercies of the Lord are over all those whom he hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance. 1 NEPHI 1:20</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>Wherefore, a man should make ready his heart that it be worthy of the descent of heavenly grace, and that the bounteous Cup-Bearer may give him to drink of the wine of bestowal from the merciful vessel. “For the like of this let the travellers travail!” 25</p> <p>And now do I say, “Verily we are from God, and to Him shall we return.” 26</p> <p>“The Second Valley” Bahu’u’llah</p> <p>I ask you all, each one of you, to follow well the light of truth, in the Holy Teachings, and God will strengthen you by His Holy Spirit so that you will be enabled to overcome the difficulties, and to destroy the prejudices which cause separation and hatred amongst the people. Let your hearts be filled with the great love of God, let it be felt by all; for every man is a servant of God, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 5. God Comprehends All; He Cannot Be Comprehended</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>It’s because of clear-mindedness that beings go to a good destination. {Iti 1.21; Iti 13} Itivuttaka: The Group of Ones</p> <p>“Heedful among the heedless, wakeful among those asleep, just as a fast horse advances, leaving the weak behind: so the wise.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Therefore, O adorable Lord, I seek Your mercy by bowing down and prostrating my body before You. Bear with me as a father to his son, as a friend to a friend, and as a husband to his wife, O Lord. (11.44) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	Ethics cannot be based upon our obligations toward [people], but they are complete and natural only when we feel this Reverence for Life and the desire to have compassion for and to help all creatures insofar as it is in our power. I think that this ethic will become more and more recognized because of its great naturalness and because it is the foundation of a true humanism toward which we must strive if our culture is to become truly ethical. - Albert Schweitzer
Mormon Scriptures	For ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save.2 NEPHI 31:19
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psalms 145:9 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. Psalm 119:77 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies Psalm 103:4
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Whoever relied upon Allah, then He will suffice him. Surat At-Talaq 65:3
Sikh Scriptures	His gifts are never exhausted. In His subtle way, He easily absorbs all. His benevolence cannot be erased. So enshrine that True Lord within your mind. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 395] The Lord blesses His devotees with His Love; He sides with them and saves them. Sri Granth Sahib, page 91, line 2

30 PEOPLE OF FAITH SHOULD WILLINGLY SERVE AND WORK TO BRING ABOUT GOODNESS IN THE WORLD AND IN THEIR OWN LIVES.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Certain matters are subject to the free will of man, such as acting with justice and fairness, or injustice and iniquity—in other words, the choice of good or evil actions. It is clear and evident that the will of man figures greatly in these actions...But he is free in the choice of good and evil actions, and it is of his own accord that he performs them”</p> <p>“Free Will and its Limits” Abdu’l-Baha</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Just as the great ocean has one taste, the taste of salt, so also this teaching and discipline has one taste, the taste of liberation.” The Buddha (from the Udana)</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10”</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“What, indeed, one performs with knowledge, with faith (śraddhā), with mystic doctrine (upaniṣad)—that, indeed, becomes the more effective.”</p> <p>Chandogya Upanishad First PrapaHaka 10</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. -Aristotle</p> <p>None will improve your lot if you yourself do not. -Bertolt Brecht</p>

Mormon Scriptures	Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. Exodus 39:42</p> <p>And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them. Exodus 39:43</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Hasten towards all that is good / Compete in good deeds.</p> <p>The Heifer 2:148</p> <p>The Table Spread 5:48</p> <p>Humanity is in loss: except those who have faith, do good deeds, exhort one another to Truth and exhort one another to Patience.</p> <p>Time 103:2-3</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Worship the Lord in adoration, day and night, O my dear - do not delay for a moment. Serve the Saints with loving faith, and set aside your pride and stubbornness. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 498]</p> <p>Through selfless service, eternal peace is obtained. The Gurmukh is absorbed in intuitive peace. 7 Guru Amar Das page 125 line 19 guru granth sahib</p>

31 SEEK THE LORD AND YOU WILL FIND HIM THEIR OWN LIVES.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succor cometh from Him alone.” Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gleanings-writings-bahauallah/#q=seek</p> <p>Yea, although to the wise it be shameful to seek the Lord of Lords in the dust, yet this betokeneth intense ardor in searching. “Whoso seeketh out a thing with zeal shall find it.” Bahá’u’lláh / The Valley of Search</p> <p>The time hath come when, as a thank-offering for this bestowal, ye should grow in faith and constancy as day followeth day, and should draw ever nearer to the Lord, your God, becoming magnetized ••• the Lord of Hosts, and become the teacher of all who dwell on earth. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 6: “O ye peoples of the Kingdom! How many a soul...”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>106-108 You could, month by month, at a cost of thousands, conduct sacrifices a hundred times, or pay a single moment’s homage to one person, self-cultivated. Better than a hundred years of sacrifices would that act of homage be. You could, for a hundred years, live in a forest tending a fire, or pay a single moment’s homage to one person, self-cultivated. Better than a hundred years of sacrifices would that act of homage be. Everything offered or sacrificed in the world for an entire year by one seeking merit doesn’t come to a fourth. Better to pay respect to those who’ve gone the straight way. [Dhp VIII Sahassavagga: Thousands]</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.” Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7</p> <p>Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 1:3 (old testament)</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Seek refuge in the Supreme Lord alone with loving devotion, O Arjuna. By His grace you shall attain supreme peace and the Eternal Abode. (18.62) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	The human condition is that we are individuals in relationship, and there are tensions between individuality and relatedness. A humanist spirituality is not one of complete dependence, nor of complete independence -- neither condition can be defended as primary. Rather, a humanist spirituality is one of interdependence.- Jone Johnson Lewis
Mormon Scriptures	Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.D&C 88:63
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deuteronomy 4:29</p> <p>You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise" Sahih Muslim 2699
Sikh Scriptures	<p>The Lord's servant is the one who commits himself to the Guru's service, and dedicates his mind and body as an offering to Him. He dedicates his mind and body to Him, placing great faith in Him; the Guru lovingly unites His servant with Himself. The Master of the meek, the Giver of souls, is obtained through the Perfect Guru. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg, 443]</p> <p>Those who keep the Lord enshrined within their hearts are said to be the servants of the Lord. Placing mind and body in offering before the Lord, they conquer and eradicate egotism from within. Blessed and acclaimed is that Gurmukh, who shall never be defeated. 3 Those who receive His Grace find Him. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 28]</p>

32 WISDOM COMES FROM THE LORD. HE GIVES COUNCIL TO THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

Original Scriptures	Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“A servant is drawn unto Me in prayer until I answer him; and when I have answered him, I become the ear wherewith he heareth”</p> <p>“The Valley of Unity” Bala’u’llah</p> <p>He hath admonished all men to observe that which is conducive to the exaltation of the Cause of God and will guide mankind unto His Straight Path.</p> <p>Bahá’u’lláh / “By the righteousness of God! The Mother Book is made...”</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>No one other thing so obstructs people that they wander on, day & night, as when they’re ensnared with delusion. But those who, letting go of delusion, shatter the mass of darkness, wander no further. Iti 1.14; Iti 7 Iti 1-27 PTS: Iti 1-19 Vagga.sutta: Iti 1.1-27 Itivuttaka: The Group of Ones</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89</p> <p>Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3-17</p> <p>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6</p> <p>If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won’t correct you for asking. JAMES 1:5</p>
Hindu Scriptures	I give the knowledge and understanding of the metaphysical science to those who are ever united with Me and lovingly adore Me by which they come to Me. (10.10) bhagavad gita
Humanist Thought	“One is not born a genius, one becomes a genius.” Simone de Beauvoir

Mormon Scriptures	Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good. ALMA 37:37
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship Exodus 31:3</p> <p>All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do common sense and understanding. God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys him and protects all of those who live as they should. Proverbs 2:6-7</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	He grants Hikmah to whom He pleases, and he, to whom Hikmah is granted, is indeed granted abundant good. But none remember (will receive admonition) except men of understanding. Quran (Surah Al-Baqara, Verse 269)
Sikh Scriptures	<p>We meet with our Beloved, the Source of Joy, when we listen to the Word of the Guru's Shabad." 2 You have so many Creative Powers, Lord; Your Bountiful Blessings are so Great. So many of Your beings and creatures praise You day and night. You have so many forms and colors, so many classes, high and low. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 18]</p> <p>Wisdom, honor and wealth are in the laps of those whose hearts remain permeated with the Lord. (Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 15, line 15)</p>

33 EVEN A LITTLE FAITH IN THE LORD CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The Faith of God is endowed with penetrating might and power. Erelong that which hath flowed from Our tongue will outwardly come to pass.” Tablet of the Seven Questions: paragraph 3.15 Baha’u’lla</p> <p>Nothing is impossible to the Divine Benevolence of God. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 6. The Pitiful Causes of War, and the Duty of Everyone to Strive for Peace</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>To be sure, in face of the great forces of evil and stupidity, this kind of genuine faith in the Good requires a certain amount of courage. But no progress of any kind is possible without courage. Progress means to overcome the natural inertia of present unsatisfactory conditions in the individual and in society. It certainly requires courage to take the first step in breaking through that resistance of the natural inertia and the self-preserving tendency of things and minds. But just that courage is the preliminary condition of success. [Courageous Faith Nyanaponika Thera]</p> <p>“Just as a silver smith step by step, bit by bit, moment to moment, blows away the impurities of molten silver —so the wise man, his own.” Dhp XVIII PTS: Dhp 235-255 Malavagga: Impurities</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20</p> <p>Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9: 23</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“8. I salute that Madhava, the source of supreme bliss, whose Grace makes the dumb eloquent and the cripple cross mountains!” Bhagavad Gita “Gita Dhyanam: Meditation of the Gita”</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Unless you’re willing to have a go, fail miserably, and have another go, success won’t happen. Phillip Adams</p>

Mormon Scriptures	And Christ truly said unto our fathers: If ye have faith ye can do all things which are expedient unto me. MORONI 10:23
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ~ Isaiah 41:10</p> <p>Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, [and] there is nothing too hard for thee: ~ Jeremiah 32:17</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>"When Abraham said: "Show me, Lord, how You will raise the dead, " He replied: "Have you nofaith?" He said "Yes, but just to reassure my heart." Allah said, "Take four birds, draw them to you, and cut their bodies to pieces. Scatter them over the mountain-tops, then call them back. They will come swiftly to you. Know that Allah is Mighty, Wise." Chapter 2 The Cow Al-Baqara: Verse 260</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Whoever listens to, and beholds the Guru with faith, shall see his pains of birth and death taken away. Such a dance eliminates hell; O Nanak, the Gurmukh remains wakeful. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 381]</p> <p>The faithful find the Door of Liberation. (Sri Granth Sahib page 3 line 10)</p>

34 THE LORD PROVIDES TALENTS TO ALL TO USE IN SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse... every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. [SAME AS #34; USING #6]D&C 82:18-19</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"...drawing inspiration from the Divine teachings and applying their God-given talents, they labour confidently to further the progress of an ever-advancing civilization."The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20091124_001&f=f1</p> <p>All Bahá'í activity is carried forward in light of a fundamental belief in the oneness of humankind. All contribute their talents and resources to the advancement of a common purpose, and all share in the joy of progress.</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice / 26 November 2012 – To all National Spiritual Assemblies</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>"Radiate boundless love towards the entire world — above, below, and across — unhindered, without ill will, without enmity." – The Buddha (From the Metta Sutta)</p> <p>"Just as, your majesty, some man might render the king a service, and the king, being well pleased, might repay the service..." Miln II.3.9: Characteristic of Feeling {Miln 60}</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6</p> <p>Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth. 1 Corinthians 10:24</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>No effort is ever lost in selfless service, and there is no adverse effect. Even a little practice of the discipline of selfless service protects one from the great fear of repeated birth and death. (2.40) bhagavad gita</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best. -Henry Van Dyke</p>

Mormon Scriptures	And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse... every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. [SAME AS #34; USING #6]D&C 82:18–19
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Leviticus 19:10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.</p> <p>Leviticus 19:17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Help one another in righteousness and piety; help not one another in sin and rancour. The Table Spread 5:3
Sikh Scriptures	<p>you shall find peace, doing seva (selfless service). Guru Nanak Dev page 25 line 19 guru granth sahib</p> <p>Applying oneself to the service of the Guru, the mind is purified, and peace is obtained. Sri Granth Sahib page 61, line 5)</p>

35 THE LORD IS ABLE TO DO GREAT THINGS IF WE ALLOW OUR FAITH TO LEAD OUR ACTIONS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>The Lord is able to do all things according to his will, for the children of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him.1 NEPHI 7:12</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Nor shall the seeker reach his goal unless he sacrifice all things. ” “The Valley of Search” Baha’u’llah miracles would be wrought among men; that human faith should be strengthened and perfected; that the precious, priceless bestowal of God—the human mind—might be developed to its fullest capacity ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 11. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall L. Emery</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>If you have devotion, the Buddha is right in front of you. Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche “Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full.” Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“8. I salute that Madhava, the source of supreme bliss, whose Grace makes the dumb eloquent and the cripple cross mountains!” Bhagavad Gita “Gita Dhyanam: Meditation of the Gita”</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“Let passion fill your sails, but let reason be your rudder.” Kahlil Gibran</p>
<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>The Lord is able to do all things according to his will, for the children of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him.1 NEPHI 7:12</p>

Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Is any thing too hard for the Lord? Genesis 18:14 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. Samuel 22:33
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Is not He (Allah Who does that), Able to give life to the dead? (Yes! He is Able to do all things). 75:40
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Those who place their faith in the Lord's Name, do not attach their consciousness to another. Even if the entire earth were to be transformed into gold, and given to them, without the Naam, they love nothing else. The Lord's Name is pleasing to their minds, and they obtain supreme peace; when they depart in the end, it shall go with them as their support. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 444]</p> <p>He Himself inspires us to place our faith in Him. Thus He performs His Own Service (Sri Garth Sahib page 9-, line 19)</p>

36 PEOPLE OF FAITH FOLLOW THE LORD'S COMMANDMENTS, WHICH HE EMPOWERS THEM TO ACCOMPLISH

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them. 1 NEPHI 17:3</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The steed of this Valley is patience; without patience the wayfarer on this journey will reach nowhere and attain no goal. Nor should he ever be downhearted; if he strive for a hundred thousand years and yet fail to behold the beauty of the Friend, he should not falter. For those who seek the Ka’bih8 of “for Us” rejoice in the tidings: “In Our ways will We guide them.” “The Valley of Search” Bahu’u’llah</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“One who, after pondering with a modicum of discernment, has accepted that these phenomena are this way is called a Dhamma-follower: one who has entered the orderliness of rightness, entered the plane of people of integrity, transcended the plane of the run-of-the-mill. He is incapable of doing any deed by which he might be reborn in hell, in the animal womb, or in the realm of hungry shades. He is incapable of passing away until he has realized the fruit of stream-entry. [SN 25.1 Cakkhu Sutta: The Eye]</p> <p>People give in line with their faith, in line with conviction. Dhp XVIII PTS: Dhp 235-255 Malavagga: Impurities</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:15</p> <p>Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.</p> <p>And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14: 12-13</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>One who does all work as an offering to God — abandoning selfish attachment to the results — remains untouched by Karmic reaction or sin as a lotus leaf never gets wet by water. (5.10) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	"In my relationships with persons I have found that it does not help, in the long run, to act as though I were something that I am not."— Carl R. Rogers, <i>On Becoming a Person: A Therapist's View of Psychotherapy</i>
Mormon Scriptures	And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them. 1 NEPHI 17:3
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength Isaiah 45: 24 The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. Ezra 8:22 The story of Sarah and Abraham Genesis 18:9-14
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"Those who listen to the Word, and follow the best of it: those are the ones who Allah has guided, and those are the ones endowed with understanding." (Qur'an, 39:18)
Sikh Scriptures	Without the Guru, the Mansion of the Lord's Presence is not found, and the Naam is not obtained. Seek and find such a True Guru, who shall lead you to the True Lord. Destroy your evil passions, and you shall dwell in peace. Whatever pleases the Lord comes to pass. 3 As one knows the True Guru, so is the peace obtained. There is no doubt at all about this, but those who love Him are very rare. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 30] Remembering God, one's works are accomplished. (Sri Garth Sahib page 263 line 12)

37 THE LORD TEACHES AND INSTRUCTS IN ALL THINGS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. [SAME AS # 37 and # 10; USE # 10] PSALM 32:8</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“...for He hath said concerning the guidance of travelers on this plane, “Fear God, and God will instruct thee.”²³ And again: “Knowledge is a light which God casteth into the heart of whomsoever He willeth.” “The Second Valley” Bahu’u’llah</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>The teacher, the great sage, Is the first in the world; Following him is the disciple Whose composure is perfected; And then the learner training on the path, One who has learned much and is virtuous. [Iti 72-90 Itivuttaka: The Group of Threes]</p> <p>158 First he’d settle himself in what is correct, only then teach others. He wouldn’t stain his name: he is wise. [Dhp XII Attavagga: Self]</p> <p>“For a disciple who has conviction in the Teacher’s message & lives to penetrate it, what accords with the Dhamma is this: ‘The Blessed One is the Teacher, I am a disciple. He is the one who knows, not I’... For a disciple who has conviction in the Teacher’s message & lives to penetrate it, what accords with the Dhamma is this: ‘Gladly would I let the flesh & blood in my body dry up, leaving just the skin, tendons, & bones, but if I have not attained what can be reached through human firmness, human persistence, human striving, there will be no relaxing my persistence.’ ” — MN 70</p> <p>“Those with initiative, mindful, clean in action, acting with due consideration, heedful, restrained, living the Dhamma: their glory grows.” Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32</p> <p>Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>78 Through the atender mercy of our God; whereby the bdayspring from on high hath visited us, 79 To give alight to them that sit in bdarkness and in the shadow of cdeath, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79</p>

Hindu Scriptures	"O father! Lord Vishnu who resides in the heart of us all is the supreme creature. Who can teach anybody anything apart from Him?" "Bhagavad-Gita" Chapter 11 "Tale of Prahlada and Narsimha Incarnation
Humanist Thought	I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth - and truth rewarded me. Simone de Beauvoir
Mormon Scriptures	<p>57 For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.</p> <p>Doctrine and Covenants 45:57</p> <p>The story of the Liahona (Alma 37:38-47)</p> <p>Also, what about the other scripture from #10? Are we going to use the same one?</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. Isaiah 54: 13 (old testament)</p> <p>8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Job 32:8</p> <p>5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; Psalms 25:5</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>God is the Guide of those who believe, to a straight path. Pilgrimage 22:54</p> <p>God teaches you; and God is Knower of every thing. The Heifer 2:282</p>
Sikh Scriptures	Without the Guru, the Mansion of the Lord's Presence is not found, and the Naam is not obtained. Seek and find such a True Guru, who shall lead you to the True Lord. Destroy your evil passions, and you shall dwell in peace. Whatever pleases the Lord comes to pass. 3 As one knows the True Guru, so is the peace obtained. There is no doubt at all about this, but those who love Him are very rare. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 30]

38 SEEK THE LORD CONSTANTLY— IN EVERYTHING YOU DO

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. D&C 88:63</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succor cometh from Him alone.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah” http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/gleanings-writings-bahaullah/#q=seek unto you that which ye are bidden to observe, that ye may follow the commandments of God and be united in that which the Almighty, the All-Wise, hath appointed unto you. Bahá’u’lláh / Napoleon III : paragraph 154</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>146 What laughter, why joy, when constantly aflame? Enveloped in darkness, don’t you look for a lamp? [Dhp XI Jaravagga: Aging]</p> <p>106-108 You could, month by month, at a cost of thousands, conduct sacrifices a hundred times, or pay a single moment’s homage to one person, self-cultivated.</p> <p>Better than a hundred years of sacrifices would that act of homage be. You could, for a hundred years, live in a forest tending a fire, or pay a single moment’s homage to one person, self-cultivated.</p> <p>Better than a hundred years of sacrifices would that act of homage be. Everything offered or sacrificed in the world for an entire year by one seeking merit doesn’t come to a fourth.</p> <p>Better to pay respect to those who’ve gone the straight way. [Dhp VIII Sahassavagga: Thousands]</p> <p>“Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves” Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7</p> <p>Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20</p> <p>“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water” Psalm 63:1</p> <p>First seek the counsel of the Lord.” 1 Kings 22:5</p>

Hindu Scriptures	The Blessed Lord said: 2. Those who, fixing their minds on Me, worship Me, ever steadfast and endowed with supreme faith, these are the best “Bhagavad Gita”
Humanist Thought	The human condition is that we are individuals in relationship, and there are tensions between individuality and relatedness. A humanist spirituality is not one of complete dependence, nor of complete independence -- neither condition can be defended as primary. Rather, a humanist spirituality is one of interdependence.- Jone Johnson Lewis
Mormon Scriptures	Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. D&C 88:63
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? Deuteronomy 4:7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you Zechariah. 1:3 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 2 Chronicles 15:4 The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him Ezra 8:22
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	O you who believe! Do your duty to Allah and fear Him. And seek the Waseela (means of approach to Him), and strive hard in His Cause (as much as you can), so that you may be successful. (Quran, 5:35)
Sikh Scriptures	O Saints, see clearly that the Lord is near at hand; He is pervading everywhere. Those who follow the Guru's Teachings realize Him, and see Him Ever-present. He dwells forever in the minds of the virtuous. He is far removed from those worthless people who lack virtue. The self-willed manmukhs are totally without virtue. Without the Name, they die in frustration. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 27] twenty-four hours a day, meditate on God. Constantly sing the Glories of the Lord of the Universe. (Sri Granth Sahib page 44, line 13) Consider this well, O Saints, O Siblings of Destiny - search your own hearts, seek and find Him there. (Sri Granth Sahib page 169, line 19)

39 ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK THE LORD.

Original Scriptures	<p>Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good. D&C 90:24</p>
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succor cometh from Him alone.”</p> <p>“Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gleanings-writings-bahauallah/#q=seek</p> <p>All praise be unto Thee, O Lord! We shall seek Thy grace on the appointed Day and shall put our whole reliance in Thee, Who art our Lord. Glorified art Thou, O God! Grant us that which is good and seemly that we may be able to dispense with everything but Thee. Verily Thou art the Lord of all worlds.</p> <p>The Báb / “Lauded be Thy Name, O Lord our God! Thou art in ...”</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>144 Like a fine stallion struck with a whip, be ardent & chastened. Through conviction virtue, persistence, concentration, judgment, consummate in knowledge & conduct, mindful, you’ll abandon this not-insignificant pain. [Dhp X Dandavagga: The Rod]</p> <p>“It’s for you to strive ardently. Tathagatas simply point out the way. Those who practice, absorbed in jhana: from Mara’s bonds they’ll be freed.”</p> <p>Dhp XX PTS: Dhp 273-289</p> <p>Maggavagga: The Path</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28</p> <p>For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10: 13</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>man who honours and obeys your laws.16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will...and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none:</p> <p>Rig-Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. -Thomas Alva Edison
Mormon Scriptures	Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good. D&C 90:24
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. Ezra 8:22</p> <p>Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee. Deuteronomy. 23:5</p> <p>Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is aright and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land. Deuteronomy. 6:17-18</p> <p>The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him Ezra 8:22</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Hadith 19: Be Mindful of Allah and Allah will Protect You
Sikh Scriptures	<p>In the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy, you shall become absolutely pure, and the noose of death shall be cut away. So offer your prayers to Him, the Giver of Peace, the Destroyer of fear. Showing His Mercy, the Merciful Master shall resolve your affairs [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 44]</p> <p>Those who meditate on the Naam, the Name of the Lord-their affairs are all resolved. Sri Granth Sahib page 136, line 9)</p>

40 PEOPLE OF FAITH SHOULD BE WISE STEWARDS OF WHAT THEY HAVE.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Thou shalt be diligent in preserving what thou hast, that thou mayest be a wise steward. D&C 136:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Consider the relation between the craftsman and his handiwork, between the painter and his painting. Can it ever be maintained that the work their hands have produced is the same as themselves?” “Gleaning from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>(16) trains himself to breathe in... &... out focusing on relinquishment: On that occasion the monk remains focused on mental qualities in & of themselves — ardent, alert, & mindful — putting aside greed & distress with reference to the world. He who sees clearly with discernment the abandoning of greed & distress is one who oversees with equanimity, which is why the monk on that occasion remains focused on mental qualities in & of themselves — ardent, alert, & mindful — putting aside greed & distress with reference to the world.” [MN 118 Anapanasati Sutta]</p> <p>“Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others.” Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10</p> <p>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“Those who preserve temples and reservoirs receive hundred times more virtues than the builders do. Virtues of a rich man donating whole estate and a poor person donating a yard of land are equal.”</p> <p>“O virtuous one! Those who develop gardens and parks also receive same virtues. Those who preserve them receive more virtues than the developers.” Narada Purana “Description of Religious Action”</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>Ethics cannot be based upon our obligations toward [people], but they are complete and natural only when we feel this Reverence for Life and the desire to have compassion for and to help all creatures insofar as it is in our power. I think that this ethic will become more and more recognized because of its great naturalness and because it is the foundation of a true humanism toward which we must strive if our culture is to become truly ethical.</p> <p>- Albert Schweitzer</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Thou shalt be diligent in preserving what thou hast, that thou mayest be a wise steward. D&C 136:27</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up. Proverbs 21: 20</p> <p>Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings Prov. 22:29</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Will ye dispute with us about Allah, seeing that He is our Lord and your Lord; that we are responsible for our doings ...and that We are sincere (in our faith) in Him? 2:139</p> <p>And do not eat up your property among yourselves for vanities, nor use it as bait for the judges, with intent that ye may eat up wrongfully and knowingly a little of (other) people's property. 2:188</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Here and hereafter, You are our Protector. In the womb of the mother, You cherish and nurture the baby. The fire of Maya does not affect those who are imbued with the Lord's Love; they sing His Glorious Praises. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib]</p> <p>Make your deals, dealers, and take care of your merchandise. (Sri Granth Sahib page 22 line 18)</p>

41

PEOPLE OF FAITH COMMIT THEIR PATH TO THE LORD, AND THE LORD BRINGS IT TO PASS.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. PSALMS 37:5</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succor cometh from Him alone.”</p> <p>“Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gleanings-writings-bahauallah/#q=seek</p> <p>If the heart turns away from the blessings God offers how can it hope for happiness? If it does not put its hope and trust in God’s Mercy, where can it find rest? Oh, trust in God! for His Bounty is everlasting, and in His Blessings, for they are superb. Oh! put your faith in the Almighty, for He faileth not and His goodness endureth forever!</p> <p>‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 34. There Can Be No True Happiness and Progress without Spirituality</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>123. Just as a trader with a small escort and great wealth would avoid a perilous route, or just as one desiring to live avoids poison, even so should one shun evil. [Dhp IX Papavagga: Evil]</p> <p>“People give in line with their faith, in line with conviction.” Dhp XVIII PTS: Dhp 235-255 Malavagga: Impurities</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>“Put your whole trust and confidence in God, Who hath created you, and seek ye His help in all your affairs. Succor cometh from Him alone.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gleanings-writings-bahauallah/#q=seek</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>, Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not.--George Bernard Shaw
Mormon Scriptures	<p>O Lord, I have trusted in thee, and I will trust in thee forever. I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh; for I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh. Yea, cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm. 2 Nephi 4:34</p> <p>27 O then despise not, and wonder not, but hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus for what things soever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart...Mormon 9:27</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deuteronomy 6: 5 (old testament)</p> <p>5 ¶Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"Nothing shall ever happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is our Protector." "In Allah let believers put their trust." Quran 09:51
Sikh Scriptures	<p>He decides to go to the west, but the Lord leads him away to the east. In an instant, He establishes and disestablishes; He holds all matters in His hands. 1 Cleverness is of no use at all. Whatever my Lord and Master deems to be right - that alone comes to pass. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 496]</p> <p>Blessed and very fortunate are those who are committed to the Immaculate Name; through the Immaculate Name, they are blessed and beautified. (Sri Granth Sahib page 121, line 9)</p>

42 PERSEVERE IN YOUR FAITH

Original Scriptures	Hearken unto the words of the Lord. . . . Doubt not, but be believing. [SAME AS #13; USING 13] MORMON 9:27
Baha’l Scriptures	Go thou straight on, O my son, and persevere in the path of the Lord, thy God.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>327. Delight in heedfulness! Guard well your thoughts! Draw yourself out of this bog of evil, even as an elephant draws himself out of the mud.</p> <p>-The Buddha</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually — the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt</p> <p>James 1:6</p> <p>But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. Joshua 22: 5 (old testament)</p>
Hindu Scriptures	He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Ka?ha 3. 7-8
Humanist Thought	“Even if things don’t unfold the way your expected, don’t be disheartened or give up. One who continues to advance will win in the end.” -Daisaku Ikeda

Mormon Scriptures	Hearken unto the words of the Lord. . . . Doubt not, but be believing. [SAME AS #13; USING 13] MORMON 9:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.</p> <p>Joshua 22: 5 (old testament)</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	“Oh you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy. Vie in such perseverance, strengthen each other, and be pious, that you may prosper.” (3:200)
Sikh Scriptures	Make good deeds the soil, and let the Word of the Shabad be the seed; irrigate it continually with the water of Truth. Become such a farmer, and faith will sprout. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 24]

43 THE LORD CARES ABOUT YOUR TEMPORAL WORRIES--YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM OVER YOUR BUSINESS OR MATERIAL NEEDS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Cry unto [God] over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them. Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase. ALMA 34:24–25</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The Perfect Intellect alone can provide true guidance and direction.” From a Tablet to Mirza Abu’l-Fadl: paragraph 2.22 Baha’u’llah</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>They don’t sorrow over the past, don’t long for the future. They survive on the present. That’s why their faces are bright & serene. From longing for the future, from sorrowing over the past, fools wither away like a green reed cut down.</p> <p>SN 1.10 PTS: S i 4 CDB i 93</p> <p>Arañña Sutta: The Wilderness “Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually — the enlightened one fills himself full.”</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p> <p>Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>“And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing Matthew 6:28</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>, Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord.18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig Veda 15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution. . . ." Willa A. Foster
Mormon Scriptures	Cry unto [God] over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them. Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase. ALMA 34:24–25
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>You shall call upon me, and you shall go: and you shall pray to me, and I will hear you. You shall seek me, and shall find me, when you shall seek me with all your heart. Jer. 29: 12-14.</p> <p>4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Psalms 34: 4, 6, 10</p> <p>25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lamentations 3:25</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>"And Allah has sent down rain from the sky and given life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who listen." (Qur'an, 16:65)</p> <p>"And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers." 71:12</p> <p>"And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers." 52:22</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>I offer my prayer to the True Guru. Shower Your Mercy upon me, and keep me safe in Your Sanctuary; please, give me the maala, the rosary of Har, Har. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 388]</p> <p>When someone attaches himself to the Lord, he is not afflicted by worries. (Sri Garth Sahib page 238, line11)</p>

44 WISDOM COMES FROM THE LORD— AND THE LORD COUNCILS THOSE WHO SEEK THEM

Original Scriptures	Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good. ALMA 37:37
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“God is merciful. In His mercy He answers the prayers of all His servants when according to His supreme wisdom it is necessary.” “The Promulgation of Universal Peace”</p> <p>– 87 –5 August 1912 TALK AT DUBLIN INN DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/promulgation-universal-peace/#f=f18-1076</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves. The Dharmapada</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3-17</p> <p>My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalms 5: 3 (old testament)</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>“They say that the senses are superior (to the body); superior to the senses is the mind;superior to the mind is the intellect; and one who is superior even to the intellect is He--the Self” Bhagavad-Gita III The Yoga of Action 42</p> <p>“This doubt of mine, O Krishna, do Thou completely dispel, because it is not possible for any but Thee to dispel this doubt.” Bhagavad-Gita The Yoga of Meditation 39</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>“The curious paradox is that wen I accept myself just as I am, then I can change.” Carl R. Rogers</p>

Mormon Scriptures	Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good. ALMA 37:37
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalms 5: 3 (old testament)</p> <p>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	And seek help in patience and prayer [al-Baqarah 2:45]
Sikh Scriptures	<p>We meet with our Beloved, the Source of Joy, when we listen to the Word of the Guru's Shabad." 2 You have so many Creative Powers, Lord; Your Bountiful Blessings are so Great. So many of Your beings and creatures praise You day and night. You have so many forms and colors, so many classes, high and low. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 18]</p>

45 PEOPLE OF FAITH SHOULD WILLINGLY SERVE AND WORK TO BRING ABOUT GOODNESS IN THE WORLD

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. [SAME AS # 30, #45, #8; USE #30] D&C 58:27</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Certain matters are subject to the free will of man, such as acting with justice and fairness, or injustice and iniquity—in other words, the choice of good or evil actions. It is clear and evident that the will of man figures greatly in these actions...But he is free in the choice of good and evil actions, and it is of his own accord that he performs them” “Free Will and its Limits” Abdu’l-Baha</p> <p>Then it is evident that excellence does not depend upon color. Character is the true criterion of humanity. Anyone who possesses a good character, who has faith in God and is firm, whose actions are good, whose speech is good—that one is accepted at the threshold of God no matter what color he may be. In short—praise be to God!—you are the servants of God. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 126. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hannen</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Jivaka, when a lay follower himself is consummate in conviction and encourages others in the consummation of conviction; when he himself is consummate in virtue and encourages others in the consummation of virtue; when he himself is consummate in generosity and encourages others in the consummation of generosity; when he himself desires to see the monks and encourages others to see the monks; when he himself wants to hear the true Dhamma and encourages others to hear the true Dhamma; when he himself habitually remembers the Dhamma he has heard and encourages others to remember the Dhamma they have heard; when he himself explores the meaning of the Dhamma he has heard and encourages others to explore the meaning of the Dhamma they have heard; when he himself, knowing both the Dhamma & its meaning, practices the Dhamma in line with the Dhamma and encourages others to practice the Dhamma in line with the Dhamma: then to that extent he is a lay follower who practices both for his own benefit and for the benefit of others.” [AN 8.26 Jivaka Sutta]</p> <p>At the time for initiative he takes no initiative. Young, strong, but lethargic, the resolves of his heart exhausted, the lazy, lethargic one loses the path to discernment. Dhp XX PTS: Dhp 273-289 Maggavagga: The Path</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10</p> <p>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5: 16</p> <p>Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chronicles 15: 7 (old testament)</p>

Hindu Scriptures	King Janaka and others attained perfection of Self-realization by selfless service (Karma-yoga) alone. You should also perform your duty with a view to guide people, and for the welfare of the society. (3.20) bhagavad gita
Humanist Thought	The meaning of life is not to be discovered only after death in some hidden, mysterious realm; on the contrary, it can be found by eating the succulent fruit of the Tree of Life and by living in the here and now as fully and creatively as we can. Paul Kurtz
Mormon Scriptures	Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. [SAME AS # 30, #45, #8; USE #30] D&C 58:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chronicles 15: 7 (old testament) 2 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for Me an offering; of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take My offering. The Book of Shemot (Exodus) 25:2 29:9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD The Book of Divrei HaYamim I (1 Chronicles) 29:9
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	Hasten towards all that is good / Compete in good deeds. The Heifer 2:148 The Table Spread 5:48 Humanity is in loss: except those who have faith, do good deeds, exhort one another to Truth and exhort one another to Patience. Time 103:2-3 "Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden (paradise) 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 (their) anger and pardon (all) men – for God loves those who do good." Qur'an:3:133-134
Sikh Scriptures	Worship the Lord in adoration, day and night, O my dear - do not delay for a moment. Serve the Saints with loving faith, and set aside your pride and stubbornness. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 498]

46 PEOPLE OF FAITH BELIEVE AND PUT TO PRACTICE WHAT THE LORD HAS COMMANDED THEM AND RECEIVE HIS BLESSINGS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual MOSIAH 2:41</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“We pray to God on thy behalf, that He may graciously aid thee to be obedient unto Him and to observe His commandment, that He may shield thee from the hosts of the evil ones.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Know from the rivers in clefts and in crevices: those in small channels flow noisily, the great flow silent. Whatever’s not full makes noise. Whatever is full is quiet. The Buddha [From the Sutta Nipata] “Should a person do good, let him do it again and again. Let him find pleasure therein, for blissful is the accumulation of good.” The Buddha (Dhammapada, verse 118) “In those who reject what should, & do what shouldn’t be done— heedless, insolent — effluents grow. But for those who are well-applied, constantly, to mindfulness immersed in the body; don’t indulge in what shouldn’t be done & persist in what should — mindful, alert — effluents come to an end.” Dhp XXI PTS: Dhp 290-305 Pakinnakavagga: Miscellany “The man of conviction endowed with virtue, glory, & wealth: wherever he goes he is honored.” Dhp XXI PTS: Dhp 290-305 Pakinnakavagga: Miscellany</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6: 33 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11: 28-30</p>

Hindu Scriptures	He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. Rig-Veda 8.027.16
Humanist Thought	Many humanists have argued that happiness involves a combination of hedonism and creative moral development; that an exuberant life fuses excellence and enjoyment, meaning and enrichment, emotion and cognition. Paul Kurtz
Mormon Scriptures	Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. [SAME AS # 30, #45, #8; USE #30] D&C 58:27
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” Genesis 22:17-18</p> <p>Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded. Proverbs 13:13</p> <p>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalms 1:1-2</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Hasten towards all that is good / Compete in good deeds. The Heifer 2:148 The Table Spread 5:48</p> <p>Humanity is in loss: except those who have faith, do good deeds, exhort one another to Truth and exhort one another to Patience. Time 103:2-3</p> <p>“Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden (paradise) 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 (their) anger and pardon (all) men – for God loves those who do good.” Qur’an:3:133-134</p>
Sikh Scriptures	Worship the Lord in adoration, day and night, O my dear - do not delay for a moment. Serve the Saints with loving faith, and set aside your pride and stubbornness. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 498]

47 PEOPLE OF FAITH MUST SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FAITHFULLY, APPLY THE WISDOM THEY LEAR, AND TEACH OTHERS THAT WISDOM

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith. D&C 88:118</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“...the foundation of all their other accomplishments is their study of the teachings, the spiritualization of their lives and the forming of their characters in accordance with the standards of Bahá’u’lláh.” The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=19660610_001&f=f1</p> <p>Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá’u’lláh</p> <p>Whoso ariseth among you to teach the Cause of his Lord, let him, before all else, teach his own self, that his speech may attract the hearts of them that hear him. Unless he teacheth his own self, the words of his mouth will not influence the heart of the seeker. Take heed, O people, lest ye be of them that give good counsel to others but forget to follow it themselves. Bahá’u’lláh / CXXVIII: “Say: Doth it beseem a man while claiming...”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Monks, ignorance is the leader in the attainment of unskillful qualities, followed by lack of conscience & lack of concern. In a unknowledgeable person, immersed in ignorance, wrong view arises. In one of wrong view, wrong resolve arises. In one of wrong resolve, wrong speech... In one of wrong speech, wrong action... In one of wrong action, wrong livelihood... In one of wrong livelihood, wrong effort... In one of wrong effort, wrong mindfulness... In one of wrong mindfulness, wrong concentration arises.”</p> <p>[SN 45.1, Avijja Sutta: Ignorance]</p> <p>20. Little though he recites the sacred texts, but puts the Teaching into practice, forsaking lust, hatred, and delusion, with true wisdom and emancipated mind, clinging to nothing of this or any other world — he indeed partakes of the blessings of a holy life.</p> <p>[Dhp I Yamakavagga: Pairs]</p> <p>“First he’d settle himself in what is correct, only then teach others.”</p> <p>Dhp XII PTS: Dhp 157-166 Attavagga: Self</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16</p> <p>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9:10 (old testament)</p>

Hindu Scriptures	"He who with supreme devotion to Me will teach this supreme secret to My devotees, shall doubtless come to Me." Bhagavad-Gita XVII The Yoga of Liberation by Renunciation 68
Humanist Thought	The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. William A. Ward
Mormon Scriptures	I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God. For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual. MOSIAH 2:41
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9:10 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children's children; The Book of D'varim (Deuteronomy) 4:9 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. The Book of D'varim (Deuteronomy) 6:7
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"The best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it." Source: Sahih Bukhari 4739 Sahih International: Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an, or are there locks upon [their] hearts? Pickthall: Will they then not meditate on the Qur'an, or are there locks on the hearts?
Sikh Scriptures	One who worships the Lord in adoration, obtains his rewards; instructing others, he reveals the Truth. 2 Without becoming the philosopher's stone, he does not inspire others to worship the Lord; without instructing his own mind, how can he instruct others? [Sri Guru Garth Gahib pg. 491] O mind, vibrate and meditate forever on the Lord; seek the Protection of His Sanctuary. If the Word of the Guru's Shabad abides deep within, then you shall not forget the Lord. [Sri Guru Garth Gahib pg. 31]

48 THE CHARACTER AND KNOWLEDGE WE DEVELOP IN THIS LIFE GOES WITH US INTO THE NEXT

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection D&C 130:18</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The soul, not being a composition of elements, is, in character, as a simple element, and therefore cannot cease to exist.” “Paris Talks” Abdul-baha http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/paris-talks/#f=f3-479 Now, as the human spirit continues after death, it must either advance or decline, and in the next world to cease to advance is the same as to decline. But the human spirit never transcends its own degree: It progresses only within that degree ‘Abdu’l-Bahá / 63. The Progress of All Things within Their Own Degree : paragraph 2</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“For penetrating to the depths of one’s true nature... nothing can surpass the practice of Zen in the midst of activity... The power or wisdom obtained by practicing Zen in the world of action is like a rose that rises from the fire. It can never be destroyed. The rose that rises from the midst of flames becomes all the more beautiful and fragrant the nearer the fire rages” (Zen Master Hakuin, 1971, p. 34). 15. The evil-doer grieves here and hereafter; he grieves in both the worlds. He laments and is afflicted, recollecting his own impure deeds. [Dhp I Yamakavagga: Pairs] “Don’t associate with lowly qualities. Don’t consort with heedlessness. Don’t associate with wrong views. Don’t busy yourself with the world. Get up! Don’t be heedless. Live the Dhamma well. One who lives the Dhamma sleeps with ease in this world & the next.” Dhp XIII PTS: Dhp 167-178 Lokavagga: Worlds</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12: 3 (old testament)</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>13 •.. Just as in this body the embodied (Self) passes into childhood and youth and old age, so does He pass into another body. There the wise man is not distressed. Bhagavad Gita, page 31, 13</p> <p>'He who has not understanding, Who is unmindful and ever impure, Reaches not the goal, But goes on to transmigration. He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal From which he is born no more.' (Ka?ha 3. 7-8.)</p> <p>Knowledge gives salvation. "Classifications of Yoga" Part Six Kailash Samhita</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>What wisdom is acquired during the course of a life is a result of the mind's tenderness toward the heart. Wise men contemplate the world, knowing full well that they are contemplating themselves. [James Cowan]</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection D&C 130:18</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12: 3</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "The learned are heirs of the prophets, and the prophets do not leave any inheritance in the form of (monetary wealth), but they do leave knowledge as their legacy. A person who acquires knowledge, acquires his full share (of this legacy)." Riyadh-us-Salaheen:1388</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>People wear all sorts of costumes and wander all around, but in their hearts and minds, they practice deception. They do not attain the Mansion of the Lord's Presence, and after death, they sink into manure. 1 O mind, remain detached in the midst of your household. Practicing truth, self-discipline and good deeds, the Gurmukh is enlightened. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 26]</p>

49 THE LORD TEACHES US THAT SO THAT WE MAY KNOW OF ALL THINGS, AND BE MORE PREPARED FOR HIS INSTRUCTION

Original Scriptures

"It follows that unless the teacher is truly inspiring, the "Dharma talk" is best used selectively: to introduce and stimulate discussion or to summarize and consolidate what has been learned. Dharma teachers must master the arts of conducting open discussion groups, in which learners can gain much from one another and can work through an emotional learning situation beyond the acquisition of facts about Buddhism."

[Buddhism and Social Action. An Exploration by Ken Jones]

"Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma."

Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89
Panditavagga: The Wise

Baha'i Scriptures

"Bahá'u'lláh has announced that inasmuch as ignorance and lack of education are barriers of separation among mankind, all must receive training and instruction. Through this provision the lack of mutual understanding will be remedied and the unity of mankind furthered and advanced. Universal education is a universal law. It is, therefore, incumbent upon every father to teach and instruct his children according to his possibilities. " "The Promulgation of Universal Peace" 1 September 1912 TALK AT CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH MONTREAL, CANADA

<http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/promulgation-universal-peace/#f=f21-1273>

Buddhist Scriptures

"For penetrating to the depths of one's true nature... nothing can surpass the practice of Zen in the midst of activity... The power or wisdom obtained by practicing Zen in the world of action is like a rose that rises from the fire. It can never be destroyed. The rose that rises from the midst of flames becomes all the more beautiful and fragrant the nearer the fire rages" (Zen Master Hakuin, 1971, p. 34).

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[Dhp I Yamakavagga: Pairs]

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Dhp XIII PTS: Dhp 167-178
Lokavagga: Worlds

Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthews 5:18</p> <p>“And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.” Acts 7:22</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>Weapons do not cut this Spirit, fire does not burn it, water does not make it wet, and the wind does not make it dry. The Spirit cannot be cut, burned, wetted, or dried. It is eternal, all pervading, unchanging, immovable, and primeval. (2.23-24) bhagavad gita</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>If knowledge can create problems, it is not through ignorance that we can solve them. Isaac Asimov</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly . . . of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass. . . . That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you D&C 88:78-80</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>“God gave them knoweldge and skill in all learning and wisdom:” Daniel 1:17</p> <p>“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;” Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>“Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.” Proverbs 4:13</p> <p>“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wise: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.” Proverbs 9:9</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>But teach (thy Message) for teaching benefits the Believers. 51:55</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Through intuitive wisdom, we meet with Him and find peace. Within the home of the self, the Mansion of His Presence is realized when He bestows His Glance of Grace and washes away our pollution.[Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 18]</p> <p>Understanding the Command of the Lord's Will, I revel in pleasure and joy. Serving the True Guru, I obtain the supreme state of Nirvaanaa.[Sri Guru Granth Sahib, page 385]</p>

50 FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE LORD FERVENTLY, HE WILL NEVER LEAVE THEM ALONE IN THE MOMENTS OF TRIAL

Original Scriptures	Because Daniel would not stop praying, he was thrown into a den of lions, but “God . . . sent his angel, and . . . shut the lions’ mouths, . . . and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. Daniel 6:22–23 (See also verses 16–21)
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Myself up in the way of God, and I yearn after tribulations in My love for Him, and for the sake of His good pleasure. Unto this bear witness the woes which now afflict Me” “Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#q=way</p> <p>Prayers and Meditations by Bahá’u’lláh</p> <p>How sweet is the thought of Thee in times of adversity and trial, and how delightful to glorify Thee when compassed about with the fierce winds of Thy decree! Thou knowest full well, O my God, that I endure patiently whatsoever toucheth me in Thy path. Nay, I perceive that all the members and limbs of my body long for tribulation, that I may manifest Thy Cause, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names. Bahá’u’lláh / CXI: “Praised be Thou, O my God! Thou beholdest both the helplessness of Thy...”</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“There is no fear for one whose mind is not filled with desires.” The Buddha [From the Dhammapada, verse 39]</p> <p>“Through initiative, heedfulness, restraint, & self-control, the wise would make an island no flood can submerge.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32</p> <p>Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.</p> <p>Daniel 16: 22-23</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>“Thou art the friend of the afflicted. Thou art one who raises the downtrodden. Thou art the purifier of the fallen. O magnificent Lord of love and compassion!...in Thee alone I take sole refuge.” Bhagavad-Gita “Prayer to Lord Krishna”</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>From a Humanist Code of Ethics: Never promote yourself at another’s expense.</p>

<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>And Alma cried, saying: How long shall we suffer these great aafflictions, O Lord? O Lord, give us strength according to our faith which is in Christ, even unto deliverance. And they broke the cords with which they were bound; and when the people saw this, they began to flee, for the fear of destruction had come upon them. Alma 14:26</p> <p>The people of Alma were threatened with death if they prayed so "...Alma and his people did not raise their voices to the Lord their God, but did pour out their hearts to him...And...the voice of the Lord came to them in their afflictions, saying: Lift up your heads and be of good comfort, for I...will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them upon your backs...And...the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light..." Mosiah 24:12-15</p>
<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:9-10</p> <p>And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be awith thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed Deuteronomy 31:8</p> <p>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty. Daniel 16: 22-23</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>If Allah helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you? And in Allah (Alone) let believers put their trust. (Quran, Surah Aal-e-Imran: 160)</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p> His humble devotees are protected and saved; He Himself showers His Blessings upon us. In this world and in the world hereafter, radiant are the faces of those who cherish and enshrine the Glories of the True Lord.</p> <p>[Sri Guru Garth Sahib]</p>

51

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE
FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE

Original Scriptures	All things are possible to him that believeth. . . . He was as one dead. . . . But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose." Mark 9:23, 26–27 (See also verses 17–22, 24–25)
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"But through spiritual means and the divine power it is possible and practicable."</p> <p>"The Promulgation of Universal Peace"</p> <p>30 May 1912 TALK AT THEOSOPHICAL LODGE BROADWAY AND SEVENTY-NINTH STREET, NEW YORK</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/promulgation-universal-peace/#f=f12-675</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>"everything is possible for someone for whom emptiness is possible" The Mahayana texts</p> <p>"Don't underestimate merit ('It won't amount to much'). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually — the enlightened one fills himself full."</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Everything is possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23
Hindu Scriptures	<p>"39. This doubt of mine, O Krishna, do Thou completely dispel, because it is not possible for any but Thee to dispel this doubt."</p> <p>Bhagavad-Gita VI The Yoga of Meditation 39</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>"Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful. . . . Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>

<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>12 Yea, and how is it that ye have forgotten that the Lord is able to do all things according to his will, for the children of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him? Wherefore, let us be faithful to him. 1 Nephi 7:12</p> <p>51 And now, if the Lord has such great power, and has wrought so many miracles among the children of men, how is it that he cannot instruct me, that I should build a ship? 1 Nephi 17:51</p>
<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God Daniel 6:23</p> <p>Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2Chronicles 20:20</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>do not fear (anything). Surely I (am The One); the Emissaries do not fear (anything) 27:10</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>The Guru is the Giver, the Guru is All-powerful. The Guru is All-pervading, contained amongst all. The Guru is the Transcendent Lord, the Supreme Lord God. The Guru lifts up and saves those who are drowning. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg, 49]</p>

52 THE LORD OFTEN SAYS, IT WILL BE DONE ACCORDING TO OUR FAITH. HOWEVER, WHEN WE ARE NOT FAITHFUL, THE LORD'S GUIDANCE WILL LEAVE US.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>The Lord gave Lehi the Liahona to guide his family, and "it did work for them according to their faith in God. . . . [When] they were slothful, and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence . . . they did not progress in their journey." Alma 37:40–41</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>He must search after the truth to the utmost of his ability and exertion, that God may guide him in the paths of His favour and the ways of His mercy. For He, verily, is the best of helpers unto His servants. Bahá'u'lláh / Gems of Divine Mysteries : paragraph 36</p> <p>"This utterance was indicative of the faith of Peter, signifying: This faith of thine, O Peter, is the very cause and message of unity to the nations; it shall be the bond of union between the hearts of men and the foundation of the oneness of the world of humanity."</p> <p>"The Promulgation of Universal Peace" 30 April 1912 TALK AT PUBLIC MEETING CONCLUDING CONVENTION OF BAHÁ'Í TEMPLE UNITY DRILL HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/promulgation-universal-peace/#f=f4-317</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>"Monks and Learned Ones; Just as gold is burnt, cut and rubbed, examine my words carefully and do not accept them simply out of respect. I have shown you the methods that lead to liberation, but you should know that liberation depends upon yourself."</p> <p>[Sutras]</p> <p>"Don't underestimate merit ('It won't amount to much'). A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops. With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually — the enlightened one fills himself full."</p> <p>Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128</p> <p>Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith. And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows about this! Mark 9: 29</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>With whatever motive people worship Me, I fulfill their desires accordingly. People worship Me with different motives. (4.11) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change." Carl R. Rogers
Mormon Scriptures	The Lord gave Lehi the Liahona to guide his family, and "it did work for them according to their faith in God. . . . [When] they were slothful, and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence . . . they did not progress in their journey." Alma 37:40–41
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	"O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer." Psalms 31:23 "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God and wilt do that which is right in his sight and wilt give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	therefore whoever disbelieves, his unbelief is against himself; 35:39
Sikh Scriptures	O Dear Lord, You are the Truest of the True. All things are in Your Power. The 8.4 million species of beings wander around searching for You, but without the Guru, they do not find You. When the Dear Lord grants His Forgiveness, this human body finds lasting peace. By Guru's Grace, I serve the True One, who is Immeasurably Deep and Profound. 1 O my mind, attuned to the Naam, you shall find peace. Follow the Guru's Teachings, and praise the Naam; there is no other at all. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 38]

53 OUR FAITH SUSTAINS US IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, AND BECAUSE OF OUR FAITH, WE SEE HOW THE LORD ALWAYS PROVIDES.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>During a famine, Elijah asked a widow to give him her last meal. Elijah promised that because of her faith the Lord would provide food to her, and her food never ran out 1 Kings 17</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Today the most important principle of faith is firmness in the Covenant, because firmness in the Covenant wards off differences. Therefore, you must be firm as mountains.”</p> <p>“The Promulgation of Universal Peace”</p> <p>31 October 1912 TALK AT HOTEL PLAZA CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdul-baha/promulgation-universal-peace/#f=f28-1584</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Faith dispels doubt and hesitation, it liberates you from suffering and delivers you to the city of peace and happiness. [His Holiness the Dalai Lama]</p> <p>“Through initiative, heedfulness, restraint, & self-control, the wise would make an island no flood can submerge.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32 Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. Matthew 9:22</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. Rig-Veda 8.027.16</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“Courageous men never lose the zest for living even though their life situation is zestless; cowardly men, overwhelmed by the uncertainties of life, lose the will to live. We must constantly build dykes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.” Martin Luther King Jr.</p>

<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>And the man said unto him: I am a Nephite, and I know that thou art a holy prophet of God, for thou art the man whom an aangel said in a vision: Thou shalt receive. Therefore, go with me into my house and I will impart unto thee of my bfood; and I know that thou wilt be a blessing unto me and my house.</p> <p>. . . And it came to pass that Alma ate bread and was filled; and he ablessed Amulek and his house, and he gave thanks unto God. . . And now, Amulek, because thou hast fed me and taken me in, thou art blessed; for I was an hungered, for I had fasted many days. Alma 8:20,22,26</p> <p>And I have been supported under trials and troubles of every kind, yea, and in all manner of afflictions; yea, God has delivered me from prison, and from bonds, and from death; yea, and I do put my trust in him, and he will still deliver me. Alma 36:27</p>
<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>1 Kings 17 32-37</p> <p>32 And David said to Saul: 'Let no man's heart fail within him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'</p> <p>33 And Saul said to David: 'Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.' 34 And David said unto Saul: 'Thy servant kept his father's sheep; and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock,</p> <p>35 I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath taunted the armies of the living G-d.'</p> <p>37 And David said: 'The HaShem that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.'</p> <p>(Or we could paraphrase like the following: David, although an inexperienced shepherd, accepted the responsibility given to him by the Lord to protect the Israelite army and, through his faith and works, against all odds, David successfully defended his countrymen against Goliath.)</p> <p>1 Samuel 17:32</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>And whosoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty) [al-Talaaq 65:2]</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>They do not have to see hell, if they remember the Lord in meditation. The Righteous Judge of Dharma applauds them, and the Messenger of Death runs away from them. Dharmic faith, patience, peace and poise are obtained by vibrating upon the Lord in the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy. Showering His Blessings, He saves those who renounce all attachments and egotism. The Lord embraces us; the Guru unites us with Him. Meditating on the Lord of the Universe, we are satisfied. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 460]</p>

54 PEOPLE DO NOT LIVE BY EATING BREAD ALONE, BUT BY PARTAKING OF WISDOM FROM THE LORD

Original Scriptures	And he ._._. fed thee with manna [for 40 years] ._._. that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3
Baha’l Scriptures	"It was for you that God broke the power of Pharaoh and caused the Red Sea to dry up; to you also He sent manna from above to be your food, and out of the stony rock did He give you water to quench your thirst. You are indeed the chosen people of God..."Abdu’l-Bahá / 124. Bahá’í Banquet, Rauscher’s Hall http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/search#q=manna
Buddhist Scriptures	"having realized the relinquishing of acquisitions, ... the Rightly Self-awakened One teaches the state with no sorrow," {Iti 3.2; Iti 45} Itivuttaka: The Group of Threes "Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others." Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:31-35
Hindu Scriptures	He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Ka?ha 3. 7-8

Humanist Thought	"The things you really need are few and easy to come by; but the things you can imagine you need are infinite, and you will never be satisfied." – Epicurus, Principal Doctrines, C300 BCE
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Therefore, take ye no thought for the morrow for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed. Doctrine and Covenants 84:81]</p> <p>28 And ye also know that they were fed with manna in the wilderness.</p> <p>..and according to his word he did lead them; and according to his word he did do all things for them; and there was not any thing done save it were by his word.</p> <p>1 Nephi 17:28, 31</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	And He...fed thee with manna [for 40 years], ... that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every thing that proceedeth out of the mouth of HaShem doth man live. Deuteronomy 8:3
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	O Children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy, and we made a covenant with you on the holy mountain's side, and sent down on you the manna and the quails, 20:80
Sikh Scriptures	Applying oneself to the service of the Guru, the mind is purified, and peace is obtained. The Word of the Guru's Shabad abides within the mind, and egotism is eliminated from within. The Treasure of the Naam is acquired, and the mind reaps the lasting profit. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 61]

55 THIS LIFE IS A TIME TO PREPARE/LEARN/WORK

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors. ALMA 34:32</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Certain matters are subject to the free will of man, such as acting with justice and fairness, or injustice and iniquity—in other words, the choice of good or evil actions. It is clear and evident that the will of man figures greatly in these actions...But he is free in the choice of good and evil actions, and it is of his own accord that he performs them” “Free Will and its Limits” Abdu’l-Baha Epistle to the Son of the Wolf</p> <p>O Shaykh! Reflect upon these words addressed by Him Who is the Desire of the world to Amos. He saith: “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel, for, lo, He that formeth the mountains and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the Lord, the God of Hosts, is His name.” Bahá’u’lláh / Epistle to the Son of the Wolf</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading” -Gautama Buddha</p> <p>“Ardently do today what must be done. Who knows? Tomorrow death comes.” -Bhaddekaratta Sutta</p> <p>“Don’t underestimate merit (‘It won’t amount to much’).A water jar fills, even with water falling in drops.With merit — even if bit by bit, habitually —the enlightened one fills himself full.” Dhp IX PTS: Dhp 116-128 Papavagga: Evil</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>2 corinthians 6:2 behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>A Karma-yogi or the selfless person becomes free from both vice and virtue in this life itself. Therefore, strive for selfless service. Working to the best of one’s abilities without becoming selfishly attached to the fruits of work is called Karma-yoga or Seva. (2.50)</p> <p>Karma-yogis are freed from the bondage of rebirth due to renouncing the selfish attachment to the fruits of all work, and attain blissful divine state of salvation or Nirvana. (2.51) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	I wanted to change the world. But I have found that the only thing one can be sure of changing is oneself. Aldous Huxley
Mormon Scriptures	For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors. ALMA 34:32
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Psalm 40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”</p> <p>3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.</p> <p>3:9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? 3:10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. The Book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 3:1-10</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>For such the reward is forgiveness from their Lord, and Gardens with rivers flowing underneath,- an eternal dwelling: How excellent a recompense for those who work (and strive)! 3:136</p> <p>So be mindful of your duty (to Allah), and believe, and do good works; and again: be mindful of your duty, and believe; and once again: be mindful of your duty, and do right. Allah loveth the good. 5:93</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>O young bride, be a slave to virtue, and you shall find peace. Renouncing wrongful actions, following the Guru's Teachings, you shall be absorbed into the Perfect One.</p> <p>[Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 56]</p>

56 THE LORD BLESSES THOSE WHO ARE OBEDIENT TO HIS LAW

Original Scriptures	<p>There is a law ._._. upon which all blessings are predicated—And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.” D&C 130:20–21</p>
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“We pray to God on thy behalf, that He may graciously aid thee to be obedient unto Him and to observe His commandment, that He may shield thee from the hosts of the evil ones.”</p> <p>“Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“Suppose a man in need of oil, looking for oil, wandering in search of oil, would pile gravel in a tub and press it, sprinkling it again & again with water. If he were to pile gravel in a tub and press it, sprinkling it again & again with water even when having made a wish [for results] ... having made no wish ... both having made a wish and having made no wish ... neither having made a wish nor having made no wish, he would be incapable of obtaining results. Why is that? Because it is an inappropriate way of obtaining results.” [MN, 126 Bhumiya Sutta: To Bhumiya]</p> <p>“In those who reject what should, & do what shouldn’t be done— heedless, insolent — effluents grow. But for those who are well-applied, constantly, to mindfulness immersed in the body; don’t indulge in what shouldn’t be done & persist in what should— mindful, alert — effluents come to an end.”</p> <p>Dhp XXI PTS: Dhp 290-305 Pakinnakavagga: Miscellany</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he had heard, but doing it, he will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>, Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws.16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig-Veda 8.027.15-18</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>Three key humanist virtues are courage, cognition, and caring - not dependence, ignorance, or insensitivity to the needs of others.</p> <p>Paul Kurtz</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>There is a law upon which all blessings are predicated—And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.” D&C 130:20–21</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>“If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity...” Job 36:11</p> <p>Leviticus 26:3-4 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.</p> <p>Deut 11:26-27 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day.</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>“Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verily, to them will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions.” Qur’an:16:97</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>One, upon whom the Merciful Lord bestows His Grace, performs His service. That servant, whom the Lord causes to obey the Order of His Will, serves Him. Obeying the Order of His Will, he becomes acceptable, and then, he obtains the Mansion of the Lord’s Presence. One who acts to please His Lord and Master, obtains the fruits of his mind’s desires. Then, he goes to the Court of the Lord, wearing robes of honor. Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 471, line 4]</p> <p>Priceless are His Virtues, Priceless are His Dealings. Priceless are His Dealers, Priceless are His Treasures. Priceless are those who come to Him, Priceless are those who buy from Him. Priceless is Love for Him, Priceless is absorption into Him. Priceless is the Divine Law of Dharma, Priceless is the Divine Court of Justice. Page 5]</p> <p>If a servant, performing service, obeys the Will of his Master, his honor increases, and he receives double his wages.</p> <p>Siri Guru Granth Sahib: AASAA, FIRST MEHL: VAAR WITH SHALOKS, AND SHALOKS WRITTEN BY THE FIRST MEHL. TO BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF ‘TUNDA-ASRAAJAA’:</p>

57 THE LORD PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY AS WE GIVE GENEROUSLY

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“And further We have said: “Deal not treacherously with the substance of your neighbor. Be ye trustworthy on earth, and withhold not from the poor the things given unto you by God through His grace. He, verily, will bestow upon you the double of what ye possess. He, in truth, is the All-Bounteous, the Most Generous.”</p> <p>“Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#q=generosity</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>When you have the thought that each being is so precious, then naturally respect comes, then you want to offer service, and if there’s anything you can do, even just a small thing you can do, then it makes you so happy, even just a small thing you can offer, it brings incredible joy and happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment, meaning in life. Lama Zopa Rinpoche</p> <p>“Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others.”</p> <p>Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359</p> <p>Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“Now this Self, verily, is a world of all created things. In so far as a man makes offerings and sacrifices, he becomes the world of the gods. In so far as he learns [the Vedas], he becomes the world of the seers (??i). In so far as he offers libations to the fathers and desires offspring, he becomes the world of the fathers. In so far as he gives lodging and food to men, he becomes the world of men. In so far as he finds grass and water for animals, he becomes the world of animals. In so far as beasts and birds, even to the ants, find a living in his houses, he becomes their world. Verily, as one would desire security for his own world, so all creatures wish security for him who has this knowledge.” “The Creation Of the Manifold World From the Unitary Soul” 16</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>“Reason, Observation and Experience – the Holy Trinity of Science – have taught us that happiness is the only good; that the time to be happy is now, and the way to be happy is to make others so.”– Robert Green Ingersoll, <i>The Gods</i>, 1876</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>And it was this same Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithes; yea, even our father Abraham paid tithes of one-tenth part of all he possessed. Alma 13:15</p> <p>Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man, and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming. Doctrine and Covenants 64:23</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse ._._. and prove me now herewith ._._. if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.</p> <p>Malachi 3:10</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>“Verily thy Lord doth provide sustenance in abundance for whom He pleaseth, and He provideth in a just measure. For He doth know and regard all His servants.” 17:30</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>He alone, O Nanak, knoweth the way who eats out of what he earneth by his honest labour and yet shareth part of it with others.” [GG, 1245]</p>

58 PAY ALL YOUR DEBTS

Original Scriptures	And again, verily I say unto you, concerning your debts—behold it is my will that you shall pay all your debts. D& C 104:78
Baha’l Scriptures	“Had ye wished to deal with Us in accordance with your principles and standards, it would have behoved you to respect and honour Us for complying with your commands and following that which ye have pleased to ordain. Likewise, it would have beseemed you to repay the debts”
Buddhist Scriptures	Poverty is called suffering in the world; so, too, is getting into debt....That is the highest knowledge hat,the happiness unexcelled. Sorrowless, dustless, at rest, that is release from debt AN 6.45 PTS: A iii 351 Ina Sutta: Debt “Getting into debt is suffering in the world...” AN 6.45 PTS: A iii 351 Ina Sutta: Debt
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Romans 13:7
Hindu Scriptures	He sternly reckoneth their debts. Rig-Veda 9.047.02
Humanist Thought	“Honesty . . . is the foundation upon which relationships and many societies are built. Without it . . . there can be no trust. Widespread lying destroys the fabric of democratic societies, in which the necessary assumption is that people mostly tell the truth.” Janny Scott
Mormon Scriptures	And again, verily I say unto you, concerning your debts—behold it is my will that you shall pay all your debts. D& C 104:78

<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>"The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth." Psalms 37:21</p> <p>Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you. Proverbs 3:27-28</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>"O Messenger of Allaah, what is this strict issue that has been revealed?" He said, "By the One in Whose hand is my soul, if a man were killed in battle for the sake of Allaah, then brought back to life, then killed and brought back to life again, then killed, and he owed a debt, he would not enter Paradise until his debt was paid off." (Hasan -al-Nasaa'i)</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>You do not purchase the inexpensive merchandise; O sinner, you are tied to your debts. 1 Guru Arjan Dev page 402 line 12 guru granth sahib</p>

59 THE LORD GRANTED ALL THE POWER TO ACT FREELY AND CHOOSE ACCORDING TO OUR OWN FREE WILL

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Wherefore, the LordGod gave unto man that he should act for himself ____ [and men and women are free] to act for themselves and not to be acted upon. 2 NEPHI 2:16, 26</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Certain matters are subject to the free will of man, such as acting with justice and fairness, or injustice and iniquity—in other words, the choice of good or evil actions. It is clear and evident that the will of man figures greatly in these actions...But he is free in the choice of good and evil actions, and it is of his own accord that he performs them”</p> <p>“Free Will and its Limits” Abdu’l-Baha</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Irrigators channel waters; Fletchers straighten arrows; Carpenters shape wood; The wise master themselves.”-The Buddha [The Dhammapada verse 80</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>“Single-minded devotion, which consists of ceaselessly remembering the Supreme Being, is the surest and most potent means of attaining Self-realisation...” Bhagavad Gita XV The Yoga of the Supreme Spirit</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Humanism is a worldview which says that reason and science are the best ways to understand the world around us. Dignity and compassion should be the basis for how we act toward others.--American Humanist Association</p>
<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>Wherefore, the LordGod gave unto man that he should act for himself ____ [and men and women are free] to act for themselves and not to be acted upon. 2 NEPHI 2:16, 26</p>

Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	"44So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." Ps. 119: 44-45
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	I shall turn away from My revelations those who magnify themselves wrongfully in the earth, and if they see each token believe it not, and if they see the way of righteousness choose it nor for (their) way, and if they see the way of error choose if for (their) way. 7:146
Sikh Scriptures	He Himself arranges His own affairs; His affairs cannot be arranged by anyone else. By the affair of this marriage, truth, contentment, mercy and faith are produced; but how rare is that Gurmukh who understands it! [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 351]

60 LET US NOT BE IDLE, BUT ALWAYS WILLING TO WORK WITH DISCIPLINE

Original Scriptures	Thou shalt not be idle;for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the laborer. D&C 42:42
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Rejecting the low sights of mediocrity, let them scale the ascending heights of excellence in all they aspire to do. May they resolve to elevate the very atmosphere in which they move, whether it be in the school rooms or halls of higher learning, in their work, their recreation, their Bahá’í activity or social service”</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=19850508_001&f=f1</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“A disciplined mind brings happiness.” The Buddha [From the Dhammapada, verse 35]</p> <p>At the time for initiative he takes no initiative.Young, strong, but lethargic,the resolves of his heart exhausted, the lazy, lethargic one loses the path to discernment.</p> <p>Dhp XX PTS: Dhp 273-289</p> <p>Maggavagga: The Path</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
Hindu Scriptures	Human beings populate this world and because of excess of vices, they are full of sorrow but at the same time, highly active, have internal and external knowledge and are able to attain their goals. Vishnu Purana Chapter 2
Humanist Thought	<p>Having the world’s best idea will do you no good unless you act on it. People who want milk shouldn’t sit on a stool in the middle of a field in hopes that a cow will back up to them.</p> <p>-Curtis Grant</p>
Mormon Scriptures	Thou shalt not be idle;for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the laborer. D&C 42:42

Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame. Proverbs 10:4-5</p> <p>Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. Proverbs 20:13</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was asked what type of earning was best, and he replied: "A man's work with his hands and every (lawful) business transaction." Al-Tirmidhi:846</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Do not involve yourself in idle business on the way; remember that you are only a guest here. Guru Angad Dev</p>

61 THE LORD ALLOWS PEOPLE OF FAITH TO FACE THEIR PROBLEMS AND DEVISE SOLUTIONS

Original Scriptures	<p>The brother of Jared cried unto the Lord, saying I have made the barges [and] in them there is no light. . . . And the Lord said What will ye that I should do? [And the brother of Jared] did molten out of a rock sixteen small stones and cried again unto the Lord, saying I know, O Lord, that thou hast all power. . . . Therefore touch these stones that they may shine forth in darkness. ETHER 2:18–19, 23; 3:1, 4</p>
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“I swear by God, O esteemed and honored friend! Shouldst thou ponder these words in thine heart, thou wilt of a certainty find the doors of divine wisdom and infinite knowledge flung open before thy face.”</p> <p>Bahaullah “The Kitab-i-Iqan -- The Book of Certitude”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/kitab-i-iqan/#f=f5-117</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>85. Few among men are those who cross to the farther shore. The rest, the bulk of men, only run up and down the hither bank.</p> <p>86. But those who act according to the perfectly taught Dhamma will cross the realm of Death, so difficult to cross.</p> <p>[Dhp VI Panditavagga: The Wise]</p> <p>“Through initiative, heedfulness, restraint, & self-control, the wise would make an island no flood can submerge.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32</p> <p>Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:25</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>He said that the value of knowledge (jnana) and asceticism (vairagya) would diminish to the extent of extinction in the era of Kali and only devotion would help a man in attaining liberation.</p> <p>Importance of Deotion in Kali Yuga “Sages Enguire” Part One Vidyeshwar Samhita</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>Humanism is the creed of those who believe that in the circle of enwrapping mystery, men’s fates are in their own hands, a faith that for modern man is becoming the only possible faith.</p> <p>- John Galsworthy</p>

Mormon Scriptures	The brother of Jared cried unto the Lord, saying I have made the barges [and] in them there is no light. . . . And the Lord said What will ye that I should do? [And the brother of Jared] did molten out of a rock sixteen small stones and cried again unto the Lord, saying I know, O Lord, that thou hast all power. . . . Therefore touch these stones that they may shine forth in darkness. ETHER 2:18–19, 23; 3:1, 4
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return. Genesis 3:19 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	“When the youths sought refuge in the cave, they said: Our Lord! grant us mercy from Thee, and provide for us a right course in our affair.” 18:10
Sikh Scriptures	Serve the True Guru fearlessly, and your doubt shall be dispelled. Do that work which the True Guru asks you to do. When the True Guru becomes merciful, we meditate on the Naam. The profit of devotional worship is excellent. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 145] Why should the created beings feel pride in their minds? The Gift is in the Hands of the Great Giver. As it pleases Him, He may give, or not give. What can be done by the order of the created beings? [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 25]

62 PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE ONE IN HEART AND MIND, SHARING WITH ONE ANOTHER

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind ... and there was no poor among them. MOSES 7:18</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. He Who is the Daystar of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth."</p> <p>"Epistle to the Son of the Wolf" Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#q=unity</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>"To support mother and father, to cherish wife and children, and to be engaged in peaceful occupation — this is the greatest blessing." The Buddha [From the Mangala Sutta]</p> <p>"Don't say that, Ananda. Don't say that. Having admirable people as friends, companions, & colleagues is actually the whole of the holy life. When a monk has admirable people as friends, companions, & colleagues, he can be expected to develop & pursue the noble eightfold path." [SN 45.2, Upaddha Sutta: Haf (of the Holy Life)]</p> <p>"Reflecting on those who are resolute, their persistence aroused, constantly firm in their effort, united in concord, I'll stay in the grove."</p> <p>Thag 5.8 PTS: Thag 350-354 Vakkali</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. Acts 4:32</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>"Goutama had lost all his wealth by then and was no more than a beggar. Manikundala pardoned his friend and shared with him whatever he had.</p> <p>Such are the virtues of following the path of dharma. "</p> <p>Puranas "Goutama and Manikundala"</p>

Humanist Thought	"One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion." Simone de Beauvoir
Mormon Scriptures	And the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind ._._. and there was no poor among them. MOSES 7:18
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And they shall be my people and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever. jeremiah 32:38-39</p> <p>And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Ezekiel 37:22</p> <p>Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity Psalm 133:1</p> <p>The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the Lord 2 Chronicles 30:12</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"God does not forbid you to be kind and equitable to those who have neither fought against your faith nor driven you out of your homes. In fact God loves the equitable." Qur'an:60:8
Sikh Scriptures	RAAG GAUREE POORBEE, FIFTH MEHL: Listen, my friends, I beg of you: now is the time to serve the Saints! In this world, earn the profit of the Lord's Name, and hereafter, you shall dwell in peace. [Sri Guru Grinthe Sahib page 13]

63 THE LORD IS VERY LOVING--HE GIVES ABUNDANTLY

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine. But it must needs be done in mine own way; and behold this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my saints, that the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low. For the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare. D&C 104:15–17</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>Thy mercy hath enveloped all created things and Thy compassion surpassed all that are in heaven and all that are on earth....I beseech Thee,... to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy that which will purge them from every ordeal and from whatever is hateful to Thee. Raise them up, then, to such heights that no amount of tribulation will keep them back from Thy wondrous remembrance, nor any trouble hinder them from turning toward the court of Thy transcendent oneness.”</p> <p>“Prayers and Meditations by Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/prayers-meditations/#f=f5-530</p> <p>The Kitáb-i-Aqdas</p> <p>The Lord hath ordained that those of you who are able shall make pilgrimage to the sacred House, and from this He hath exempted women as a mercy on His part. He, of a truth, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.</p> <p>Bahá’u’lláh / The Kitáb-i-Aqdas : paragraph 32</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Controlled in walking, controlled in standing, controlled in sitting, controlled in lying down, controlled in flexing & extending his limbs— above, around, & below, as far as the worlds extend —observing the arising & passing away of phenomena, of aggregates: a monk who dwells thus ardently, not restlessly, at peace —always mindful, training in the mastery of awareness-tranquillity — is said to be continually resolute. [Iti 111 Itivuttaka: The Group of Fours]</p> <p>“Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves”</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20</p> <p>Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus</p> <p>Philippians 4:19, Philippians 2:1-4</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. Rig-Veda 8.027.16</p>

Humanist Thought	"Plant seeds of happiness, hope, success, and love; it will all come back to you in abundance. This is the law of nature." — Steve Maraboli, <i>Unapologetically You: Reflections on Life and the Human Experience</i>
Mormon Scriptures	And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine. But it must needs be done in mine own way; and behold this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my saints, that the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low. For the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare. D&C 104:15–17
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalms 23:1 "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Ps. 107:9
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers." 52:22
Sikh Scriptures	He bestows His Blessings. 24 His Blessings are so abundant that there can be no written account of them. The Great Giver does not hold back anything. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 5]

64 THE LORD WILL GUIDE US THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

Original Scriptures	I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart. D&C 8:2
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"'Abdu'l-Bahá affirms that such prayers are "conducive to humility and submissiveness, to setting one's face towards God and expressing devotion to Him," and that through these prayers "man holdeth communion with God, seeketh to draw near unto Him, converseth with the true Beloved of his heart, and attaineth spiritual stations." The Kitab-i-Aqdas -- The Most Holy Book</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/kitab-i-aqdas/#f=f12-939</p> <p>First and foremost among these favors, which the Almighty hath conferred upon man, is the gift of understanding. His purpose in conferring such a gift is none other except to enable His creature to know and recognize the one true God—exalted be His glory. This gift giveth man the power to discern the truth in all things, leadeth him to that which is right, and helpeth him to discover the secrets of creation.</p> <p>Gleanings from the Writings of Bahauallah XCV</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>They praise heedfulness, the wise, in doing acts of merit. When heedful, wise, you achieve both kinds of benefit: benefits in this life, & benefits in lives to come. {Iti 1.23; Iti 16} Itivuttaka: The Group of Ones</p> <p>"Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves"</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Ephesians 3:17
Hindu Scriptures	Those who perceive Me in everything and behold everything in Me, are not separated from Me, and I am not separated from them. (6.30) bhagavad gita

Humanist Thought	"Any fool can know. The point is to understand." -Albert Einstein
Mormon Scriptures	I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart. D&C 8:2
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget thee Isaiah 49:15
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	It is not fitting for a man that Allah should speak to him except by inspiration, 42:51
Sikh Scriptures	<p>"The Gurbani is God and it is through it that humans obtain union with God. (Guru Granth Sahib, p 39)"</p> <p>I am completely dumb as I am and I speak as I am made to, by God; I utter and preach the Word just as it comes to me. (Guru Granth Sahib, p 763).</p>

65 PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE PATIENT AND PERSEVERE, AS DOES A LONG DISTANCE RUNNER

Original Scriptures	Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrew 12:1
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"Previous to these forty years controversies and conflicts continually prevailed and agitated the servants of God. But since then, aided by the hosts of wisdom, of utterance, of exhortations and understanding, they have all seized and taken fast hold of the firm cord of patience and of the shining hem of fortitude, in such wise that this wronged people endured steadfastly whatever befell them, and committed everything unto God" "Epistle to the Son of the Wolf" Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#f=f3-117</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>As an elephant in the battlefield withstands arrows shot from bows all around, even so shall I endure abuse.</p> <p>It's from the Dhammapada, verse 320.</p> <p>Patient endurance: the foremost austerity.</p> <p>[Dhp XIV Buddhavagga: Awakened]</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us Hebrews 12:1
Hindu Scriptures	He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Ka?ha 3. 7-8.
Humanist Thought	"In life, unlike chess, the game continues after checkmate." Isaac Asimov

<p>Mormon Scriptures</p>	<p>13 Ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels; wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected. D&C 67: 13</p> <p>...nourish the tree as it beginneth to grow, by your faith with great diligence, and with patience, looking forward to the fruit thereof, it shall take root; and behold it shall be a tree springing up unto everlasting life. Alma 32:41</p> <p>4 And again, verily thus saith the Lord: Let...all the works which I have appointed unto you, be continued on and not cease; and let your diligence, and your perseverance, and patience, and your works be redoubled, and you shall in nowise lose your reward, saith the Lord of Hosts. D&C 127:4</p>
<p>Jewish Scripture: Tanakh</p>	<p>“Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.” Deutweonomy. 6:17</p> <p>I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8</p>
<p>Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran</p>	<p>Surely Allah does not waste the reward of the fair-doers 9:120</p> <p>(They are) those who persevere in patience, and put their trust on their Lord.16:42</p> <p>And be steadfast in patience; for verily Allah will not suffer the reward of the righteous to perish.11:115</p> <p>“Peace unto you for that ye persevered in patience! Now how excellent is the final home!” 13:24</p>
<p>Sikh Scriptures</p>	<p>Through the Guru's Teachings, we can endure pain and pleasure alike.</p> <p>Guru Arjan Dev page 131 line 12 guru granth sahib</p>

66 PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE NOT AFRAID OF TRIALS. IN FAITH, WE KNOW THAT THE LORD IS WITH US AND WILL BLESS US

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrew 12:1</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>"Indeed, let them welcome with confidence the challenges awaiting them." The Universal House of Justice http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=19850508_001&f=f1</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Drop by drop is the water pot filled. Likewise, the wise man, gathering it little by little, fills himself with good. Buddha {The Dhammapada}</p> <p>"Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma." Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him James 1:12</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>"be not distressed with fear" Bhagavad-Gita vs. 34</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>Courage is the mastery of fear, not the absence of fear. Mark Twain A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. Chinese Proverb</p>

Mormon Scriptures	After much tribulation come the blessings. D&C 58:4
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” Palms. 30:5</p> <p>For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	You who believe! show integrity for the sake of Allah, bearing witness with justice. Do not let hatred for a people incite you into not being just. Be just. That is closer to taqwa. Fear [and respect] Allah. Allah is aware of what you do. (Surat al-Maida, 8)
Sikh Scriptures	When you are confronted with terrible hardships, and no one offers you any support, when your friends turn into enemies, and even your relatives have deserted you, and when all support has given way, and all hope has been lost - if you then come to remember the Supreme Lord God, even the hot wind shall not touch you. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg. 70]

67 PEOPLE OF FAITH STRIVE TO BE HONEST

Original Scriptures	We believe in being honest. Articles of Faith 1:13
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"Bahá'ís...recognize that...success depends, in no small measure, on the acquisition of high moral standards."</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20091124_001&f=f1</p> <p>"...each is expected to carry out his or her responsibilities with honesty and integrity."</p> <p>The Universal House of Justice http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20100402_001&f=f1</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>"Three things can not hide for long: the Moon, the Sun and the Truth." — Gautama Buddha</p> <p>"Rahula, whatever there is of a contemplative in anyone who feels no shame at telling a deliberate lie is tossed away just like that." [MN 61 Ambalattika-rahulovada Sutta: Instructions to Rahula at Mango Stone]</p> <p>The person who lies, who transgress in this one thing, transcending concern for the world beyond: there's no evil he might not do. {Iti 1.25; Iti 18} Itivuttaka: The Group of Ones</p> <p>So: the enlightened man —discerning, learned, enduring, dutiful, noble, intelligent, a man of integrity: follow him</p> <p>Dhp XV PTS: Dhp 197-208 Sukhavagga: Happy</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. 2Corinthians 8:12
Hindu Scriptures	<p>In cases of a dispute, the person who brings a false suit will be punished by the king. And a false witness will be given twice the punishment that is meted out to the one who brings a false suit. Abrahmana who bears false witness will be banished from the kingdom</p> <p>Agni Purana: Property</p>

Humanist Thought	"whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." -Albert Einstein
Mormon Scriptures	We believe in being honest. Articles of Faith 1:13
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy Proverbs 12:22</p> <p>"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him." Proverbs 20: 7</p> <p>"Thou shalt not raise a false report...thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil;..." Keep thee far from a false matter..." Exodus 23:1,2,7</p> <p>"If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again." Exodus 23:4</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	O ye who believe! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin: And spy not on each other behind their backs. 49:12
Sikh Scriptures	The Gurmukhs do not like falsehood. They are imbued with Truth; they love only Truth. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 22]

68 PEOPLE OF FAITH PAY THEIR DEBTS—THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF UPRIGHT CHARACTER

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrew 12:1</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Had ye wished to deal with Us in accordance with your principles and standards, it would have behoved you to respect and honour Us for complying with your commands and following that which ye have pleased to ordain. Likewise, it would have beseemed you to repay the debts”</p> <p>“The Summons of the Lord of Hosts”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/summons-lord-hosts/#f=f11-433</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>Poverty is called suffering in the world; so, too, is getting into debt....That is the highest knowledge that, the happiness unexcelled. Sorrowless, dustless, at rest, that is release from debt</p> <p>AN 6.45 PTS: A iii 351</p> <p>Ina Sutta: Debt</p> <p>“And what is the bliss of debtlessness? There is the case where the son of a good family owes no debt, great or small, to anyone at all. When he thinks, ‘I owe no debt, great or small, to anyone at all,’ he experiences bliss, he experiences joy. This is called the bliss of debtlessness.”</p> <p>AN 4.62 PTS: A ii 69</p> <p>Anana Sutta: Debtless</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Romans 13:7</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>He sternly reckoneth their debts. Rig-Veda 9.047.02</p> <p>Debts made in the presence of witnesses should also be repaid in the presence of witnesses.</p> <p>Agni Purana: Property</p>
<p>Humanist Thought</p>	<p>“Even in the business of corporations honesty is the best policy, and the companies that have acted in accordance with the highest standard, other things being equal, have reaped the richest harvest.” Robert Ingersoll</p>

Mormon Scriptures	And I would that yeshould remember, that whosoever among you borroweth of his neighbor should return the thing that he borroweth, according n as he doth agree, or else thou shalt commit sin; and perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbor to commit sin also. MOSIAH 4:28
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>"The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth." Psalms 37:21</p> <p>"Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest." 2 Kings 4:7</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	And if one of you deposits a thing on trust with another, let the trustee (faithfully) discharge his trust, and let him Fear his Lord conceal not evidence; for whoever conceals it, - his heart is tainted with sin. And Allah knoweth all that ye do. Chapter 2 The Cow Al-Baqara: Verse 282
Sikh Scriptures	You do not purchase the inexpensive merchandise; O sinner, you are tied to your debts. 1 Guru Arjan Dev page 402 line 12 guru granth sahib

69 PEOPLE OF FAITH HOLD STEADFASTLY TO THEIR INTEGRITY

Original Scriptures	Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.JOB 27:5
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts.”</p> <p>“Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#f=f3-149</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“Conquer anger with non-anger. Conquer badness with goodness. Conquer meanness with generosity. Conquer dishonesty with truth.” The Buddha [From the Dhammapada]</p> <p>“It is spoken at the right time. It is spoken in truth. It is spoken affectionately. It is spoken beneficially. It is spoken with a mind of good-will.” [Vaca Sutta: A Statement, AN 5.198]</p> <p>“He goes to hell, the one who asserts what didn’t take place, as does the one who, having done, says, ‘I didn’t.’ Both — low-acting people —there become equal: after death, in the world beyond.”</p> <p>Dhp XXII PTS: Dhp 306-319</p> <p>Nirayavagga: Hell</p> <p>“Here he rejoices he rejoices hereafter. In both worlds the merit-maker rejoices. He rejoices, is jubilant, seeing the purity of his deeds.”</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20</p> <p>Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man 2 Corinthians 8:21</p> <p>Proverbs 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.</p> <p>Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.JOB 27:5</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>Who shall have power to stay thee firm and eager-souled from doing still this day what thou of old hast done?</p> <p>Rig-Veda 1.054.05</p>

Humanist Thought	With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity. Keshavan Nair
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Wherefore, honest men and wise men should be sought for diligently, and good men and wise men ye should observe to uphold; otherwise whatsoever is less than these cometh of evil. Doctrine and Covenants 98:10</p> <p>14 And thus there became a great inequality in all the land, insomuch that the church began to be broken up; yea, insomuch that in the thirtieth year the church was broken up in all the land save it were among a few of the Lamanites who were converted unto the true faith; and they would not depart from it, for they were firm, and steadfast, and immovable, willing with all diligence to keep the commandments of the Lord. 3 Nephi 6:14</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>My lips certainly will not speak unjustly, Nor will my tongue mutter deceit. Far be it from me that I should declare you right; Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me. I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not reproach any of my days. Job 27:5</p> <p>Proverbs 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	You who believe! show integrity for the sake of Allah, bearing witness with justice. Do not let hatred for a people incite you into not being just. Be just. That is closer to taqwa. Fear [and respect] Allah. Allah is aware of what you do. (Surat al-Maida, 8)
Sikh Scriptures	One whose mind is contented with Truthfulness, is blessed with the Lord's Glance of Grace. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 19]

70 THE LORD MANIFESTS HIS POWER WHEN PEOPLE OF FAITH MAKE AND KEEP PROMISES WITH HIM

Original Scriptures	In the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. D&C 84:20
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God.”</p> <p>“Epistle to the Son of the Wolf” Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/epistle-son-wolf/#q=ordinance</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>164 The teaching of those who live the Dhamma, worthy ones, noble: [Dhp XII Attavagga: Self]</p> <p>“Through initiative, heedfulness, restraint, & self-control, the wise would make an island no flood can submerge.”</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32</p> <p>Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17
Hindu Scriptures	<p>Lighting all living creatures, neer to be deceived, Savitar, God, protects each holy ordinance. He hath stretched out his arms to all the folk of earth, and, with his laws observed, rules his own mighty course.</p> <p>Rig-Veda 4.053.04</p> <p>Before this Varuna may we be sinless him who shows mercy even to the sinner-While we are keeping Aditi’s ordinances. Preserve us evermore, ye Gods, with blessings.</p> <p>Rig-Veda 7.087.07</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>“A humanist is someone who does the right thing even though she knows that no one is watching.”</p> <p>– Dick McMahan, New York humanist, 2004</p>

Mormon Scriptures	In the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. D&C 84:20
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:” Exodus 19:5</p> <p>“The Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God.” Joshua 23:10-11</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	“if they are loyal to Allah it will be well for them.” 47:21
Sikh Scriptures	Follow the Guru’s Teachings, and recognize your own self; the Divine Light of the Lord’s Name shall shine within. Guru Amar Das page 86 line 1 guru granth sahib

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PEOPLE OF FAITH WALK ACCORDING TO WHAT THE LORD COMMANDS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“It behooveth everyone who reacheth this most sublime station, this summit of transcendent glory, to observe every ordinance of Him Who is the Desire of the world.” Bahauallah “The Kitab-i-Aqdas -- The Most Holy Book”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/kitab-i-aqdas/#f=f5-51</p> <p>There is no paradise, in the estimation of the believers in the Divine Unity, more exalted than to obey God’s commandments, and there is no fire in the eyes of those who have known God and His signs, fiercer than to transgress His laws and to oppress another soul, even to the extent of a mustard seed. The Báb / “There is no paradise, in the estimation of the believers in ...”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“Ceasing to do evil, Cultivating the good, Purifying the heart: This is the teaching of the Buddhas.” The Buddha [From the Dhammapada]</p> <p>“Rather, the monk, nun, male lay follower, or female lay follower who keeps practicing the Dhamma in accordance with the Dhamma, who keeps practicing masterfully, who lives in accordance with the Dhamma: that is the person who worships, honors, respects, venerates, & pays homage to the Tathagata with the highest homage. So you should train yourselves: ‘We will keep practicing the Dhamma in accordance with the Dhamma, we will keep practicing masterfully, we will live in accordance with the Dhamma.’[2] That’s how you should train yourselves.”</p> <p>DN 16 PTS: D ii 137 chapters 5-6</p> <p>Maha-parinibbana Sutta: The Great Discourse on the Total Unbinding (excerpt)</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love, 2 John 1:6</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Therefore, always remember Me and do your duty. You shall certainly attain Me if your mind and intellect are ever focused on Me. (8.07) bhagavad gita</p>

Humanist Thought	Live a good life. If there are gods and they are just, then they will not care how devout you have been, but will welcome you based on the virtues you have lived by. If there are gods, but unjust, then you should not want to worship them. If there are no gods, then you will be gone, but will have lived a noble life that will live on in the memories of your loved ones. I am not afraid. - Marcus Aurelius
Mormon Scriptures	And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	Leviticus 26:3-4 “that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.” Exodus. 16:4 “Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 18:4
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	And fulfil the Covenant of Allaah when you have covenanted [al-Nahl 16:91]
Sikh Scriptures	“Renounce the intellectual cleverness of your mind, O humble servants of the Lord; understanding the Hukam of His Command, peace is found. Whatever God does, accept that with pleasure; in comfort and in suffering, meditate on Him. (1)” SGGS Page 209 Shabad 657

72 THE LORD BLESSES PEOPLE OF FAITH AS THEY SEEK HIS HOLINESS

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“He, verily, is the Best-Beloved, the Answerer of prayers. ... He is, in very truth, the God of might and power.”</p> <p>Bahauallah “The Kitab-i-Aqdas -- The Most Holy Book”</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/kitab-i-aqdas/#f=f6-179</p> <p>Great is the blessedness of the man who, in his love towards Thee, hath rid himself of all attachment from every one except Thyself, and hastened unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, and attained unto this Cup which Thou hast caused to excel all the seas of the earth.</p> <p>prayers and meditations by baha u llah</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>163 They’re easy to do —things of no good & no use to yourself. What’s truly useful & good is truly harder than hard to do. [Dhp XII Attavagga: Self]</p> <p>“Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves”</p> <p>Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p> <p>“Rather, the monk, nun, male lay follower, or female lay follower who keeps practicing the Dhamma in accordance with the Dhamma, who keeps practicing masterfully, who lives in accordance with the Dhamma: that is the person who worships, honors, respects, venerates, & pays homage to the Tathagata with the highest homage. So you should train yourselves: ‘We will keep practicing the Dhamma in accordance with the Dhamma, we will keep practicing masterfully, we will live in accordance with the Dhamma.’[2] That’s how you should train yourselves.”</p> <p>DN 16 PTS: D ii 137 chapters 5-6 Maha-parinibbana Sutta: The Great Discourse on the Total Unbinding (excerpt)</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it. Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:23-24</p> <p>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it John 14:13-14</p> <p>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. . . The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:14-16</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>a steady unflinching meditation on the One with the idea that there is no Being higher -than the Lord, Vasudeva, and that therefore He is our sole Refuge. And this devotion- is (conductive to) knowledge. Solitary places : which are naturally free, or made free, from impurities, as also from fear of serpents, thieves and tigers: such as a jungle, the sandbank of a river, the temple of a God, and so on. It is in solitude that the mind becomes calm ; so that meditation of the Self and the like is possible only in a solitary place.. \Therefore resort to solitude is said to be (conductive to) knowledge</p> <p>Bhagavad Gita page, 342, 10</p> <p>May these our prayers addressed to you come nigh you. Preserve us evermore, ye Gods, with blessings.</p> <p>Rig-Veda 7.070.07</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>“The value of life lies not in its length, but in the use we make of it.”</p> <p>– Michel de Montaigne (1533-92), Essays</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>I did build [the ship] after the manner which the Lord has shown unto me; wherefore, it was not after the manner of men. And I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft, and I did pray oft unto the Lord; wherefore the Lord showed unto me great things. 1NEPHI 18:2–3</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>“And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” Isaiah 58:11</p> <p>“And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.</p> <p>12 And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.</p> <p>13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw awater:</p> <p>14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.” Genesis 24:11-14</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>“When my servants ask thee (O, Muhammad) concerning Me, tell them I am indeed close (to them). I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me.” Qur’an:2:186</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Nanak offers this one prayer: this body and soul are totally Yours. 3 He Himself is near, and He Himself is far away; He Himself is in-between. He Himself beholds, and He Himself listens. By His Creative Power, He created the world. Whatever pleases Him, O Nanak - that Command is acceptable. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 25]</p>

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WHEN WE GIVE UP OUR SELF-CENTERED AMBITIONS AND WE LIVE OUR LIVES FOR THE LORD, WE GAIN TRUE LIFE

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“It behooveth thee to consecrate thyself to the Will of God. Whatsoever hath been revealed in His Tablets is but a reflection of His Will. So complete must be thy consecration, that every trace of worldly desire will be washed from thine heart. This is the meaning of true unity.” “Gleaning from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“You only lose what you cling to.” — Gautama Buddha Whatever joy there is in this world All comes from desiring others to be happy, And whatever suffering there is in this world All comes from desiring myself to be happy. Shantideva “Riches ruin the man weak in discernment, but not those who seek the beyond. Through craving for riches the man weak in discernment ruins himself as he would others.” Dhp XXIV PTS: Dhp 334-359 Tanhavagga: Craving</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall gain it. MATTHEW 16:25</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Because all living beings are dependent on Me for the fruits of (their) actions, and the wise for the fruit of their knowledge, therefore those who serve Me with Bhakti-Yoga (Devotion of Love) cross beyond the gunas by My Grace, through the attainment of knowledge, and attain liberation (moksha) ; much more so those who rightly understand the real nature of the Self Ghagavad Gita, page 396, Varuna and Mitra, harins the mortal, man who honours and obeys your laws. 16 He makes his house endure, he gathers plenteous food who pays obedience to your will. Born in his sons anew he spreads as Law commands, and prospers every way unharmed. 17 E’en without war he gathers wealth, and goes hisway on pleasant paths, Whom Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman protect, sharing the gift,of one accord. 18 E’en on the plain for him ye make a sloping path, an easy way where road is none: And far away from him the ineffectual shaft must vanish, shot at him in vain. Rig-Veda 15-18 He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Ka?ha 3. 7-8</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.</p> <p>George Washington</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>2 Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day. D&C 4:2</p> <p>Yea, come unto him, and offer your whole souls as an offering unto him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as the Lord liveth ye will be saved. Omni 1:26</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17</p> <p>Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. Psalms 4:5</p> <p>"And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee. And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an aaltar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace bofferings. So the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel." 2 Samuel 24:22-25</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>By no means shall you attain al-birr (righteousness) until you spend (in Allaah's cause) of that which you love [Aal 'Imraan 3:92]</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>One who performs selfless service, without thought of reward, shall attain his Lord and Master." (SGGS p 286)</p>

74 SERVING OTHERS IS SERVING THE LORD

Original Scriptures	And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4
Baha’l Scriptures	<p>“It ill-beseemeth men to centre all their efforts on their own selves; rather must they ceaselessly strive for the betterment of the lives of one another.” Bahá’u’lláh</p> <p>(http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=20090611_001&f=f1)</p> <p>They must do their utmost to extend at all times the helping hand to the poor, the sick, the disabled, the orphan, the widow, irrespective of color, caste and creed. Shoghi Effendi, Letter of March 12, 1923</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“If a man going down into a river, swollen and swiftly flowing, is carried away by the current — how can he help others across?” – The Buddha (From the Sutta Nipata)</p> <p>“Whoever nurses the sick serves me,” said the Buddha</p> <p>“In this world, good it is to serve one’s mother, good it is to serve one’s father, good it is to serve the monks, and good it is to serve the holy men.”</p> <p>Dhp XXIII PTS: Dhp 320-333 Nagavagga: The Elephant</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people Ephesians 6: 7</p> <p>The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40</p>
Hindu Scriptures	A God among the Gods, he loveth what is choice, loveth our service, God mid Gods. Rig-Veda 6.015.06
Humanist Thought	<p>“People are just as wonderful as sunsets if you let them be. When I look at a sunset, I don’t find myself saying, “Soften the orange a bit on the right hand corner.” I don’t try to control a sunset. I watch with awe as it unfolds.” — Carl R. Rogers</p> <p>“Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?” – Attributed to George Eliot</p>

Mormon Scriptures	When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God. MOSIAH 2:17
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17</p> <p>He that oppreseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor Proverbs 14:31</p> <p>Serve God with all thy heart - Deut. 10:12,</p> <p>“And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?” ---1 Chronicles 29:5</p> <p>---As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord - Josh 24:15</p> <p>But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:34</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) once told his wife: “Do not turn away a poor man..even if all you can give is half a date. If you love the poor and bring them near you...GOD will bring you near HIM on the Day of Resurrection.” Al-Tirmidhi:1376
Sikh Scriptures	True, True is the Name of the Lord, Raam, Raam; the Gurmukh knows the Lord. The Lord's servant is the one who commits himself to the Guru's service, and dedicates his mind and body as an offering to Him. He dedicates his mind and body to Him, placing great faith in Him [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 444]

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THE LORD WANTS US TO BE PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUT HIS WAY OF LOVE, SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And this shall be our covenant—that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.D&C 136:4</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“The life of a Bahá’í will be characterized by truthfulness and decency; he will walk uprightly among his fellowmen, dependent upon none save God, yet linked by bonds of love and brotherhood with all mankind.” The Universal House of Justice</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/the-universal-house-of-justice/messages/#d=19660610_001&f=f1</p> <p>The first is His statement: “O My Servant! Obey Me and I shall make thee like unto Myself. I say ‘Be,’ and it is, and thou shalt say ‘Be,’ and it shall be.”</p> <p>The Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, Baha u llah / The Fourth Valley</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“82. On hearing the Teachings, the wise become perfectly purified, like a lake deep, clear and still. [Dhp VI Panditavagga: The Wise]</p> <p>“So: the enlightened man —discerning, learned, enduring, dutiful, noble, intelligent, a man of integrity: follow him”</p> <p>Dhp XV PTS: Dhp 197-208</p> <p>Sukhavagga: Happy</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.</p> <p>Matthew 16:24</p> <p>Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect Matthew 5:48</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>A God among the Gods, he loveth what is choice, loveth our service, God mid Gods.</p> <p>Rig-Veda 6.015.06</p> <p>And he ^who serves Me with unflinching Devotion of Love, he, crossing beyond those three gunas, is fitted for becoming Brahman.</p> <p>Bhagavad Gita page 394, 26</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals. Zig Ziglar</p> <p>As I see it, creative achievement is the very heart of the human enterprise... The destiny of man, of all men and of each man, is that he is condemned to invent what he will be - condemned if he is fearful but blessed if he welcomes the great adventure. We are responsible in the last analysis, not simply for what we are, but for what we will become; and that is a source of either high excitement or distress. Paul Kurtz</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am. 3 NEPHI 27:27</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy Leviticus 19:2</p> <p>But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Surely Allah does not waste the reward of the fair-doers 9:120</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>Those who serve the True Guru obtain the Treasure of the Naam. Deep within, they are drenched with the Essence of the Lord, and the egotistical pride of the mind is subdued. The heart-lotus blossoms forth, and they intuitively center themselves in meditation. Their minds become pure, and they remain immersed in the Lord; they are honored in His Court. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 26]</p>

76 THE LORD PROVIDES MIRACLES THROUGH OUR FAITH

Original Scriptures	Ether 12:12 "For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them; wherefore, he showed not himself until after their faith."
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth,...The Cause of God, all deeds and words, are held within the grasp of His power. "All things lie imprisoned within the hollow of His mighty Hand; all things are easy and possible unto Him." He accomplisheth whatsoever He willeth, and doeth all that He desireth." Bahaullah "The Kitab-i-Iqan -- The Book of Certitude"</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahaullah/kitab-i-iqan/#f=f7-191</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>"everything is possible for someone for whom emptiness is possible" The Mahayana texts</p> <p>"Through initiative, heedfulness, restraint, & self-control, the wise would make an island no flood can submerge."</p> <p>Dhp II PTS: Dhp 21-32</p> <p>Appamadavagga: Heedfulness</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>For nothing is impossible with God.</p> <p>Luke 1: 37</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>"Thanks to Vishvamitra's immense powers, even this virtually impossible task was accomplished." Trishanku</p> <p>The wise man strives to reach Me, firm in the faith that he himself is the Lord Vasudeva and is no other than He. He seeks Me only, the Supreme Brahman, as the highest goal to be reached [Bhagavad-Gita 215, 18]</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude.</p> <p>Zig Ziglar</p>

Mormon Scriptures	Ether 12:12 "For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them; wherefore, he showed not himself until after their faith."
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am bold? Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Genesis 18:14</p> <p>Judges 6:13-16 The Story of Gideon</p> <p>Exodus 26:23-24, 19-20 (whole story of manna)</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Indeed there has come to you a clear sign (the miracle of the coming out of a huge she-camel from the midst of a rock) from your Lord. This she-camel of Allah is a sign unto you; 7:73</p> <p>He it is who gives life and causes death; and when He decrees a matter, He but says to it, "Be," and it is. 40:68</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>The Lord is the ocean of peace; the miraculous tree of life, the jewel of miracles and the wish-fulfilling cow are all under His power.</p> <p>Devotee Ravidas page 1106 line 15 guru granth sahib</p>

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PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAY ALWAYS THAT THE LORD WILL BLESS EVERYTHING THEY DO

Original Scriptures	I pray that God will "consecrate [my] performance." It says that in 2 Nephi 32
Baha'i Scriptures	<p>"Whoso maketh efforts for Us," he shall enjoy the blessing conferred by the words: "In Our ways shall We assuredly guide him."</p> <p>"The Kitab-i-Iqan -- The Book of Certitude" Bahauallah http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/kitab-i-iqan/#q=blessing</p>
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>"Rahula, all those brahmans & contemplatives in the course of the past who purified their bodily actions, verbal actions, & mental actions, did it through repeated reflection on their bodily actions, verbal actions, & mental actions in just this way."</p> <p>[MN 61 Ambalaththika-rahulovada Sutta: Instructions to Rahula at Mango Stone</p> <p>"Phenomena are preceded by the heart, ruled by the heart, made of the heart. If you speak or act with a calm, bright heart, then happiness follows you, like a shadow that never leaves" Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90</p> <p>With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith 2 Thessalonians 1:11</p>
Hindu Scriptures	"Worship, prayer and offering to the gods with faith and devotion constitute actions that lead to blessedness." "Bhagavad Gita"
Humanist Thought	The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet. James Oppenheim

Mormon Scriptures	I pray that God will "consecrate [my] performance." It says that in 2 Nephi 32
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90"</p> <p>Rise and thresh, Daughter Zion, for I will give you horns of iron; I will give you hooves of bronze, and you will break to pieces many nations." You will devote their ill-gotten gains to the LORD, their wealth to the Lord of all the earth. Micah 4:13</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	"Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verily, to them will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions." Qur'an:16:97
Sikh Scriptures	<p>O my friend, reflect upon the Name of the Lord, Har, Har. In the Saadh Sangat, He dwells within the mind, and one's works are brought to perfect fruition. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, pg, 52]</p> <p>If a servant, performing service, obeys the Will of his Master, his honor increases, and he receives double his wages. But if he claims to be equal to his Master, he earns his Master's displeasure. He loses his entire salary, and is also beaten on his face with shoes. Let us all celebrate Him, from whom we receive our nourishment. O Nanak, no one can issue commands to the Lord Master; let us offer prayers instead. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib, page 474, line 5]</p>

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PEOPLE OF FAITH BELIEVE THAT OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD LEADS TO WISDOM

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>I pray that God will “consecrate [my] performance.” It says that in 2 Nephi 32</p>
<p>Baha’l Scriptures</p>	<p>“Take heed lest pride deter you from recognizing the Source of Revelation, lest the things of this world shut you out as by a veil from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. “ “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p> <p>The Kitáb-i-Aqdas</p> <p>“The importance of love for God as the motive of obedience to His Laws” Bahá’u’lláh / Synopsis and Codification : Item 16</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>“While you are doing a bodily action, you should reflect on it: ‘This bodily action I am doing — is it leading to self-affliction, to the affliction of others, or to both? Is it an unskillful bodily action, with painful consequences, painful results?’ If, on reflection, you know that it is leading to self-affliction, to the affliction of others, or to both... you should give it up. But if on reflection you know that it is not... you may continue with it.</p> <p>[MN 61 Ambalattika-rahulovada Sutta: Instructions to Rahula at Mango Stone]</p> <p>“Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma.”</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. 1 John 5:3-4</p> <p>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>Why dost thou give the devotion of knowledge (buddhi-yoga) to Thy devotees r-And what is that obstacle in the path leading to Thee which the devotion of knowledge that Thou givest to Thy devotees serves to remove ?-In answer to this question, the Lord says : Out of mere compassion for them, I, abiding in their self, destroy the darkness born of ignorance, by the luminous lamp of wisdom. Bhagavad-Gita page, 264 11</p> <p>Unification with the supreme almighty enables a man to attain knowledge and finally Moksha (salvation). “Yogadhyay” “Shradha and its Rituals”</p>

Humanist Thought	<p>Life, when fully lived under a variety of cultural conditions, can be euphoric and optimistic; it can be a joy to experience and a wonder to behold.</p> <p>Paul Kurtz</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>He that keepeth [God's] commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things" [D&C 93:28</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10</p> <p>For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; Proverbs 2:6</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>Surely We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, therefore serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience." 39:2</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>If the mind becomes balanced and detached, and comes to dwell in its own true home, imbued with the Fear of God, then it enjoys the essence of supreme spiritual wisdom; it shall never feel hunger again. O Nanak, conquer and subdue this mind; meet with the Lord, and you shall never again suffer in pain. [Sri Guru Granth Sahib page 21]</p>

79 THE LORD LOVES INTEGRITY OF HEART, THAT IS, LOVING WHAT IS RIGHT

Original Scriptures	And again, verily I say unto you, blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith; for I, the Lord, love him because of the integrity of his heart, and because he loveth that which is right before me, saith the Lord. D&C 124:15
Baha’l Scriptures	“Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”
Buddhist Scriptures	<p>“The calmed say that what is well-spoken is best; second, that one should say what is right, not unrighteous; third, what’s pleasing, not displeasing; fourth, what is true, not false.” – The Buddha (From the Sutta Nipata)</p> <p>So: the enlightened man —discerning, learned, enduring, dutiful, noble, intelligent, a man of integrity: follow him” Dhp XV PTS: Dhp 197-208 Sukhavagga: Happy</p>
Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)	<p>Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. 2 Cor. 13:7</p> <p>Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. Proverbs 10:9</p> <p>Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways. Proverbs 28:6</p>
Hindu Scriptures	<p>From thee flows wealth, with heroes to adorn it, to the true-hearted man who gives oblation. Rig-Veda 4.011.03</p> <p>He with his folk, his house, his family, his sons, gains booty for himself, and, with the heroes, wealth, believing Who with oblation and a true heart serves Brahmanaspati the Father of the Gods. Rig-Veda 2.026.03</p>
Humanist Thought	This above all; to thine own self be true. Shakespeare

Mormon Scriptures	And again, verily I say unto you, blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith; for I, the Lord, love him because of the integrity of his heart, and because he loveth that which is right before me, saith the Lord. D&C 124:15
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Proverbs 10:9 Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.</p> <p>Proverbs 28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.</p> <p>My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. Job 27:4-5</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	And whenever you give your word, say the truth [al-An'aam 6:152]
Sikh Scriptures	One whose body is imbued with the Fear of the True One, and whose tongue savors Truthfulness, is brought to ecstasy by the True Lord's Glance of Grace. That person does not have to go through the fire of the womb again. 2 From the True Lord came the air, and from the air came water. From water, He created the three worlds; in each and every heart He has infused His Light. The Immaculate Lord does not become polluted. Attuned to the Shabad, honor is obtained. 3 One whose mind is contented with Truthfulness, is blessed with the Lord's Glance of Grace. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib page 19]

80 THROUGH WORSHIP AND HOLINESS, PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE EVERY NEEDFUL THING IN OUR LIVES.


<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>And do thou grant, Holy Father, that all those who shall worship in this house may . . . be prepared to obtain every needful thing D&C 109:14</p>
<p>Baha’I Scriptures</p>	<p>“No man can obtain everlasting life, unless he embraceth the truth of this inestimable, this wondrous, and sublime Revelation.” “Gleanings from the Writings of Baha’u’llah”</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>168-169 Get up! Don’t be heedless. Live the Dhamma well. One who lives the Dhamma sleeps with ease in this world & the next. Live the Dhamma well. Don’t live it badly. One who lives the Dhamma sleeps with ease in this world & the next. [Dhp XIII Lokavagga: Worlds] “Here he rejoices he rejoices hereafter. In both worlds the merit-maker rejoices. He rejoices, is jubilant, seeing the purity of his deeds.” Dhp I PTS: Dhp 1-20 Yamakavagga: Pairs</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you Matthew 6:33 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26</p>

Hindu Scriptures	<p>a steady unflinching meditation on the One with the idea that there is no Being higher -than the Lord, Vasudeva, and that therefore He is our sole Refuge. And this devotion- is (conductive to) knowledge. Solitary places : which are naturally free, or made free, from impurities, as also from fear of serpents, thieves and tigers: such as a jungle, the sandbank of a river the temple of a God, and so on. It is in solitude that the mind becomes calm ; so that meditation of the Self and the like is possible only in a solitary place.. \Therefore resort to solitude is said to be (conductive to) knowledge Bhagavad Gita page, 342, 10</p> <p>May he, this Akra, strengthen us, Boon God who satisfies our needs, Indra, with all His saving helps. Rig-Veda 8.032.12</p> <p>Vouchsafe us ever, as man needs, O Vasu, abundant wealth of kine for son and offspring. Food noble, plenteous, far from sin and evil, he with us, and fair fame to make us happy. Rig-Veda 6.001.12</p> <p>He, however, who has understanding, Who is mindful and ever pure, Reaches the goal Kah'a 3. 7-8</p>
Humanist Thought	<p>I discovered a long time ago that if I helped people get what they wanted, I would always get what I wanted and I would never have to worry. Anthony Robbins</p>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>And do thou grant, Holy Father, that all those who shall worship in this house may . . . be prepared to obtain every needful thing D&C 109:14</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Psalms 37:3-5</p> <p>If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword For the mouth of the Lord has spoken Isaiah 1:19-20</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	<p>"When the youths sought refuge in the cave, they said: Our Lord! grant us mercy from Thee, and provide for us a right course in our affair." 18:10</p>
Sikh Scriptures	<p>By His Grace one becomes Gurmukh, worshipping the Lord with devotion. Without the Guru there is no devotional worship. Those whom He unites with Himself, understand and become pure. The Dear Lord is True, and True is the Word of His Bani. Through the Shabad, we merge with Him. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib pg. 32]</p>

81 THE LORD WILL DIRECT YOUR PATHS AS YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND TRUST HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART INSTEAD OF LEANING ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.

<p>Original Scriptures</p>	<p>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." PROVERBS 3:5-6</p>
<p>Baha'i Scriptures</p>	<p>" " "He must search after the truth to the utmost of his ability and exertion, that God may guide him in the paths of His favour and the ways of His mercy. For He, verily, is the best of helpers unto His servants." "</p> <p>" "Gems of Divine Mysteries - Javahiru'l-Asrar" " Bahauallah</p> <p>http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/bahauallah/gems-divine-mysteries/#r=gdm_en-body"</p>
<p>Buddhist Scriptures</p>	<p>94. Even the gods hold dear the wise one, whose senses are subdued like horses well trained by a charioteer, whose pride is destroyed and who is free from the cankers.</p> <p>[Dhp VII Arahantavagga: The Arahant or Perfected One]</p> <p>"Like a deep lake, clear, unruffled, & calm: so the wise become clear, calm, on hearing words of the Dhamma."</p> <p>Dhp VI PTS: Dhp 76-89 Panditavagga: The Wise</p>
<p>Christian Scriptures: New Testament (see Jewish Scriptures for O.T.)</p>	<p>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." PROVERBS 3:5-6</p>
<p>Hindu Scriptures</p>	<p>By paths directed hitherward, the straightest, send thou us happiness, Indu Rig-Veda 9.097.28</p> <p>Measuring out the paths that must be travelled, entrusting all desires to him the Mighty. Rig-Veda 1.146.03</p>

Humanist Thought	"Love is a combination of care, commitment, knowledge, responsibility, respect and trust."—bell hooks, <i>Communion: The Female Search for Love</i>
Mormon Scriptures	<p>22 Nevertheless—whosoever putteth his atrust in him the same shall be blifted up at the last day. Yea, and thus it was with this people. Mosiah 23: 22</p> <p>13 But behold he doth not command us that we shall subject ourselves to our enemies, but that we should put our trust in him, and he will deliver us. Alma 61:13</p>
Jewish Scripture: Tanakh	<p>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." PROVERBS 3:5–6</p> <p>Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9</p>
Muslim Scriptures: Holy Quran	When you have made the decision, then rely upon Allah. Verily, Allah loves those who trust Him. Surat Ali Imran 3:159
Sikh Scriptures	Whom shall I serve? What shall I chant? I will go and ask the Guru. I will accept the Will of the True Guru, and eradicate selfishness from within. By this work and service, the Naam shall come to dwell within my mind. Through the Naam, peace is obtained; I am adorned and embellished by the True Word of the Shabad. [Sri Guru Garth Sahib]



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