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## THE GOLDEN RULE

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It will be generally agreed that the so-called Sermon on the Mount, contained in the 5th, 6th and 7th Chapters of Matthew, is an enunciation of the highest code of morals ever given to the world. Yet those opposed to Christianity, even many who profess to be Christians, maintain that while the principles laid down in that famous declaration of Jesus are beautiful, high and ideal, they are wholly visionary and impractical, since apparently they make no allowance whatever for the universal characteristics of human nature.

The command that "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them," commonly referred to as the "Golden Rule" has been especially singled out for attack. These critics declare that this might be a rule of conduct among angels, or among men when humanity has reached the millennium, but among the real men of today, who live in a social environment where every man is obliged to look out for himself, it is absolutely impossible of application, and hence visionary.

But it is not so impractical as it might seem to some. Men are coming much nearer than formerly to applying it in daily conduct of their lives, even in the solution of their business and industrial problems. The first step toward living the Golden Rule is to get the "other fellow's" viewpoint, to mentally put ourselves in his place. Having done this, the sense of justice innate in every man makes a powerful appeal for the application of this rule to the particular case.

The enlightened and successful employer of this day does not regard his employes as mere cattle whose needs and interests are no concern of his, but he strives to get his employe's viewpoint and to understand his needs and the reason and basis for his feelings and demands. Having done this the honest-hearted employer desires to satisfy just and proper demands—such as he himself might justly make were he in his employe's place. On the other hand the honest employe of the better class strives to get his employer's viewpoint and to understand his problems and troubles, and when he does this his sense of justice makes the same strong appeal to him to serve his employer as he would wish his employer to serve him were their positions reversed.

Many bitter industrial controversies have been avoided or settled by both sides recognizing the Golden Rule as the correct standard to govern the relations between capital and labor; and all might be avoided in the same way. Industrial peace and justice will not come by the selfish domination of labor any more than by the same kind of domination by employers. It can come only by each honestly striving to live the Golden Rule.

Many men in this age are coming to see that enlightened self-interest should prompt individuals and nations to strive always to make practical application of this great Christian rule of conduct. Every man who wrongs another has thereby committed a greater wrong against himself; and sometime, somewhere, he will gather in the harvest which such wrong and injustice have sown in his own life. As with individuals, so with nations.

Not only in the scriptures, but directly to their hearts today the loving voice of God is calling men everywhere to higher, holier, more just standards of living and doing. If they do not hear and heed, then His law of sacrifice, of retribution, will force them to recognize that might is not right, and that permanent tranquility and happiness can come to men or nations only if they "do justice, love, mercy, and walk humbly with their God."

For generations the ruling classes of Russia exploited and oppressed the masses of that great country. They thus sowed the wind and of late they and the nation have been reaping the whirlwind. Now that ignorance which is the direct result of the injustice of the rulers of Russia has seized the reins of power there, what more natural than that it should resort to excesses and wholesale acts of cruelty and brutality too horrible to relate? Such are the fruits of retaliation. The innocent have suffered with the guilty; and it seems almost as if love, justice and all the finer sensibilities of the mass of the Russian people have been destroyed forever. But not so. The groans and shrieks of the murdered, and the cries of the suffering and starving are saying to the Russian people and to all the people of the earth, "God is not mocked; whatsoever men sow that shall they also reap. His commands must be obeyed; might is not right, but whatsoever we would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

It is to be hoped, too, that as the German people toil and sacrifice to repair some of the damage which their selfishness and injustice wrought, they, as well as the rest of the world, may learn from their experience that God does not intend the Golden Rule to be utterly driven from the earth; that it is not

a visionary and wholly impractical ideal; that the nation which comes the nearest to realizing it in the national life is the greatest and happiest; and that it is the law by which He intends men and nations ultimately to be ruled.

We meet success in our excursions into science only when we work in harmony with God's laws and not against them. No scientist would think of defying or ignoring the natural laws established by the Creator. He recognizes that failure, if not disaster and destruction, would result. How long will it be before men learn that the same is true of God's moral and spiritual laws? Would you reach real success and find true happiness? Learn the moral and the spiritual laws of God and obey them, and success and happiness come to your life as naturally as the brilliant light of the incandescent lamp comes from the observance of the laws of electricity.

A government which stimulates and encourages education and righteousness among its people, which administers justice impartially to all classes of its citizens, and which applies the Golden Rule to its dealings with other nations, to the small and weak as well as to the great and powerful, is built upon a foundation which revolution within cannot shake and which no power from without can ever successfully assail.

Why not ratify the Tea Conventions without any reservations?

A California minister recently remarked that most people exercise fairly good common sense in everything except religion and matrimony. No, you bet he didn't say that in the presence of his wife! He's single.

The rapid monthly increase in immigration, which will soon be at the rate of 1,000,000 immigrants a year, shows that America's unpopularity in Europe is confined to the classes that prefer or have to stay at home.

If one looks upon physical death as a temporary cessation of consciousness it is natural enough to doubt whether there is a life after death. "If men ever learn that life, from its very nature, must be indestructible and therefore continuous the dread of death will be abolished.—Los Angeles Times.

An English journalist who writes entertainingly about American ways tells of being introduced to the governor of a state "while he was sitting at a drug store table eating vanilla ice cream." That is the American way, all right—though our governors do not always exemplify it and though one must suspect that the ice cream was served in one of those numerous combinations known as sundaes.

### HOW WOMEN WILL VOTE.

The possible effect of the full grant of suffrage to women upon the presidential election will be closely studied from the viewpoint of the several parties. The most reasonable generalization that can be offered is that the new women voters will divide as men divide; in short, there will be no "woman vote" any more than there will be a "man vote." In some states like New York and Connecticut there are candidates for re-election to the United States senate who were conspicuous anti-suffragists. Senators Wadsworth and Brandegee may possibly be marked for defeat by a large number of women who would not be human if they did not seek to punish at the polls antagonists of such obstructive talents. But the election of the president is not likely to be turned either way by a preponderant sex preference. The women voters who may prefer Mr. Harding will be influenced almost precisely as the men will be who prefer him; they will be Republicans for no other reason than their men folks are Republicans. The white women in the south will be Democrats, we may be sure. The majority of the women of Vermont will not upset the political traditions of 60 years by turning the state to Cox.

Women voted for president in many states in 1916. Because Mr. Wilson unexpectedly carried Republican California, it was widely believed that the California women were responsible for the outcome. But other evidence indicates that the belief was unwarranted. Women voted in Republican Illinois, yet Mr. Hughes carried the state by a very large majority. Women did not vote in Republican New Hampshire, yet Mr. Wilson carried the state. The only reasonable induction is that the sex of the voters had nothing to do with the results in the three Republican states referred to.

The issue of the League of Nations will have no more effect in promoting political divisions on sex lines than the Democratic slogan, "He kept us out of war."

### FUTURE DATES.

August 31, Tuesday—First annual picnic of Miners club of Salem, at home of F. C. Bartholomew, 793 North Capital street.  
September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Artisan lodges, Salem.  
September 6, Monday—Baseball: Salem vs. Honeyman Hardware team of Portland.  
September 8, Monday—Labor day.  
September 12, Monday—Meeting of annual membership of Salem Commercial club.  
September 17—G. A. R. Constitution day, open meeting.  
September 27, to October 2—Oregon state fair.  
September 30, Thursday—September baby clinic at Commercial club.  
November 2, Tuesday—Election day.

had four years ago. The politicians and orators should forget that there are both men and women to be reckoned with at the polls and should devote their persuasive arts to the voters as voters. The best compliment a candidate can pay to a woman is to appeal to her as a citizen and a patriot.

### COULDN'T ENJOY IT.

Some folks don't believe in having a treasure in heaven, because they don't think they'll have a chance to spend it there.—Arkansas Thomas Cot.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Thanks for the rain.  
But more thanks for the sunshine that ought to follow quickly.

The truth does not bother Cox a-tall.

The air is cleared, any way. Harding is not for the Wilson League of Nations without reservations. But he is for a league of the nations of the world to guarantee international justice and give the world peace, and he promises to call in the leading men of all parties to work out the program.

That is a thousand times better than the Cox attitude, which demands the Wilson brand or nothing—which would result in nothing.

All the Democrats and all the voters who have no party or belong to the shrimp parties will have to vote for George E. Chamberlain—and over 50,000 Republicans besides—if he is elected this year.

Quite a number more than 50,000 Republicans, for there are a good many disgruntled Democrats in Oregon, and the peewee parties will have some votes to throw away.

There are three opinions as to how far the Polish armies should go in the walloping of the Bolshevik butchers and botchers and bull-necked bullet-heads. England says, only to the ethnological border of Poland. The United States says, into Russia, but only to serve the ends of military strategy. But France virtually says, go as far as you like, only be sure that you make the job complete; and let the future take care of the results. In other words, a thoroughly licked bunch of Red Russians will be easier to deal with in the finals than one walloped only half way to a standstill. The Bits for Breakfast man casts his vote with the French view, and, with his consent, the Poles may go clear to Manchuria, or the North Pole.

In the meantime, Siberia is seething. It is all off with Bolshevism, in a thousand places, and then some.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

### Mr. Davey Replies

Editor Statesman: This morning's Statesman contains a clipping from the Oregon City Enterprise criticizing my attitude for a system of indirect taxation to relieve property of its tax burdens. In that criticism the Enterprise brings in a matter that is entirely separate and distinct from the policy I have suggested. My idea is to distribute the tax burdens more equitably by raising a good portion of the necessary revenue from sources which yield no direct property taxes; sources wherein the revenue is paid so indirectly as not to be seriously felt or recognized by those who pay.

These thoughts did not occur to me from a desire or purpose to increase the amount of money to be raised, or from any desire or purpose to encourage or make possible extravagance of appropriations and expenditures. I am assuming that legislators personally and collectively are honest and wish to serve the state faithfully. I don't like to see a paper of the strength and influence of the Enterprise assume that the three men chosen by its party to represent its county in the lower house and the one distinguished official chosen to represent it in the senate are liable to join in a treasury-looting waste of money, and I know that the men to represent Marion county will not join in it; then I am willing to admit that the delegations in the legislature from other counties are just as honest

and patriotic toward the state as are those from Clackamas and Marion; hence the conclusion I accept that only such appropriations will be made as are absolutely needed, and only such increases in official compensation will be made as are desired by the several localities interested.

I do not believe that an increase of resources always leads to extravagance. I do not believe, however, that an increase of resources, especially through indirect agencies, encourages and makes possible improvement and progress and the invitation of substantial immigration, with consequent increase of capital for financing various industries, and I do not know of a state in the union more in need of that influence than Oregon.

With a great empire within its borders, with possibilities of soil, climate and natural productive ness unsurpassed on earth; with water power, mineral wealth, building rock and timbers; with scenery, sporting and pleasure opportunities unrivalled and in reach of all, it is a sad commentary on progress that such a state can yet boast of less than 800,000 inhabitants.

I think it is time for Oregonians to jar loose and get a move on themselves.


—FRANK DAVEY.  
August 28, 1920.

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