

Towards a Global Ethic (An Initial Declaration)

Twenty-five years ago, the Parliament of the World's Religions offered the world an expression of the ethical commitments held in common by the religious, spiritual, and cultural tradition—the "Global Ethic". More than a hundred scholars and religious leaders from the world's many traditions and regions were consulted. The result: 4 ethical directives. In 2018, the Parliament reached out to scholars and religious leaders again and, with their help, expanded the "Global Ethic." It now includes these 5 directives:

A commitment to a culture of

1. **non-violence and respect for life**
2. **solidarity and a just economic order**
3. **tolerance and a life of truthfulness**
4. **equal rights and partnership between men and women**
5. **sustainability and care for the Earth** (see reverse side for the text of this directive)

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