

Ten Life Principles



1. Principle of Reasonable Public Corroboration

- If something is arbitrarily asserted, it can also be arbitrarily denied.

2. Principle of Non-Contradiction

- Something cannot be both X and NOT-X in the same place at the same time.

3. Principle of Most Complete Explanation

- The best explanation is the one which accounts for the most data. (Whatever explanation explains the most is the winner.)

4. Principle of Equity (the Silver Rule)

- Do NOT do unto others what you would NOT have them do unto you. (First, do no harm.)

5. Principle of Ends and Means (the End Does Not Justify the Means)

- You cannot use evil methods to achieve a good result.

- **Lesser of two evils** – When it is unavoidable, choose a lesser evil to avoid a greater evil.
- **Principle of double effect** – When an action has both a good effect and a bad effect, the action is permissible only if it is not wrong in itself, you don't intend the evil result, the good result is not directly caused by the bad result, and the bad result is not disproportionate to the good result.

6. Principle of Fullest Human Potential

- You cannot judge the ontological worth of an individual or a group on the basis of the development they have achieved. You can only judge their ontological worth on the basis of what they are *capable* of achieving.

7. Principle of Human Rights

- Every human being has fundamental rights which are theirs by nature, and which are not dependent on any outside source for validation. These rights cannot be removed.

8. Principle of Necessity for the Resolution of a Rights Conflicts

- Whichever right is necessary for the very possibility of another right's existence is the more fundamental right. It should take priority in any conflict of rights.

9. Principle of Rights vs. Duties

- The establishment of new rights for some people is illegitimate if they become burdensome duties for other people. (One person's rights cannot become another person's duty.)

10. Principle of Reciprocity (The Golden Rule)

- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Maximize the good.)

