

A Zen for Scheme

In all life there must be balance. Python has The Zen of Python aka

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import this
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It is a powerful unifier that helps people graft libraries that feel pythonic. This Zen is in the same spirit (but not [the same form](#)) for [Scheme](#).

Birds Eye

RR Remove limitations to Reduce the number of features you require,
*but **OM**: Optimizability Matters.*

FI Freedom for the Implementation and from the Implementation,
*but **CM**: Community Matters: Join the Scheme you choose.*

SL Mind the Small systems!
And the Large systems!

ES Errors should never pass silently,
unless speed is set higher than safety.¹

¹Thanks for the error-handling principle goes to John Cowans [Satire in the same form as Python](#).

On the Ground

HA Hygiene reduces Anxiety,
except where it blocks your path.

PP Practicality beats Purity,
except where it leads you into a dead end.

3P 3 Pillars of improvement:
Experimentation, Implementation, Standardization.

Submerged in Code

WM Use the Weakest Method that gets the job done,
but know the stronger methods to employ them as needed.

RW Recursion Wins,
except where a loop-macro is clearer.

RM Readability matters,
but nesting works.