

The Global Sounding Moral Code

From ancient times our species has been driven by the need to develop a reasonably short set of rules for living the good life. First out of religion and then out of philosophy came commandments, tenets, principles, moral codes still active in shaping the good life for us today. A comparatively recent attempt to bring together an encouraging commonality for these codes was passage of the Parliament of World Religions' Global Ethic drafted by noted theologian Hans Kung.

In contrast to the rich offering of religion and philosophy, attempts in this direction by science have been few and far between. Yet by reason of its exponential growth in destructive as well as liberating power over all aspects of our lives, science today bears an enormous responsibility to all life on this planet and our planet itself in this regard. Particularly needed is the contribution of science to a tailoring of the ancient wisdom to the rapidly changing needs of our time.

The Global Sounding

The development of the new Global Sounding measure of health and wellbeing suggested it might provide the base for a new move out of science toward this goal. The advantage this new measure offers is its use of the expanding new discipline of evolutionary systems science to focus the findings of dozens of fields of science upon a comparison of positive and negative indicators of the degree to which we are being advanced, checked in place, or driven backward on fifteen basic levels of evolution—*notably including moral and spiritual evolution.*

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Here, for your consideration, is a translation of Global Sounding positive and negative indicators into the language of morality and spirituality. Evolutionary levels are indicated in brackets below each tenet.

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**A translation of fifteen scientific and spiritual guidelines for
evolution into tenets for a new Global Ethic**

1

Honor and respect rather than plunder and rape our
living environment.
[cosmic evolution]

2

Honor and respect Earth as the Mother of us all
rather than sell her into slavery.
[chemical evolution]

3

100 years of science tells us Earth can still provide the
resources for health for all of us if given a fair
and practical human distribution system.
Establishing health systems for the many rather than
the chosen few is the moral requirement,
and must be our goal.
[biological evolution]

4

100 years of science tells us that a healthy brain and
healthy mind depends on adequate food
and love in childhood.
Thus nurturing and expanding, rather than
starving and blighting, is the moral requirement
for the feeding of brain and mind,
which must be our goal.
[evolution of the brain]

5

Mind is the precious gift of life to be nurtured, enlightened,
and celebrated, rather than orphaned at birth and
thereafter degraded and exploited.
[psychological evolution]

6

Culture is *the most precious gift of evolution*,
to be cherished and nurtured in the wonder of its diversity,
rather than seized, shucked and twisted to serve low ends.
[cultural evolution]

7

Over thousands of years freedom and equality have been
and will remain the most precious goals for evolution,
rather than just words to be used by power-mad
deceivers to sell control and inequality.
[social evolution]

8

Three hundred years of capitalism and two hundred years
of communism have shown us that a fair, peaceful, and
practical distribution of Earth's bounty requires
a balance of public and private governance,
rather than the breeding of misery, war, and
corruption with a shift in overwhelming
power to one or the other.
[economic evolution]

9

Democracy,
rather than the sham of the oligarchy of
wealth, the creep by stealth toward
fascism, or the prison of
any other form of tyranny, is a moral requirement,
and must be our goal.
[political evolution]

10

Education for all,
rather than the fact of good schools for some
and bad schools or no schools for all
others, is a moral requirement,
which must be our goal.
[educational evolution]

11

Develop technologies to strengthen and expand the voices
of caring and reason and the abundance of life,
rather than technologies that ever more
powerfully threaten to, and indeed then
are driven to, launch and kill life
[technological evolution]

12

Differently stated but the same for all, the message
of thousands of studies of progressive science is exactly
the same as for thousands of years for progressive religion:
Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you—rather than
do it unto others before they can do it unto you.
[moral evolution]

13

Affirm our identity but also our responsibility in tandem
with a greater being, a greater reality, or a greater
mission, rather than fool yourself by claiming
some one and only holy being, idea, or cause
for your own low ends.
[spiritual evolution]

14

The most precious gift of evolution is consciousness.
Love, nurture, and expand it, rather than
automatically seek to narrow, blunt,
or otherwise slap it into shape
and seize the pitiful remnant
for your own low ends.
[evolution of consciousness]

15

For over 100,000 years the choice before our species
has been unchanging. Either join those who take action
on behalf of the better world, or fall back in shame or ignorance
with those willing to sell out to the highest bidder and
join the march to extinction.
[evolution of action]

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