

## Universal Truths

*Below is a random list of universal truths for you to peruse and consider as you develop your REHUGO project. I do not endorse, subscribe to, or promote any of these as absolute truths. This is simply a list of as many "universal truths" as I could find that are commonly (and some less commonly) repeated in American culture. You are under no obligation to use these and may find better examples on your own.*

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link  
A fool and his money are soon parted  
A friend in need is a friend indeed  
A new broom sweeps clean  
A person is known by the company he keeps  
A picture paints a thousand words  
A place for everything and everything in its place  
A problem shared is a problem halved  
A rolling stone gathers no moss  
A stitch in time saves nine  
A volunteer is worth twenty pressed men  
A watched pot never boils  
A woman's place is in the home  
A woman's work is never done  
Absolute power corrupts absolutely  
Actions speak louder than words  
All good things come to he who waits  
All that glisters is not gold  
All the world loves a lover  
All things must pass  
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy  
All you need is love  
All's fair in love and war  
A man's home is his castle  
An apple a day keeps the doctor away  
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure  
As the saying goes  
As you sow so shall you reap  
Ask no questions and hear no lies  
Beggars can't be choosers  
Behind every great man there's a great woman  
Better late than never  
Better safe than sorry  
Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all  
Better to remain silent and be thought a fool that to speak and remove all doubt  
Beware of Greeks bearing gifts  
Birds of a feather flock together  
Blood is thicker than water  
Charity begins at home  
Cleanliness is next to godliness  
Coin a phrase

Cold hands warm heart  
Comparisons are odorous  
Count your blessings  
Cut off your nose to spite your face  
Cut your coat to suit your cloth  
Discretion is the better part of valor  
Do as you would be done by  
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you  
Don't bite the hand that feeds you  
Don't burn your bridges behind you  
Don't change horses in midstream  
Don't count your chickens before they are hatched  
Don't upset the apple-cart  
Doubt is the beginning not the end of wisdom  
Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise  
Easy come easy go  
Empty vessels make the most noise  
Enough is as good as a feast  
Enough is enough  
Every dark cloud has a silver lining  
Every dog has his day  
Every man has his price  
Flattery will get you nowhere  
Fools rush in where angels fear to tread  
God helps those who help themselves  
Good fences make good neighbors  
Good things come to those who wait  
Great minds think alike  
Half a loaf is better than no bread  
He who pays the piper calls the tune  
History repeats itself  
Home is where the heart is  
If God had meant us to fly he'd have given us wings  
If a job is worth doing it is worth doing well  
If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again  
If the mountain won't come to Mohammed,  
Mohammed must go to the mountain  
If you can't be good, be careful.  
If you can't beat em, join em  
If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen  
Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery  
In the kingdom of the blind the one eyed man is king  
In the midst of life we are in death  
Into every life a little rain must fall  
It never rains but it pours  
It takes a thief to catch a thief  
It takes one to know one  
It's all grist to the mill  
It's an ill wind that blows no one any good  
It's better to give than to receive  
It's better to have loved and lost than never to have

loved at all  
It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness  
It's better to travel hopefully than to arrive  
It's never too late  
It's no use locking the stable door after the horse has bolted  
It's not worth crying over spilt milk  
It's the early bird that gets the worm  
It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease  
Jack of all trades, master of none  
Keep your chin up  
Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and, you weep alone  
Laughter is the best medicine  
Let bygones be bygones  
Let not the sun go down on your wrath  
Let sleeping dogs lie  
Let the punishment fit the crime  
Lightening never strikes twice in the same place  
Make love not war  
Man does not live by bread alone  
Marry in haste, repent at leisure  
Mighty oaks from little acorns grow  
Misery loves company  
Money doesn't grow on trees  
Music has charms to soothe the savage breast  
Necessity is the mother of invention  
Never judge a book by its cover  
Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today  
No man is an island  
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent  
No rest for the wicked  
Nothing is certain but death and taxes  
Oil and water don't mix  
Old soldiers never die, they just fade away  
One good turn deserves another  
Only fools and horses work  
Speak softly and carry a big stick  
Still waters run deep  
Stupid is as stupid does  
Talk is cheap  
That which does not kill us makes us stronger  
The Devil finds work for idle hands to do  
The best defense is a good offense  
The cobbler always wears the worst shoes  
The darkest hour is just before the dawn  
The early bird catches the worm  
The ends justify the means  
The exception which proves the rule  
The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world  
The longest journey starts with a single step  
The more things change, the more they stay the same

The pen is mightier than sword  
The way to a man's heart is through his stomach  
There are none so blind as those, that will not see  
There but for the grace of God go I  
There's always more fish in the sea  
There's more than one way to skin a cat  
There's no fool like an old fool  
There's no place like home  
There's no smoke without fire  
There's no such thing as a free lunch  
There's no such thing as bad publicity  
There's no time like the present  
There's none so deaf as they that will not hear  
There's one born every minute  
Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it  
Those who sleep with dogs will rise with fleas  
Time and tide wait for no man  
Time is a great healer  
To err is human, to forgive divine  
To the victor goes the spoils  
To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive  
Tomorrow never comes  
Too many cooks spoil the broth  
Truth is stranger than fiction  
Two heads are better than one  
Two wrongs don't make a right  
Walk softly but carry a big stick  
When the cat's away the mice will play  
You can't tell a book by looking at its cover  
You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar  
Youth is wasted on the young  
Money doesn't grow on trees.  
You get what you pay for.  
Seeing is believing.  
Never say never.  
Money doesn't buy happiness.  
You make your own happiness.  
Time will tell.  
Still waters run deep.  
When the cat's away the mice will play.  
Laughter is the best medicine.  
Practice makes perfect.  
It won't heal if you pick at it.  
There's no place like home.  
Better late than never.  
It's nice to be nice.  
True friends agree to tell each other things they wouldn't tell themselves.  
Be careful what you ask for; you may get it.  
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.  
Beauty is only skin deep.

Better to give than to receive.  
Better safe than sorry.  
Words once spoken can never be recalled.  
Birds of a feather flock together  
Blood is thicker than water.  
Worrying never changed anything.  
The couple that plays together, stays together.  
Forgiveness is the key to happiness.  
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their  
echoes are truly endless.  
Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words can  
break our hearts.  
Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words can  
never hurt us.  
If a million people believe a foolish thing, it is still a  
foolish thing  
A little knowledge can go a long way  
A solid home base builds a sense of self  
A strong sense of duty imprisons you  
Absolute submission can be a form of freedom  
Abuse of power comes as no surprise  
Action causes more trouble than thought  
Ambition is just as dangerous as complacency  
Even the best laid plans go awry.  
Automation is deadly  
Awful punishment awaits really bad people  
Bad intentions can yield good results  
The road to hell is paved with good intentions  
Every dog has its day  
Even the best writer has to erase  
Every cloud has a silver lining..  
Haste makes waste.  
He that pays the piper, calls the tune.  
Experience is the best teacher.  
History repeats itself.  
Life is what you make it.  
Lend your money and lose your friend.  
Rome wasn't built in a day.  
More than enough is too much.  
Buyer beware.  
Save money and money will save you.  
Silence is golden.  
A few germs never hurt anyone.  
Six feet of earth makes us all equal.  
Stones decay, words last.  
A fool and his money are soon parted.  
A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.  
Stupid is as stupid does.  
A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.  
A house divided cannot stand.  
A friend in need is a friend indeed.  
Calm is more conducive to creativity than is anxiety

A little learning is a dangerous thing.  
Chasing the new is dangerous to society  
A man is known by the company he keeps.  
A penny saved is a penny earned.  
A picture's worth a thousand words.  
Can't get blood from a stone.  
Can't see the forest for the trees.  
Charity begins at home.  
Children are the hope of the future  
Clothes don't make the man.  
The best cure for a short temper is a long walk.  
Confession is good for the soul.  
Little by little does the trick.  
Curiosity killed the cat.  
Cutting off a mule's ears doesn't make it a horse.  
The best things in life are free.  
Discretion is the better part of valor.  
The crab that walks too far falls into the pot.  
Patience is a virtue.  
The bigger they are, the harder they fall.  
Possession is nine tenths of the law.  
Looks can be deceiving.  
The doors of wisdom are never shut.  
Procrastination is the thief of time.  
Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a  
man to fish and he'll eat forever.  
God helps those who help themselves.  
Good things come in small packages.  
Good to forgive, better to forget.  
The darkest hours are just before dawn.  
Great minds think alike.  
The early bird catches the worm.  
The eyes are the windows of the soul.  
Easier said than done.  
The grass is always greener on the other side of the  
fence.  
Easy come, easy go.  
The leopard does not change his spots.  
The rain falls on every roof.  
Every dog has its day.  
The sky's the limit.  
Only a fool tests the water with both feet.  
One good turn deserves another.  
Out of sight, out of mind.  
One man's junk is another man's treasure.  
Quit while you're ahead.  
No one is good at everything but everyone is good at  
something.  
Emotional responses are as valuable as intellectual  
responses  
Nothing goes on forever.  
Knowledge is power.

Fact is stranger than fiction.  
Nothing ventured, nothing gained.  
Every achievement requires a sacrifice  
Familiarity breeds contempt.  
First come, first served.  
Going with the flow is soothing but risky  
Good deeds eventually are rewarded  
Government is a burden on the people  
Habitual contempt doesn't reflect a finer sensibility  
Ideals are replaced by conventional goals at a certain age  
If you have many desires your life will be interesting  
If you live simply there is nothing to worry about  
Ignoring enemies is the best way to fight  
Imposing order is man's vocation for chaos is hell  
It's better to be naive than jaded  
Just believing something can make it happen  
Knowing yourself lets you understand others  
Knowledge should be advanced at all costs  
Listen when your body talks  
Looking back is the first sign of aging and decay  
Manual labor can be refreshing and wholesome  
Myth can make reality more intelligible  
Nothing upsets the balance of good and evil  
Occasionally principles are more valuable than people  
Potential counts for nothing until it's realized  
Religion causes as many problems as it solves  
Remember you always have freedom of choice  
Repetition is the best way to learn  
Resolutions serve to ease our conscience  
Sacrificing yourself for a bad cause is not a moral act  
Salvation can't be bought and sold  
Self-contempt can do more harm than good  
Survival of the fittest applies to men and animals  
Symbols are more meaningful than things themselves  
Taking a strong stand publicizes the opposite position  
Talking is used to hide one's inability to act  
The cruelest disappointment is when you let yourself down  
The mundane is to be cherished  
The only way to be pure is to stay by yourself  
The sum of your actions determines what you are  
The unattainable is invariably attractive  
The world operates according to discoverable laws  
Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.  
You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.  
There's nothing except what you sense  
There's nothing redeeming in toil  
You are what you eat.  
You can only die once.  
True freedom is frightful

Unique things must be the most valuable  
Using force to stop force is absurd  
With perseverance you can discover any truth  
Words tend to be inadequate  
You are a victim of the rules you live by  
You are the past present and future  
You can't expect people to be something they're not  
You owe the world not the other way around  
Your oldest fears are the worst ones  
What's good for the goose is good for the gander.  
The longest road out is the shortest road home.  
The older the fiddle the sweeter the tune  
If you lie down with dogs you'll rise with fleas.  
A trout in the pot is better than a salmon in the sea  
Even a tin knocker will shine on a dirty door  
An old broom knows the dirty corners best  
A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse  
Possession is nine-tenths of the law  
Half a loaf is better than no bread  
Virtue is its own reward.  
A trout in the pot is better than a salmon in the sea.  
The full man does not understand the wants of the hungry  
A little pleases a poor man  
You can't buy love.  
You can't beat a dead horse.  
Don't count your chickens before they are hatched  
You can't tell a book by its cover.  
You can fool people some of the time, but you can't fool them all of the time.  
Praise the ford when you have crossed it  
You have to take the bitter with the sweet.  
You must empty a box before you fill it again  
It is difficult to soothe the proud  
You can't teach an old dog new tricks.  
Pride goes before a fall  
Pride feels no pain  
You win some, you lose some.  
Variety is the spice of life.  
Violence begets violence.  
Strength is not enduring and laws  
A watched kettle never boils  
The mason who strikes often is better than the one who strikes too hard  
True love never runs smooth  
The squeaky wheel gets the grease.  
When in Rome do as the Romans do.  
When one is hungry, everything tastes good.  
When the pupil is ready, the teacher will come