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and learn to accept that differences are often an attitude of mind.

I accept that of greater value than the accumulation of goods, are justice and creativity, right motive and action, and essentiality, love and peace, and the freedom to grow.

I will act with honour, without contriving for self-advantage or egotistical effort, false pride or humility. I will try to live my life so as not to give cause for later regrets.

I will help those who are suffering, or disadvantaged, and those who seek liberation or enlightenment.

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