



## EDITORIAL

In this issue of *Bridges* we are delighted to launch the Australian version of **The Golden Rule Poster**. The North American version published by Scarborough Missions, a Catholic Missionary Society like the Columbans, is deservedly very popular.

I met the author of *The Golden Rule Poster*, Paul McKenna, at the *Parliament of the World's Religions* in Melbourne in December 2009 and asked his permission to publish an Australian version. I insisted that it must have an Aboriginal voice and that the symbols of the religions conform to those in the education syllabus. Paul readily agreed.

Consultations with Aboriginal elders near and far gradually led to consensus on an appropriate Aboriginal symbol and text. I thank Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr for allowing us to adapt a phrase from her inspirational text *Dadirri* (p. 4).

Because the *Golden Rule* is found in religions and cultures across the world, it is both authoritative and a common point of reference for all people. Since it promotes interreligious relations based on mutuality, respect and harmony, it is ideal for building relations across religious, cultural and ethnic divides. This is precisely what we do in the *Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations*. *The Golden Rule Poster* extends this vision to include thirteen different religions.

*The Golden Rule Poster* can be used in schools, homes, offices, congregations and workplaces to promote positive relations in multi-cultural, multi-religious Australia. I invite you to help us promote this vision of a harmonious society based on the *Golden Rule* by copying and distributing the enclosed Order Form.

We present our usual *News from the Centre* (p. 2) and *News from around the World* (p.3). However, the feature articles focus on the how the *Golden Rule* works in practice (pp. 4-7).

We acknowledge Australia's first peoples by giving them first place, summarising and referencing Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr's *Dadirri*. She highlights the importance of deep listening, which is the ground of all dialogue (p. 4).

We present Sohaib Saeed's *The Golden Rule: An Islamic-Dialogic Perspective* (p. 4). This Muslim scholar's account confirms the *Golden Rule* in Islam by referencing the Quran and the Sunnah, which for Muslims are the highest authority and best exemplar of human behaviour respectively.

The profoundly moving story of Jo Berry's reconciliation with Patrick McGee, the man responsible for the 1984 Brighton bombing which killed her father, witnesses to the challenge and the power of the *Golden Rule* (p. 5). Her forgiveness of Patrick Magee and their improbable friendship is rooted in her commitment to understand why he had done what cost her so dearly.

Similarly, there is the amazing story of Bassam Aramin and

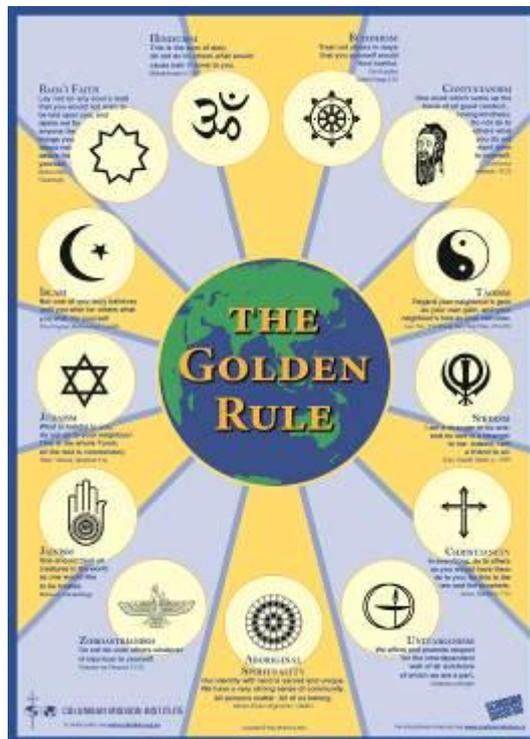
Rami Elhanan, a Palestinian and an Israeli, whose daughters were killed in the conflict (p. 5). Against all odds, they refuse retaliation, seek to understand the other, so go from being enemies to brothers, further witnesses to the transforming power of the *Golden Rule*.

Finally, the *Golden Rule* informs the church's teaching and practice of dialogue, new and old, shown by reflections from various sources (p. 6-7).

To purchase your copy of *The Golden Rule Poster* use the enclosed Order Form or go to [www.columban.org.au/thegoldenrule](http://www.columban.org.au/thegoldenrule).

With *Eid al-Adha* celebrated last month and Christmas to be celebrated next month, I take this opportunity to wish all our readers, both Muslim and Christian, عيد مبارك, *Happy Feast Day!*

Patrick J. McInerney, Editor



## Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy

On 28 August **Fr Patrick McInerney** was one of the guests invited to address the Juvenile Justice Chaplains Annual Conference on pastoral care for Muslims in detention. He invited **Imam Haisam Farache** to give a Muslim perspective. The Chaplains appreciated the openness and honesty of the joint presentation while the guests acknowledged the great pastoral work the chaplains do in caring for those in detention.

## Social Justice Day

Every year the Broken Bay Diocese holds a Social Justice Day for secondary schools. On 5 September **Fr Patrick McInerney** and **Mr Yusuf Ziya Sahin** from Affinity Intercultural Foundation presented a workshop entitled ““Christians and Muslims: Neighbours and Friends”. Based on similarities and differences on the Five Pillars of Islam, they challenged the students not to succumb to negative stereotypes but to build better mutual relations based on accurate information of the other.

## St Brigid’s Catholic Parish, Marrickville

The parish *Ecumenical & Interfaith Committee* invited **Mr Levent Gunyadin**, a member of the Gallipoli Mosque, to address them on 20 October, with **Fr Patrick McInerney** as a respondent. There was a lively question and answer session after each speaker. The Muslim speaker presented a concise summary of the five pillars and basic tenets of Islam, which served as a platform for Fr Patrick to highlight the many things Christians and Muslims hold in common, the points on which we differ, all the while being able to respect each other. The interaction between the speakers and the depth of content of the sharing was much appreciated by the audience, with questions and conversations continuing over refreshments.

## Harmony Walk, Coogee

**Fr Patrick McInerney** was among the hundreds of people who participated in the inaugural *Harmony Walk* held at Coogee on Sunday 21 October. The event was organized by the *Moving Forward Together Association*. Australians from different ethnic, national and religious backgrounds walked together in a strong statement in support of fairness and harmony, a practical demonstration of unity among difference. Speeches and cultural items provided inspiration and entertainment. The location of Coogee Beach provided added poignancy to the occasion, with the memorial to those who died in the Bali bombings visible on Dolphin Point, with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 12 October still fresh in everyone’s minds.

## Interfaith Peace Service

21 September is the United Nations *International Day of Peace*. The Uniting Church in Lindfield again hosted the annual interfaith prayer service. **Fr Patrick McInerney** was among the attendees for this special occasion. Guests from over a dozen different religions presented sacred texts and prayers for peace, interspersed with musical items performed by local school students. The guest speaker was **Fr Claude Mostowik msc**.

The following evening **Fr Patrick McInerney** participated in another interfaith prayer service to mark the International Day of Peace at the Baha’i House of Worship, Ingleside. Representatives of the Baha’i community, Uniting Church, Hindu Council, Buddhist Council, Catholic community, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Islamic community, Zoroastrian community read from their sacred scriptures.

For the occasion Fr Patrick read the Beatitudes: “*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God.*” The solemn silence of the sacred space, interspersed with scripture readings and hymns by the Baha’i choir, made for a very moving ceremony. After the service the congregation enjoyed the hospitality of the host Baha’i community.

## Columban General Assembly

**Fr. Brian Vale** attended the General Assembly of St Columbans Mission Society in Los Angeles from 26 August until 21 September. In a preamble to recommendations for the Society’s involvement in interfaith dialogue the Assembly document states:

“Dialogue of life and action, as well as theological reflection, especially with the poor and in solidarity with our exploited earth, deepens our faith and communion with ourselves and others. At this time of increasing tension and conflict with the world of Islam, we are especially conscious of the urgent need for greater understanding, respect and harmony between Muslims and others, if people are to move forward toward universal communion desired by God.”

## *Eid al-Adha* (Feast of Sacrifice)

On the occasion of *Eid al-Adha*, **Fr Patrick McInerney** and **Fr Brian Vale** attend the Eid prayers at Auburn Gallipoli Mosque and Imam Ali Bin Abi Taleb Mosque at Lakemba, as well as visiting Nabi Akram Mosque at Granville. We conveyed greetings to the Muslim community on this special occasion. This gesture of solidarity was much appreciated.

## Attack on Malala Yousufzai in Pakistan

The shooting of Malala Yousufzai by the Taliban brought strong condemnations for its violence and for being a violation of fundamental Islamic principles. Questions have been asked about the Pakistani government's lack of security for someone like Malala (after awarding her the National Peace Prize) and the failure of its law enforcement and security agencies to capture terrorists. Below is an excerpt from FS Aijazuddin's *The Indispensable Half*.

"It says much for the Taliban that they should have used the only weapon they know—a gun—against an unarmed fifteen year-old schoolgirl whose only defence against them was her brain. The two cowards who shot Malala Yousufzai may have succeeded in disabling her for the time being; they have certainly crippled their own cause forever.... Malala's victimization will, as long as human memory holds, be regarded as a symbol of the cause of female empowerment through education."

The author then refers to the verses of *Sura Al Nahl* "that castigated those fathers who, on siring a daughter, agonized over whether to 'keep her with disgrace or bury her alive in the dust?' When those verses were revealed, the issue was whether girls should be permitted the divine gift of life or not. The issue in this century is whether girls are to be allowed the equally divine gift of knowledge. It does not require another revelation to remind us that women are not a subspecies of the human race. They are half the reason, the indispensable half, why there is a human race at all..."

For full article see: <http://bit.ly/XrILW3>

For the role of women in Islam see "*Malala Yousufzai and the other half of Muslim history*" <http://bit.ly/XbM2d0>

For the egalitarianism of Islam see "*A Feminist Reading of the Koran*" <http://bit.ly/REJP5E>.

## Australian Muslim Leaders Condemn Violence

A media release from Australian Muslim leaders condemned the violent behaviour by a small group of Muslims on the streets of Sydney on 15 September: "Although we understand that many in the world are deeply offended by the release of the offensive film, we call upon the community to react in a manner that exemplifies the noble character of the Prophet Muhammad and the spirit of Islam by exercising wisdom and patience."

For statement & signatories see: <http://bit.ly/Pimzu1>

## Dialogue Opens "World of Opportunity"

After the Synod on New Evangelisation, Cardinal Pell commented on Christian-Muslim Relations: "I was very pleased also to see in the first level of the propositions that came up that the European bishops were addressing the long term possibilities and challenges of a significant Islamic presence. I mean we are both monotheists and in many areas of morality we share common teachings and, in the very long run, it's possible to see some sort of alliance against the destructive secularism."

"Even though Muslims don't seem to believe in the separation of Religion and State, Church and State, I think we might have something to learn from them against those people who would want to completely remove religious influence from public life and public discourse. And I think we can usefully talk to them about the nature of religious liberty, about the right of people to follow their consciences and convert into and out of Christianity and Islam. I think there's a world of opportunities for us."

For full interview see <http://bit.ly/P4LYdc>

## Food Unites Jews and Arabs

David Amitai writes about a group of Arab and Jewish women from neighbouring towns near Haifa, Israel, who each week come together in a different woman's home to cook. One of many projects initiated by the Givat Haviva Education Center, Cooking for Peace, is part of its new holistic model for peace education called Shared Communities.

See *Common Ground News*: <http://bit.ly/P84S2L>

## Christian-Muslim Pact of Citizenship

Tarek Mitri, senior fellow at the American University of Beirut, former Lebanese cabinet minister and staff member of the World Council of Churches (WCC) inter-religious dialogue and cooperation programme, addressed the WCC Central committee meeting on "*Christians and Changes in the Arab World*". He said: "Quite often, it is not the relationship between the Muslim majority and the Christian minority that was, and is, at stake, but justice, political participation, human rights and national dignity." He went on to say that "the pact of citizenship that was a determining factor in various independence movements is to be re-claimed and enacted in the present longing of Arab peoples for freedom, dignity and democracy."

For full text see: <http://bit.ly/P3BHxH>

## THE GOLDEN RULE AND DADIRRI

***Our identity with land is sacred and unique. We have a very strong sense of community. All persons matter. All of us belong.***



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These words express the deep sense of relatedness among people, animals and the natural environment which shapes Aboriginal Spirituality. It invites us to see all things as connected, that harm to one harms all, just as benefit to one benefits all. In the context of the present ecological crisis and of tensions between races, cultures and religions in societies around the world, this ancient indigenous wisdom of an all-encompassing inclusivity is a very relevant expression of the *Golden Rule*.

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, artist, tribal elder, and Daly River School Principal, expounds on this theme, highlighting a special quality of her people, an inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness called “Dadirri.” Listening to sacred stories and passing on stories is one of the wells of inner life which nurtures this gift.

Miriam-Rose believes that this unique gift of her people is something for which Australia is thirsting. An important part of this deep listening is not to hurry but to wait, especially waiting for God. She said: “The contemplative way of *dadirri* spreads over our whole life. It renews us and brings us peace. It makes us feel whole again...”

For full text of *Dadirri* see <http://bit.ly/QWP3qJ>

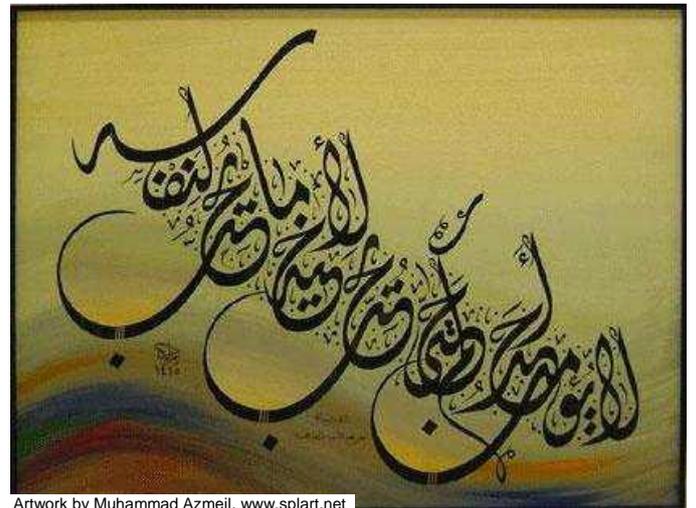
For video see <http://bit.ly/TK2DiJ> (6 min)

## THE GOLDEN RULE AND ISLAM

Sohaib Saeed, a Scottish Muslim writer, translator and occasional Imam, examines the *Golden Rule* from an Islamic perspective.

The most famous expression of the *Golden Rule* from Islamic sources is the saying of the Prophet Muhammad:

***“None of you (truly) believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”***



Artwork by Muhammad Azmeil, www.splart.net

Some claim that “brother” in this context refers only to fellow Muslims, both men and women. However, Saeed argues from Quranic sources for a broader concept of brotherhood based on common ancestry from Adam and Eve, so “brother” refers to humanity in general. Hence the saying is properly understood as “one should love for his brother-human, as well as his brother-Muslim, what he loves for himself.”

Saeed confirms this broad interpretation by quoting other sayings of the Prophet—such as “*Love for people what you love for yourself and you will be a believer*”—which are traditionally interpreted in the most inclusive terms to refer to all people.

Further, taking his cue from things he has objected to in other’s approaches to his own religion, Saeed suggests the value of reversing the *Golden Rule*: “dislike for *yourself* what you dislike for *others*”. He concludes with a personal list of resolutions for approaching other faith traditions and communities, some of which are:

- try to understand other people’s faiths as they understand them
- do not take words out of context
- do not impose your own favoured terminology
- do not use sensationalist language to stir controversy

For full article and full list see: <http://bit.ly/Tg2keZ>

## THE GOLDEN RULE AND FORGIVENESS

The *Golden Rule* may at first glance seem bland, but it can be hugely demanding, as Jo Berry, first cousin of Princess Diana, found out when she challenged herself to discover the humanity of the man who murdered her father.

Sir Anthony Berry MP was killed in the IRA Brighton Bombing during the 1984 Tory Party Conference. Traumatized by her loss, Jo sought understanding from others involved in the conflict. She visited Ireland many times and worked with victims and former combatants from all sides. In November 2000, "willing to look for answers outside the comfort zone of tribal loyalty", she sought and met with Pat Magee, the man responsible for her father's death. It takes great courage to sit down and listen and try to understand the motivations of a person whose actions had such a profound impact on one's life.



Photography by Brian Moody

Pat too was deeply challenged by their meeting. While he could have dealt with anger, he was not prepared for someone to simply listen to him, someone who offered understanding, someone who "offered a process rather than an act". As he says, "Slowing the dialogue down to ensure you hear properly and explain adequately may be the best means of engaging with someone you have hurt." Taking responsibility for his actions, Pat has become actively involved in peace work.

For articles see <http://huff.to/UOW4Bt>,  
<http://bit.ly/fT2y4C> and <http://bit.ly/MXgIJS>

For video clips see: <http://bit.ly/Px2WCp> (7 min)  
and <http://bit.ly/Px319q> (27 min)

## WITHIN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Another profoundly moving story of the astonishing power of the *Golden Rule* to bring about reconciliation between former enemies is told in the recently released film *Within the Eye of the Storm*.

Bassam and Rami, a Palestinian and Israeli, were once dedicated fighters willing to kill and be killed by one another for the sake of their nations. Yet each one of them came face to face with the price of war when their daughters were killed in the conflict. Left with the excruciating pain of bereavement, they chose to do the unexpected. Resisting the urge to retaliate, they set out on a joint journey to humanize the very enemy, which took the dearest thing from them and prevent the vicious cycle of retaliation in themselves and their societies. Along the way they reveal the friendship and humour that keeps them alive. The film follows their two parallel stories and the moments where they converge, both in their personal experiences and peace work as they face their shattered families, confused communities and opposing society. This is a critical junction in both their lives, as their life mission and personal agenda clash and they stand the biggest test to their friendship.

For story of launch see <http://bit.ly/S3pEkE>

For trailer and details see <http://bit.ly/Pxbw46>

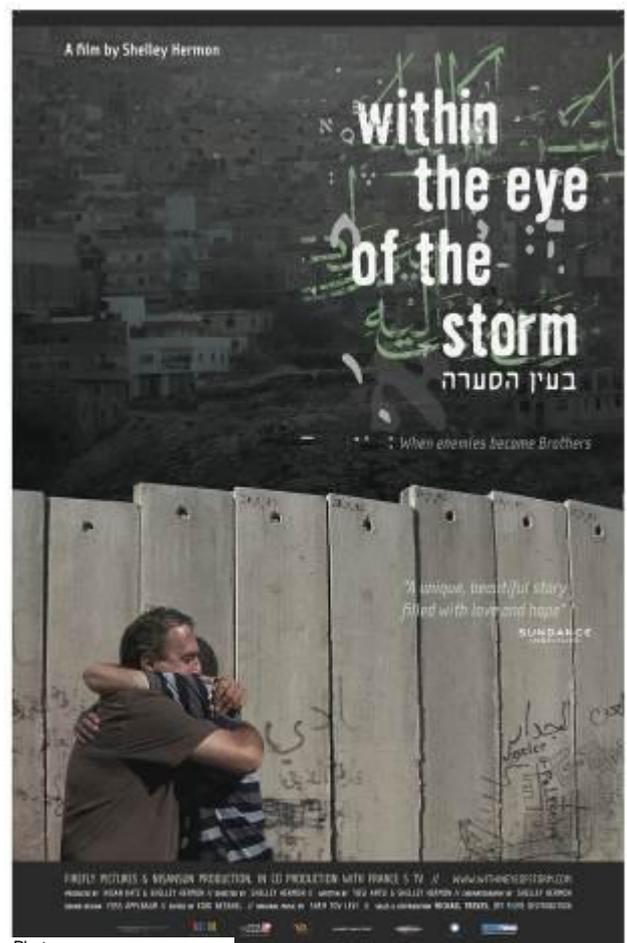
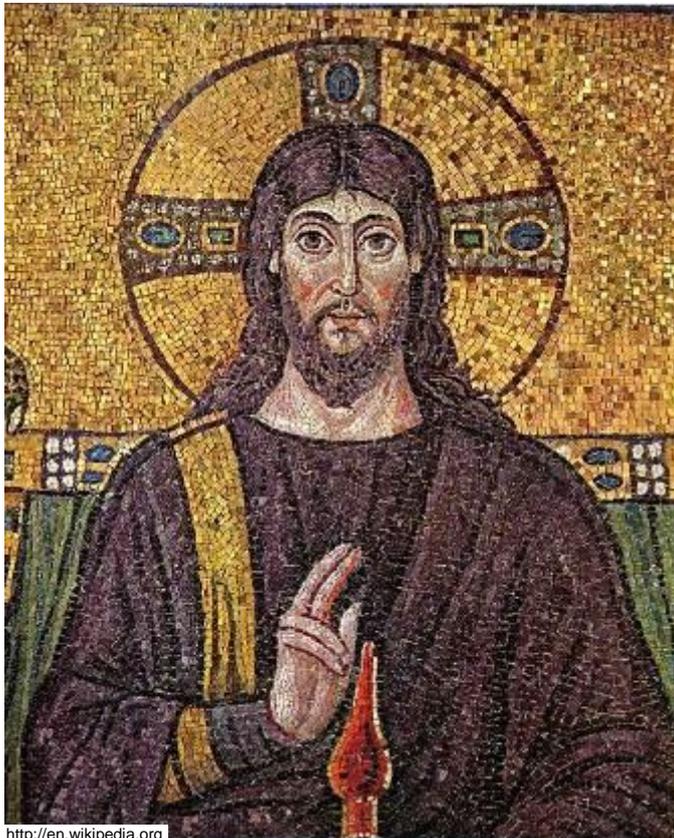


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## DIALOGUE AND *DEI VERBUM*

The *Golden Rule's* principle of mutuality underlies the Vatican II documents. Jesuit theologian James Corkery argues that the account of revelation in *Dei Verbum* is revolutionary. It is not truth propositions about God, but God's self-disclosure. It is an act of dialogue, God revealing God's self to humanity. Corkery argues that this dialogical approach permeated all the documents of the Council.



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He concludes: "The Council's journey from its first, rejected reflections on revelation through to the final text of *Dei Verbum*, approved on 18 November 1965, followed the 'thread' of dialogue, of 'heart speaking to heart' (to recall Newman, to whom Vatican II was said to belong). Thus the dialogical, personalist and experiential character of the relationship between God and humanity described in *Dei Verbum* flavoured the entire Council, and was the model to which all relationships should aspire: Catholics with one another (*Lumen Gentium*), with other Christians (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) and with men and women of other faiths (*Nostra Aetate*). Dialogue was to be the primary pathway, with no-one being coerced in matters that had to do with conscience and faith. To allow this principle of dialogue, which suffused Vatican II in general and its reflections on revelation in particular, to inform all of our relationships would surely be a true sign of our fidelity to the Council, fifty years on."

For full article see: <http://bit.ly/Te8in5>

## COEXISTENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

The *Golden Rule's* principle of mutuality continues to underlie contemporary Catholic teaching on interreligious co-existence. In a ceremony at Harissa, Lebanon, on 14 September, Pope Benedict signed *Ecclesia In Medio Oriente*, the 90-page document on the 2010 special Synod of Bishops dedicated to Christians in the Middle East.



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In a section titled "Interreligious Dialogue" Pope Benedict encouraged Christians to esteem the region's dominant religion, Islam, and lamented "both sides have used doctrinal differences as a pretext for justifying, in the name of religion, acts of intolerance, discrimination, marginalization and even of persecution."

On a more positive note he affirmed that in their long history of living alongside Muslims in the Middle East, Christians have developed a type of relationship in which: "They have let themselves be challenged by Muslim devotion and piety, and have continued, in accordance with their means and to the extent possible, to live by and to promote the values of the Gospel in the surrounding culture. The result has been a particular form of symbiosis. It is proper, then, to acknowledge the contribution made by Jews, Christians and Muslims in the formation of a rich culture proper to the Middle East."

For full text see: <http://bit.ly/R25FDC>

In a speech to young Christians and Muslims on the following day Pope Benedict returned to the theme of Christian-Muslim co-existence: "It is vital that the Middle East in general, looking at you, should understand that Muslims and Christians, Islam and Christianity, can live side by side without hatred, with respect for the beliefs of each person, so as to build together a free and humane society."

For full text see: <http://bit.ly/R25FDC>

## REMEMBERING VATICAN II

The *Golden Rule's* principle of mutuality underpins dialogue, which was a defining word of the Catholic Church's Second Vatican Council. At Pope John XXIII's insistence, the Council was the church coming to terms with the modern world, while being a faithful follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on in the church's tradition. Thus the Council opened up dialogue within the Church, with Protestants, with other religions and with the world.

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Council, Margaret Coffey, host of ABC Radio's *Encounter* programme, interviewed several scholars at *Australian Catholic University*, including Rev Francis Clooney, Harvard's Professor of Comparative Theology, Rev Francis Moloney, Dr Gemma Cruz, Dr Edmund Chia, Dr Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegheer and Dr Chris Hackett. Here are some of the insights that emerged in their wide-ranging conversation.



The word "dialogue" entered the Church's teaching for the first time with Pope Paul VI's *Ecclesiam Suam* and was used in the Vatican II documents 53 times. It echoes Martin Buber's I-Thou philosophy which emphasizes mutuality, openness and presence.

Dialogue cannot be demanded, commanded, insisted upon – one cannot be ordered to respond. The important thing is that dialogue is a free and open-ended process between equal partners.

Through dialogue we come to understand the other; affirm or correct our preconceptions to arrive at a new understanding of ourselves; and in the process we are transformed into a communion in which neither remains what they were before but both become something new.

Jesus Christ lived a profoundly dialogical life. His way of talking, preaching and teaching, especially his parables, reveal a way of engaging with people in ways that transformed those he encountered.

For full transcript see: <http://bit.ly/RkNdTY>

For audio clip see: <http://bit.ly/PrZb11>

## Muslim Women's Rights

Gender relations are another very important area where the mutuality principle of the *Golden Rule* needs to be applied.



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Sheherazade Jafari, in an article in *Common Ground News*, asserts that it is often assumed that Muslim women need to be rescued from an inherently misogynistic religion and that only a secular liberal human rights framework can bring gender equality and assure women's rights.

Contrary to this popular perception, Muslim women activists "are already claiming their rights through strategic local and transnational organizing, knowledge-building and advocacy. A far cry from the passive actors of both the religious fundamentalist and traditional Western imagination, their rights are not defined by violent and misogynistic interpretations, but from a religion that serves as an important source of empowerment, purpose and dignity in the lives of millions of women and men."

"It has never been more crucial to pay attention to, learn from and support Muslim women's transnational efforts against rising extremism and religiously based violence. But how?"

"The organisation *Musawah*, which means equality in Arabic, defines itself as 'a global movement of women and men who believe equality and justice in the Muslim family are necessary and possible'. Led by a network of Muslim women 'who seek to publicly reclaim Islam's spirit of justice for all', *Musawah* works with both religious and secular actors to integrate Islamic teachings, universal human rights and national constitutional guarantees of equality with women and men's lived realities. They are forging bridges across the so-called religious-secular divide, demonstrating the many shared goals and room for collaboration among Muslim, non-Muslim, religious and secular human rights advocates."

For full text see: <http://bit.ly/UmCZV1>

**WHAT'S COMING UP**

- 11 November – **Armistice Day**
- 15 November – **Hijrah** (Muslim New Year)
- 16 November – **International Day of Tolerance** (UN)
- 24 November – **Ashura** (Muslim) Anniversary of Martyrdom of Imam Hussein at Kerbala (Shi'a)
- 25 November – **Christ the King** (Christian)
- 25 November - **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** (UN)
- 8 December – **Immaculate Conception of Mary** (Catholic Christian)
- 25 December – **Christmas** (Western Christian) Birth of Jesus Christ
- 1 January – **Mary, Mother of God** (Catholic Christian)
- 7 January – **Feast of the Nativity** (Orthodox Christian) Birth of Jesus Christ
- 24 January – **Mawlid al-Nabi** (Muslim) Birth of the Prophet Muhammad
- 1-7 February – **World Interfaith Harmony Week** (UN)
- 10 February – **Chinese New Year**
- 13 February – **Ash Wednesday**, Start of Lent (Western Christian)
- 18 March – **Clean Monday**, Lent begins (Orthodox Christian)
- 25 March – **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin** (Christian)
- 29 March – **Good Friday** (Western Christian) Anniversary of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- 31 March – **Easter** (Western Christian) Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- 5 May – **Easter** (Orthodox Christian) Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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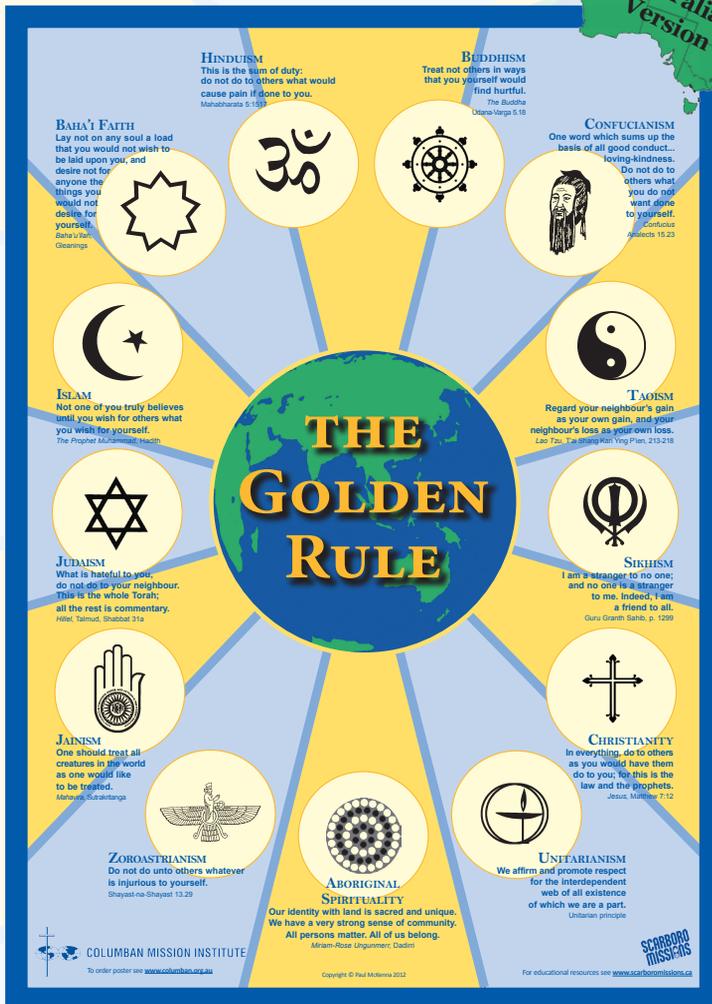
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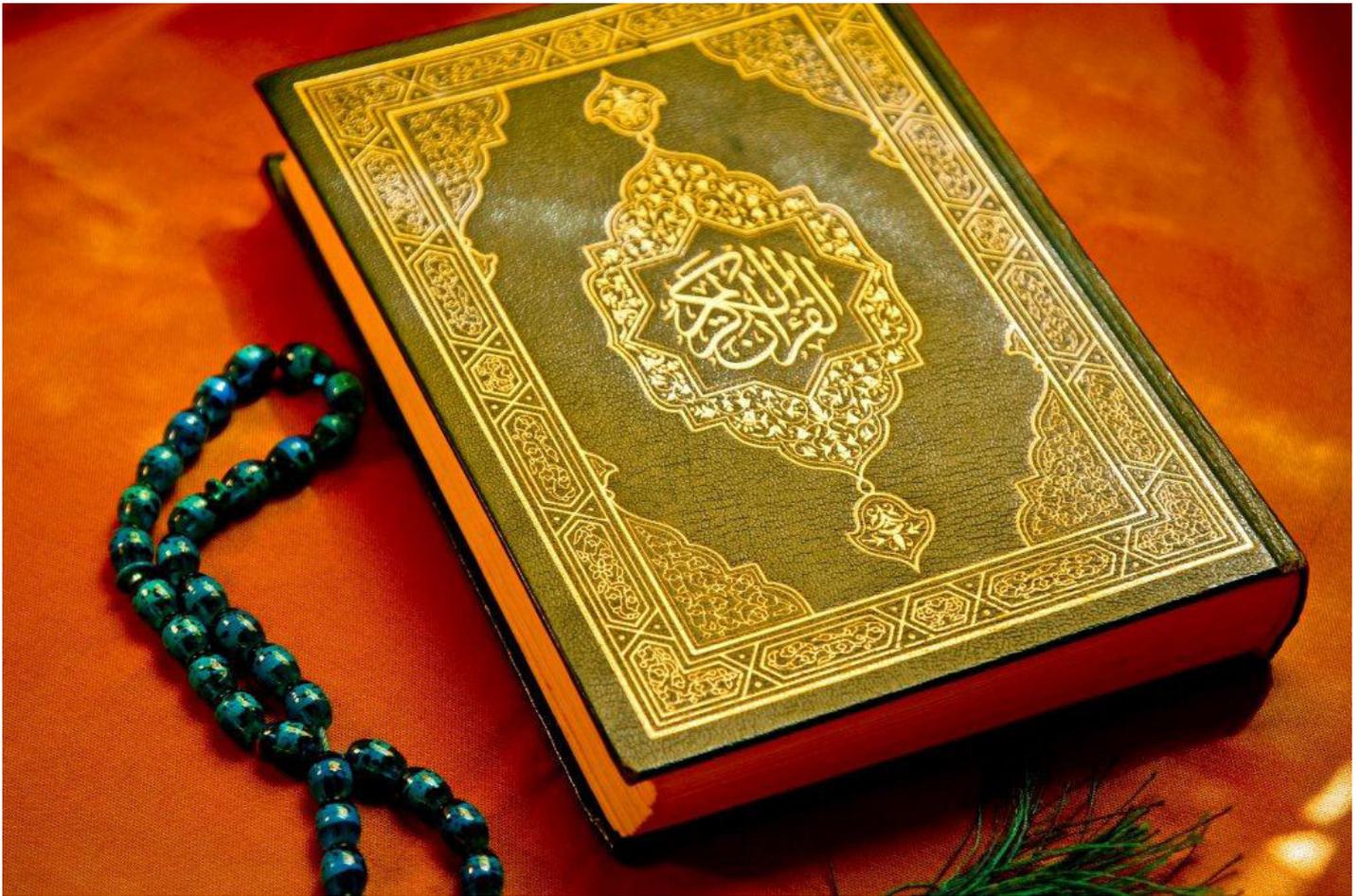
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