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The authors derive an analog of the well known Picone identity but for nonlinear dynamic equations on time scales. As a consequence, they obtain a nonlinear comparison theorem in the spirit of the classical Sturm-Picone comparison theorem. Comparison results yielding the nonoscillation of all solutions of nonlinear equations are also obtained. (Received September 25, 2006)