Accountability

Focusing on accountability & avoiding judgement

1. Judaism

Do not reproach your neighbour with a fault which is also yours *Talmud*

2. Christianity

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbour. For each will have to bear his own load.

Galatians 6:1-5

3. Buddhism

Everything that happens to us is the result of what we ourselves have thought, said, or done. We alone are responsible for our lives.

Buddha

4. Islam

Do not follow vain desire, lest it lead thee astray from the path of God: verily, for those who go astray from the path of God there is suffering *Quran 38:26*

5. Baha'i Faith

To be approved of God alone should be one's aim. And has thou realized thy own shortcomings? One must always search for his own shortcomings so that he may repent at the threshold of Oneness and become protected and guarded *Abdu'l-Baha*

6. Christianity

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first

take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye

Matthew 7:3-5

7. Buddhism

There are no chains like hate...dwelling on your brother's faults multiplies your own. You are far from the end of your journey.

Buddha

8. Islam

Verily, We shall indeed bring the dead back to life; and We shall record whatever [deeds] they have sent ahead, and the traces [of good and evil] which they have left behind: for of all things do We take account in a record clear *Quran 16:12*

9. Baha'i Faith

Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning; for death, unheralded, shall come upon thee and thou shalt be called to give account for thy deeds

Baha'u'llah

10. Christianity

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. *James 4:17*

11. Islam

Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned.

Quran 2:286

12. Baha'i Faith

The whole human race is submerged in the sea of the mercy of the Lord and we are all the sheep of the one divine shepherd. Whatever shortcomings exist among us must be remedied. For example those who are ignorant must be educated so that they may become wise; the sick must be treated until they recover; those who are immature must be trained in order to reach maturity:

those asleep must be awakened. All this must be accomplished through love and not through hatred and hostility.

Baha'u'llah

13. Hinduism

let the scriptures be your authority in determining what should be done and what should not be done. Understand the scriptural injunctions and teachings, and then perform your actions in this world accordingly.

Bhagavad Gita 16:24

14. Buddhism

How easy it is to see your brother's faults, How hard it is to face your own. Buddha

15. Islam

We shall set up just balance-scales on Resurrection Day, and no human being shall be wronged in the least: for though there be [in him but] the weight of a mustard-seed [of good or evil], We shall bring it forth; and none can take count as We do!

Quran 21:47

16. Christianity

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God *Romans* 14:10-12

17. Baha'i Faith

Beseech God to grant thee such mature understanding as to enable thee to distinguish praiseworthy actions from those which merit blame. Peace be upon him who followeth the way of guidance!

Baha'u'llah

18. Buddhism

Wherever we go, wherever we remain, the results of our actions follow us. *Buddha*

19. Baha'i Faith

All religions teach that we should love one another; that we should seek out our own shortcomings before we presume to condemn the faults of others, that we must not consider ourselves superior to our neighbours! We must be careful not to exalt ourselves lest we be humiliated. Who are we that we should judge? How shall we know who, in the sight of God, is the most upright man? God's thoughts are not like our thoughts!

Abdu'l-Baha

20. Christianity

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37

21. Islam

O you who have believed, upon you is [responsibility for] yourselves. Those who have gone astray will not harm you when you have been guided.

Quran 5:105

22. Buddhism

Do not judge yourself harshly. Without mercy for ourselves we cannot love the world.

Buddha

23. Baha'i Faith

It is clear and evident that all men shall, after their physical death, estimate the worth of their deeds, and realize all that their hands have wrought.

Baha'u'llah

24. Islam

To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. Whether you show what is within yourselves or conceal it, Allah will bring you to account for it.

Quran 2:284