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After retiring as senior lecturer, Monash University, in 1996, and after teaching since 1959 at high schools, teacher training in the Netherlands, and since 1978 CAE and UNI in Melbourne, I continued in Trentham a 'Religious Conversations' project that I had convened at the Caulfield Campus (1994-6). I was born in in the Netherlands 1931 and studied philosophy, theology, and history at the Catholic University now Radboud University, Nijmegen, where in 1964 I formulated the theme of an interdisciplinary/international conference as 'Ecumene of Cultures'. Emphasis on diverse spiritual and cultural contexts of history in general and of craft, design and art in particular has informed my studies and teaching over more than 50 years. The meditative walk project from 2007 onwards has focused on the Golden Rule and on how different cultures and religions/philosophies have expressed this rule in their own way, revealing a variety of practical applications and so on.