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"Whoever praises his own religion, due to excessive devotion, and condemns others with the thought "Let me glorify my own religion," only harms his own religion. Therefore contact (between religions) is good. One should listen to and respect the doctrines professed by others."

Emperor Ashoka



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- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

Will County to spend \$1 million on new mobile emergency command center (Illinois)
<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/7138999-418/will-county-to-spend-1-million-on-new-mobile-emergency-command-center.html>

Okla., La. officials conduct shelter exercise
<http://www.news9.com/story/15278174/okla-la-officials-conduct-shelter-exercise>

Agency errs on request (Maine)
http://www.kjonline.com/news/agency-errs-onrequest_2011-08-15.html

Texas investigates buyouts of homes damaged by Ike
<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Texas-investigates-buyouts-of-homes-damaged-by-ike-127884778.html>

Study shows first responders will report to duty, but need assistance with family matters
<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-08-duty-family.html>

The Cleanup Grinds On for Months after Disasters
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/05/us/05debris.html?_r=2

First responders visualize post-event disaster environments
<http://www.rdmag.com/News/2011/08/Information-Technology-Software-First-Responders-Visualize-Post-Event-Disaster-Environments/>

Governors meet to avert another round of flooding
<http://www.homeland1.com/business-continuity/articles/1107445-Governors-meet-to-avert-another-round-of-flooding/>

Funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Trimmed
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/funding-for-public-health-emergency-preparedness-trimmed/dc5e60a398349f197bfb3859dad61349.html>

Witt Associates hired to review State Fair preparedness and response
<http://www.wsbt.com/news/wxin-witt-associates-hired-to-review-state-fair-preparedness-and-response-20110819,0,1971887.column?track=rss>

Scottsdale police station gets command center (Arizona)
<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/08/20/20110820scottsdale-police-station-command-center.html>

Regional emergency workers discuss ways to improve homeland security (Florida)
http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/regional-emergency-workers-discuss-ways-to-improve-homeland-1760640.html?cxttype=ynews_rss

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HHS funds to bolster public health emergency preparedness nationwide
http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/p0815_PHEP_funding.html?s_cid=2011_p0815_PHEP_funding.html

HHS ASPR sponsors contest for Facebook personal preparedness apps
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/news/Pages/lifeline-110822.aspx>

Disaster spending breaks records
<http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/08/22/pm-disaster-spending-breaks-records/>

Accurate Disaster Behavioral Response Planning: A Guide for Business Continuity Planners
<http://bigmedicine.ca/wordpress/2006/12/accurate-disaster-behavioral-response-planning-guide-business-continuity-planners/>

Be ready with disaster preparedness apps
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44246299/ns/technology_and_science-wireless/

Fiscal 2011 DHS Preparedness Grant Allocations Announced
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Fiscal-2011-DHS-Preparedness-Grant-Allocations.html>

Text Messages Aren't Enough When Natural Disasters Strike
<http://www.fastcompany.com/1775828/why-text-messages-arent-enough-when-disaster-strikes>

Six years after Katrina, pockets of New Orleans languishing
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-08-25/Six-years-after-Katrina-pockets-of-New-Orleans-languishing/50141660/1>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Strange Bedfellows: Nativists Sponsor, Tout New Black Anti-Immigrant Group
<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/08/18/strange-bedfellows-nativists-sponsor-tout-new-black-anti-immigrant-group/>

Search Continues for Ex-Marine Tied to Oath Keepers
<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/08/17/search-continues-for-ex-marine-tied-to-oath-keepers/>

Microsoft finds holes in top-secret encryption key
<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/onepercent/2011/08/encryption-standard-weakened.html>

Homeland Security Capabilities Must be Maintained (Opinion)
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Homeland-Security-Capabilities-Must-Maintained-Opinion.html>

Texas-based defense contractor hacked by Anonymous
<http://www.homeland1.com/IT-security/articles/1107480-Texas-based-defense-contractor-hacked-by-Anonymous/>

Pentagon personnel chief investigated for 'tyrannical' leadership
http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=48585&sid=60

A founding father of American Islam struggles to put raids behind him
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-founding-father-of-american-islam-struggles-to-put-raids-behind-him/2011/08/08/gIQAiT5sUJ_story.html?hpid=z3

UCSD blast simulator to test new 'shield'
<https://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/aug/19/ucsd-blast-simulator-test-new-shield/>

NYPD, suburban forces share anti-terrorism duties (New York)
http://articles.boston.com/2011-08-21/news/29912287_1_radiation-detectors-car-bomb-police-car

US military develops 'bigger bang' explosive material
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-14581097>

Master Hacker Kevin Mitnick Shares His 'Addiction'
<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/21/139677992/master-hacker-kevin-mitnick-shares-his-addiction?sc=fb&cc=fp>

Coast Guard struggling to update its aging fleet
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-08-21-coast-guard-fleet-upgrade_n.htm

SPLC Intelligence Report: Homegrown jihadists on rise; plots increasing
<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1110157-SPLC-Intelligence-Report-Homegrown-jihadists-on-rise-plots-increasing/>

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Conservative Think Tank Report Prescribes Decentralization of Homeland Security Operations

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/conservative-think-tank-report-prescribes-decentralization-of-homeland-security-operations/9638d93339c3802c8b8e43832415094b.html>

NYPD Intelligence Unit Seen Pushing Rights Limits (New York)

<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/24/139890556/nypd-intelligence-unit-seen-pushing-rights-limits?sc=fb&cc=fp>

UNABOMBER-INSPIRED GROUP SENDS BOMBS TO NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCHERS

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2011-08/unabomber-inspired-group-sends-bombs-nanotechnology-researchers>

A NEW GENERATION OF THROWBOTS IS READY TO BE FLUNG INTO BATTLE

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2011-08/video-auvsi-throwable-robots-come-crashing-scene>

Port of Boston Testing Mobile Credential Reader (Massachusetts)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Port-Boston-Testing-Mobile-Credential-Reader.html>

At funeral, dog mourns the death of Navy SEAL killed in Afghanistan

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/lookout/man-best-friend-mourns-death-175219915.html>

Pentagon may expand cyber-security program

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/checkpoint-washington/post/pentgon-may-expand-cyber-security-program/2011/08/19/glQAVbEAQJ_blog.html?hpid=z4

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Campus Safety and Security

Is Your Campus Prepared For Flash Mobs?

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2011/08/Is-Your-Campus-Prepared-to-Deal-With-Flash-Mobs.aspx>

In Texas schools, a criminal response to misbehavior

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/in-texas-schools-a-criminal-response-to-misbehavior/2011/08/04/gIQA5EG9UJ_story.html?hpid=z4

Expert: Schools, 1st Responders Must Start Talking

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/School-Safety/News/2011/08/24/Expert-Schools-1st-Responders-Must-Start-Talking.aspx>

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Functional Needs

Disability Awareness Day brings valuable information to Salem County's disabled residents, their families (New Jersey)

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/07/disability_awareness_day_bring.html

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Hazard Research and News

Applying Old Ideas to Rivers Yields a Worse Result (Opinion)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Applying-Old-Ideas-Rivers-Yields-Worse-Result-Opinion.html>

Radar Tracking Offers Hope for New Tsunami Warning System

<http://www.baycitizen.org/disasters/story/radar-tracking-offers-hope-tsunami/>

NOAA's National Weather Service taking action to build a 'weather-ready' nation

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=21388&pid:50>

Run out of water? Dry Texas town heading that way

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44189349/ns/weather/>

Billowing dust storm engulfs downtown Phoenix (Arizona)

<http://news.yahoo.com/billowing-dust-storm-engulfs-downtown-phoenix-051235339.html>

Rescue robot just made for mine disasters

http://futureoftech.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2011/08/18/7410172-rescue-robot-just-made-for-mine-disasters

Lessons learned from the two worst oils spills in U.S. history

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-08-lessons-worst-oils-history.html>

'Big Brother' on highways? Nope, just 'weather boxes'

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44164629/ns/weather/>

Rain, traffic, land contribute to deadly Pa. flood

<http://news.yahoo.com/rain-traffic-land-contribute-deadly-pa-flood-203546304.html>

2011: Year of billion-dollar disasters

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/08/20/weather.disasters/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

US forecasters say fall to extend SW drought

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-forecasters-fall-extend-sw-drought-171845166.html>

HFD: Despite Rash of Fires, Quiet Start to Season So Far (Hawaii)

<http://www.kitv.com/news/28945129/detail.html#ixzz1VoqrcXbv>

Funding cuts could hamper forecasting, meteorologists and federal officials say

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/funding-cuts-could-hamper-forecasting-meteorologists-and-federal-officials-say/2011/08/12/qlQA7ZSCVJ_story.html?hpid=z4

USGS: Colorado experiences largest quake in more than 40 years

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/08/23/colorado.quake/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

California rail fire forces evacuations

<http://news.yahoo.com/rail-fire-forces-evacuation-homes-businesses-184723991.html>

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Should the East Coast Worry About a Tsunami?

<http://news.discovery.com/earth/east-coast-tsunami-110824.html>

Evidence suggests La Nina will return this winter

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-08-evidence-la-nina-winter.html>

Could an earthquake hit New York City? History says yes, but not like 9.0 magnitude Japan earthquake

http://articles.nydailynews.com/2011-03-17/local/29175617_1_moderate-earthquake-magnitude-seismologist

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Nothing to report

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Other

Software Reduces EMS Response Times in Bay County, Fla.

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Software-EMS-Bay-County-Fla.html>

Hawaii County Fire Commission to consider 5 chief applicants (Hawaii)

<http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/128058898.html?1a>

There's Money to Be Made in the 2012 Apocalypse

<http://moneyland.time.com/2011/08/22/theres-money-to-be-made-in-the-2012-apocalypse/#ixzz1VojfXBnW>

Gov. Christie wants to get rid of Division of Fire Safety, Democratic N.J. legislator says

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/08/gov_christie_wants_to_get_rid.html

Series of ills put police at greater risk

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-08-25/Series-of-ills-put-police-at-greater-risk/50140186/1>

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

Pakistan: Villagers hit by 2010 flood feel abandoned by govt.

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=21382&pid:50>

U.S. sending North Korea emergency aid

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/checkpoint-washington/post/us-sending-north-korea-emergency-aid/2011/08/18/gIQAAYk0NJ_blog.html?hpid=z4

UK police charge 1,000th person in London riots probe; Police chief says investigation goes on

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/uk-police-charge-1000th-person-in-london-riots-probe-police-chief-says-investigation-goes-on/2011/08/17/gIQAUZizKJ_story.html?hpid=z12

Little evidence links mob violence to social media

http://www.cnn.com/2011/TECH/social.media/08/19/flash.mob.violence/index.html?hpt=hp_c2

Venezuela rejects US accusation that country not fully complying in anti-terrorism efforts

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/americas/venezuela-rejects-us-accusation-that-country-not-fully-complying-in-anti-terrorism-efforts/2011/08/19/gIQAcs9XQJ_story.html?hpid=z11

Norway survivors return to scene of island massacre

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44213029/ns/world_news-europe/

Israel Trains Local Paramedics On Disaster Management (Nigeria)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108220106.html>

Training schoolchildren in earthquake preparedness (Nepal)

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/nepal-training-schoolchildren-in-earthquake-preparedness>

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan establish joint Center for Disaster Response and Risk Reduction

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=21427&pid:50>

World Humanitarian Day: 'Reducing risk is the best humanitarian action,' says UNISDR

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=21438&pid:50>

240,000 Chilean workers in quake, tsunami drill

<http://www.homeland1.com/disaster-preparedness/articles/1108949-240-000-Chilean-workers-in-quake-tsunami-drill/>

10,000 parents seek post-quake help for traumatised children (New Zealand)

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10747077

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China's denials about cyberattacks undermined by video clip

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/state-media-video-candidly-depicts-chinas-developing-cyber-weaponry/2011/08/22/gIQAgYWkbJ_story.html?hpid=z3

Pentagon warns of potential problems with militarily strong China

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/US/08/24/pentagon.china/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

UNFPA Tasks Africa on Emergency Preparedness

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108231846.html>

Alberta emergency system goes digital (Canada)

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/alberta-emergency-system-goes-digital-024004900.html>

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Hazard Research and News

Attack in the Israeli Desert: 'It Wasn't Supposed to End This Way'

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2089467,00.html>

Egypt army officer, 2 security men killed in Israeli border raid

<http://news.yahoo.com/gunmen-fire-israeli-bus-near-egyptian-border-radio-092156440.html>

Storm kills 3, injures 71 at Belgian festival

http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-08-18-Pukkelpop-festival-storm_n.htm

Breakthrough to refine space weather predictions

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/08/18/scitech/main20094215.shtml?tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea>

Europeans are taking the asteroid threat seriously

<http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/badastronomy/2011/08/17/europeans-are-taking-the-asteroid-threat-seriously/>

Seafloor Sensors Listen to Quake Zone Rumbblings

<http://news.yahoo.com/seafloor-sensors-listen-quake-zone-rumbblings-135803891.html>

Nine dead in Taliban assault on British Council in Kabul (Afghanistan)

<http://news.yahoo.com/taliban-says-launched-attack-british-u-n-offices-031051548.html>

Jet was 5 miles from Canadian airport when it crashed, killing 12

http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/americas/08/21/canada.plane.crash/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Unlikely coincidence helps plane crash survivors (Canada)

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/aug/21/unlikely-coincidence-helps-plane-crash-survivors/?ap>

New pipeline brings hope to drought-affected communities in Kenya

http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/kenya_59552.html

Norway attacks: National memorial held for victims

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14608014>

1 dead in Ontario tornado (Canada)

<http://news.yahoo.com/1-dead-ontario-tornado-033951726.html>

Researchers find 'key' used by ebola virus to unlock cells and spread deadly infection

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2011-08-key-ebola-virus-cells-deadly.html>

Cholera pandemic has a single global source

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-14664450>

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International Affairs

Gorbachev says Putin 'castrated' democracy in Russia
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14580709>

From soldier to savior: India's Hazare another Gandhi?
http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/08/18/india.hazare.corruption.strike/index.html?hpt=hp_bn2

In The Arctic Race, the U.S. Lags Behind
<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/19/139681324/in-the-arctic-race-the-u-s-lags-behind>

Aung San Suu Kyi meets Burma president
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-14585995>

Former Soviet republics: Winners and losers
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14489883>

Iran sentences 2 American men to 8 years in jail
<http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/128120523.html?1a>

As U.S. Prepares To Leave, Iraq Remains a Flash Point
<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/20/139782985/as-u-s-prepares-to-leave-iraq-remains-a-flash-point>

Putin ally Valentina Matviyenko set to be Russia's No 3
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14615005?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Israel-Gaza violence causes international concern
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14606772>

Invisible millions pay price of statelessness
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44246150/ns/world_news/

Official: N. Korea ready to limit weapons tests
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2011-08-24/Official-N-Korea-ready-to-limit-weapons-tests/50116926/1>

A new era in U.S. foreign policy
<http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2011/08/23/a-new-era-in-u-s-foreign-policy/>

High unemployment blights Palestinian lives – UN report
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39373&Cr=palestin&Cr1>

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Climate Change News Articles

Climate-change science makes for hot politics

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/climate-change-science-makes-for-hot-politics/2011/08/18/gIQA1eZJQJ_story.html

Climate Conversations - 'Drowning nations' threaten new 21st century statelessness

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