

The golden rule- one  
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In his essay. " The Golden Rule- One or Many. Gold or Glitter? " Jeffrey Wattles discusses the many clove pinks of the cosmopolitan regulation. " Do to others as you want others to make to you" . and its influence on the manner we live. This widespread advice from the Gods found in about every faith is under examination ; " Is the regulation aureate? In other words. is it worthy to be cherished as a regulation of life or even as the regulation of life? " ( Inquiry. P # 237. paragraph 10 )

As Wattles examines it farther. he comes to the decision that while the Golden Rule is good guideline. it is no regulation to populate by. He grounds that while the Golden Rule's wisdom might be helpful. to populate entirely by it is folly. as the reply to life can non be formulated in a mere regulation. aureate or non. Rather. to see this regulation found in so many civilizations as a jumping off point and elaborate or simplify as the specific state of affairs requires. I was intrigued by his mentality on such a fundamental regulation that I have ne'er thought twice approximately. While good advice. I would hold to hold that as a regulation or as the regulation. it doesn't keep up.

I think that a regulation is ever fallible when it comes to moralss and you're better off on your single sense of right and incorrect. " Some authors have put the regulation on a base. giving the feeling that the regulation is sufficient for moralss in the sense that no 1 could of all time travel incorrect by adhering to it or in the sense that all responsibilities may be inferred from it. " ( Inquiry. P # 237. paragraph 12 )

Wattles goes on to postulate that while you may desire something for yourself. that does non intend person else would hold. So in making unto

other as you would hold them make unto you. there is room for mistake. “  
The aureate regulation may besides look to connote that what we want for  
ourselves is good for ourselves and that what is good for ourselves is good  
for others. ” ( Inquiry. P # 238. paragraph 16 ) Not merely could what we  
want for ourselves non be good. but presuming that other wants the same is  
unwise and slightly egoistic.

In concluded his scrutiny of the aureate regulation Wattles offers us several  
ways to see the regulation. “ Abandon the regulation. redevelop it. or retain  
is as normally worded. while taking advantage of expostulations to clear up  
its proper reading. I take the 3rd way” ( Inquiry. P # 240. paragraph 24 ) And  
I would hold to hold with him.