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Different shades of mercy value meaning as an important condition of solidarity (mutual aid) and the form of its specific expression at the context of socially-philosophical and ethic views are at the point of the issue. The peculiarity of solidarity/unity maintenance requirement (as well as other moral imperatives maintenance) is the representation of individual welfare regardless of his/her status or group, ethnic and confessional membership. First of all the value of unity with the other is constant to the individual needs and expectations that are in the core of the individual morality, in which the decisions and activity aimed at the other people welfare become a reality. The moral content of mercy, which determines necessity to coordinate the individual intentions of “Self” and “Other”, is the idea of unity with the other. Being realized and organically interiorised by individual this idea becomes one of the most important and stable motives of his or her moral self-realization.

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