

The Golden Rule

Nobody asked but ...

I don't get it. Isn't the Golden Rule simple and straightforward enough? I heard a young girl in the Ophthalmologist's waiting room this morning, "Why can't people just treat each other as they would like to be treated?" There's the confusion — why do people suspend the Golden Rule? Why do they take killing implements, with malice of forethought, to a high floor of a hotel overlooking an open air concert, to shoot more than a quarter of a thousand people? Too soon? Then, when is it a good time to address why the Golden Rule is observed too often in its breach. Children and thoughtful adults want to know. Gun control is not the answer — guns do not observe the Golden Rule to the good or the bad. It is people who forget the Golden Rule.

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