

We get out of study what we put into it. If we employ disciplined, diligent thought, our understanding deepens. If we relax, "coast" or are lazy in our efforts, confusion results.

**4. Live and Let Live** Generally, our American culture is extremely tolerant. Individualism and freedom often spawn a broad-mindedness bordering on permissiveness. We don't bother people if they don't bother us. We must realize however, that in most parts of the world, animosities and hatreds, cultivated over the centuries, still influence religious/political activities.

**5. The Golden Rule** "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" is a cultural norm.

We believe that if we treat people decently, they will do the same to us in return. For a variety of factors, some religious factions ignore this concept.



For many, the term religion often connotes concepts of love, harmony, and peace. In some parts of the world, this is not the case. Restraint becomes a good habit to acquire.

**6. Forgive and Forget** As evidenced in the Marshall Plan after WW II, the rebuilding of Panama after Operation Just Cause, and steps taken to normalize relations with the Republic of North Vietnam, Americans tend to forgive past antagonisms once hostilities cease. As seen in Bosnia and Chechnya today however, this forgive/forget trait is not embraced by all nations and ethnic groups.



## IV. Helpful Values

The following values assist in fostering good relations between U.S. military personnel and practitioners of the East Asian religions.



**1. Respect** Demonstrating civility is a helpful attribute when treating other religions. Consideration for others, fair exposition of their views, an "external and internal politeness" contribute to understanding.

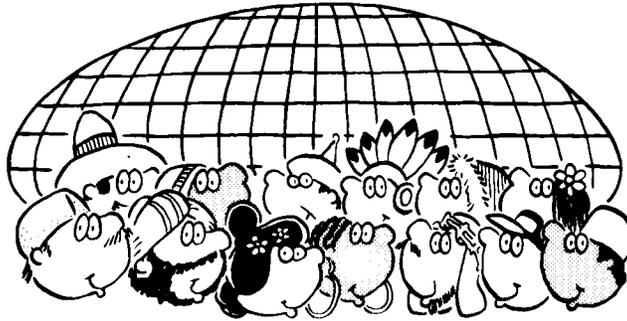
Agreement is not the issue. Rather, we can agree to disagree, being open, honest, and unafraid concerning our differences. When we focus on understanding of one another, seeking to build relationships and break down hostile walls, then the risk for harm is low.

Writes theologian Richard Mouw, *"To be civil [is] to care about the larger society. It [requires] a heartfelt commitment to your fellow citizens.*

*It [is] a willingness to promote the well-being of people who [are] very different, including people who seriously [disagree] with you on important matters."* (Uncommon Decency, pp. 12-13.)

**2. Humility** Observable reverence for others promotes respect and genuine friendliness. To quote Dr. Mouw, *"[A]rrogant self-righteousness must have no place in our hearts. It's one thing to believe that God's revelation is the only sure and certain guide for our journey; it's another thing to act as if we ourselves possessed a sure and certain grasp of all the complexities of revealed truth."* (Uncommon Decency, p. 166).

**3. Care** To demonstrate compassion and care involves seeing people as people. We can treat others as people, just as we are, with virtues and follies, insights and limitations which give meaning to the human condition. We can demonstrate courtesy not because we know others, but simply because we see others as human beings like ourselves.



As Charles Kimball writes, moving beyond...

*"the distorting veil of stereotypical images and numbing prejudices [to] approach one another as human beings who care about families and societies" opens "options for better relations and cooperative ventures" between us. (Striving Together, p. 120.)*



"Work as a team."

## Vocabulary List: U.S. Relations--East Asian Cultures

**Albright, Madeleine K.** United States' Secretary of State

**APEC** Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Group

**ASEAN** (AH she uhn) Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
formed in 1967

**Asia Challenge** Unwritten policy of emphasizing the  
distinctives, differences, unifying Confucian heritage and  
superiority of Asian culture to that of the West.

**MFN** Most Favored Nation.

## Review Quiz: U.S. Relations--East Asian Cultures



**Part 1--Multiple Choice** Place the letter of the most correct response in the space provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Consideration of others, fair exposition of their views and politeness focusing on understanding describe the helpful value of \_\_\_\_\_, the practice of which promotes good relations between U.S. military personnel and practitioners of East Asian religions.

- a. respect
- b. confrontation
- c. personal resolve

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Humility, an \_\_\_\_\_, promotes respect and genuine friendliness.

- a. observable, being treated as a doormat trait
- b. observable reverence for others
- c. observable sign of weakness and disdain

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Author Charles Kimball writes that when we approach one another as human beings who care about families and societies, we open options for \_\_\_\_\_ between separated peoples.

- a. better relations
- b. deceptive stereotypes
- c. greater animosities

4. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse their religion to justify the violence they commit.

- a. Moderates
- b. Extremists
- c. Pacifists

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Stereotyping, \_\_\_\_\_ and threat-producing rhetoric often lead to anti-Islamic hysteria.
- a. scapegoating (blaming all Muslims for the mistakes or crimes of some)
  - b. dialoguing (interchanging and discussing ideas/differences)
  - c. educating
6. \_\_\_\_\_ "The Sword of Islam," and "the Islamic Bomb" are examples of
- a. media headlines which distort perspectives of total Muslim faith and practice.
  - b. greater jihad.
  - c. unbiased thinking and objective reporting.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ According to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, what percentage of our foreign trade is done within the Asian-Pacific region?
- a. 20%
  - b. 40%
  - c. 70%
8. \_\_\_\_\_ What term best describes U.S. foreign policy towards China?
- a. isolation
  - b. engagement
  - c. linkage
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Western analysts are closely watching China's treatment of
- a. Macau and Hainan.
  - b. Hong Kong and Taiwan.
  - c. Hunan and Jilin.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ What best describes ASEAN-US relations?
- a. Establishing a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality
  - b. Binding security arrangements
  - c. Confidence-building measures
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## Part 2--Matching

The following are concepts which may inhibit American perspectives on East Asian culture/religion. Place the letter of the correct response in the blank provided.



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| 1. _____ Muddled thinking hesitancy   | A. For those who take their faith seriously, there can be a  |
| 2. _____ Golden Rule  | to study other religions.  |
| 3. _____ Forgive and forget   | B. "Genuine awareness of religious diversity coupled with the recognition that each of us occupies only one place on a rather large spectrum...is unsettling."       |
| 4. _____ Threat   |  |
| 5. _____ Personal faith   | C. Looking at other belief systems, though rewarding and often hard, relax, our  |
| 6. _____ Live and let live fulfilling, is difficult work. If we coast and are fitful in efforts, confusion results. |  |
| Individualism spawn a broad-on  | D. Generally, our American culture is extremely tolerant. and freedom often mindedness bordering permissiveness.   |
| cultural we treat do the some parts the case.   | E. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" is a norm. We believe that if people decently, they will same to us in return. In of the world, this is not |
| Panama steps  | F. As evidenced in the Marshall Plan after WW II, the rebuilding of after Operation Just Cause, and taken to normalize relations                                     |

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**Part 3--True/False** Place a T or an F in the blank provided.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ China is the sixth largest trading partner with the U.S., with the majority of her exports flowing through Hong Kong.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Since the end of the Cold War, defense spending has declined dramatically in Asian countries.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Eight of the world's ten largest armies are located in the Asian-Pacific region.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Responsible estimates project by A.D. 2050, over eleven percent of the American population will be of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The "Asian Challenge" emphasizes the superiority of Asian culture to that of the West.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. interests and foreign policy in the Asian-Pacific region is multi-dimensional and reinforcing. It cannot be reduced to separate, "stand alone" issues.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ According to the Department of Army Strategic Assessment, dealing with the countries of the former Soviet Union is the most compelling of the many complex challenges facing the U.S. and its allies.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. foreign policy with China encourages exchanges with Chinese counterparts at all levels--from diplomatic to educational to tourist.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of State Albright expects great changes within Chinese politics following the death of Deng Xiao Ping.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Human rights remains a "signature element" in American foreign policy with China.



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(General John A. Wickham, Jr.)