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Unit-2(1) Cardinal Virtues

9.Sarva Dharma Sambhava

Just as men have different names and faces, these religions also are different. But just as men are all human in spite of their different names and forms, just as leaves of a tree though different as leaves are the same as the leaves of the same tree, all religions though different are the same. We must treat all religion as equal.

-Harijanbandhu, July 22, 1934

This is a very important virtue in a multi-religious country like India. One has a natural respect for one's own religion. But that respect need not lead one into disrespect for other religions. All religions help their adherents to proceed towards an ideal life. All religions have had devotees who realised God in their own way. And yet no religion is perfect. Quest of truth being the moving spirit behind all religions, they are always subject to a process of evolution and re-interpretation. So one should never consider one's own religion to be the only perfect

religion. On this ground, Gandhiji was against conversion unless it was desired by some one through conviction. All should study first one's own religion and then as many others as possible and appreciate the good points of all of them

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