

“No man is an island”

John Donne

**No man is an island, entire of itself;
every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less,
as well as if a promontory were,
as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were:
any man's death diminishes me,
because I am involved in mankind,
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.**

John Donne, 1624. Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, No. 17. ¹

¹ http://www.constitution.org/col/no_man.htm