

The Daily Church Epistle

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The Golden Rule is far older than Christianity and probably older than all the Abrahamic religions. It has endured because it makes sense. Christians preach it because we believe God created all people and they are all our neighbors.

I believe it is often given lip service but too often ignored at a time when it is sorely needed. I am old enough to remember when neighbors had heated arguments about anything and everything but were always there for each other in a time of need. We didn't have social media to tell us what we should believe and threaten us with loss of job promotion, loss of job, loss of friends and even loss of family through divorce or separation. Unfortunately, I am aware of the problems but don't know how to lessen them much less how to solve them.

I believe Science has too often been replaced by pseudo science. Science starts with a hypothesis, collects data in an attempt to disprove it. If is not disproven it is accepted. Pseudo Science starts with the desired conclusion and searches for data which supports the conclusion and accepts it. Climate change caused by an increase in carbon dioxide (CO₂) is an example of pseudo science. It started as global warming but recorded several years of global cooling and changed the name to climate change, which meant they were right either way. My question is how is that possible?? That labels me as a climate change denier?? It is a rare individual indeed who doesn't realize that climate does indeed change. I believe God created the earth and that climate went through many changes before fossil fuels were a significant part of our culture. We should probably study ways to live with warming or cooling.

You will notice that almost all the things I have said are my opinions and not necessarily facts. Further, I respect all persons having differing opinions. I have changed some of my opinions through the years and will probably change more if I live long enough.

I hope and pray that we can return to the ways neighbors of my childhood could disagree and still be friends. That seems to me to be the essence of The Golden Rule. I congratulate the clergy and laity of our area churches in promoting it. It is a glimmer of positivity in a world that often seems to value conformity more than truth.

We can't rely on politicians, government, special interest groups, the media or social media to lead us to follow the Golden Rule. They can help but it is really up to us as individuals with God's encouragement to improve our little part of the world by actions as well as words. We should talk with God through prayer.

May God bless all of us.

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