



This painting by Norman Rockwell, entitled “The Golden Rule,” illustrated the cover of the Saturday Evening Post magazine in 1961. A large mosaic version was presented to the UN in 1985 as a gift on behalf of the United States by then First Lady Nancy Reagan. Norman Rockwell (February 3, 1894 – November 8, 1978) was a widely popular American painter and illustrator whose depictions of our country’s culture and values graced the covers of the Saturday Evening Post for nearly five decades.

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A foundational principle of civilization, The Golden Rule appears a number of times in the Christian bible, as well as in the writings of the great Jewish scholars Hillel (1st Century BCE) and Philo of Alexandria (1st Centuries BCE and CE); in the Analects of Confucius (6th and 5th Centuries BCE); and in one form or another in the writings of Plato, Aristotle, Isocrates, and Seneca.