

## A Common Word: Readings from Quran and Scripture

From Hebrew Scripture – The Sh'ma.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all our might.”

Leviticus 19:18 “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

From Christian Scripture

Matthew 22: “Jesus answered, “the first is, ‘Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lofe your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this. ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other greater commandment than these.”

From the Quran Love of God

“Say: O People of the Scripture! Come to a common word between us and you: that we shall worship none but God, and that we shall ascribe no partner unto Him, and that none of us shall take others for lords beside God. And if they turn away, then say: Bear witness that we are they who have surrendered (unto Him).” (Aal ‘Imran 3:64)

Love of Neighbor

It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces to the East and the West; but righteous is he who believeth in God and the Last Day and the angels and the Scripture and the prophets; and giveth wealth, for love of Him, to kinsfolk and to orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, and to those who ask, and who set slaves free.