

The Decalogue as Revised

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- I. Thou shalt have no gods save Liberty, Reason, and Justice.
- II. Thou shalt not take unto thee any legal image, for instance, a wife.
- III. Thou shalt pay no taxes, nor collect them.
- IV. The Sabbath exists for thee, not thou for it, therefore thou shalt on that as on all other days follow faithfully thy ego's promptings.
- V. Honor render to all to whom it is due—mayhap to thy parents. But let not filial affection blind thee to the fact that the vast majority of the race are strangers to Reason, without ability to perceive or strength to practise any rational policy. While thou mayest not relish declaring to thy parents' faces that they are fools, yet thou shouldst learn from their folly so to act that thy child may not brand thee "fool."
- VI. Thou shalt not kill aught save superstition, error, and privilege.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Adultery is the sexual union of two persons, either of whom is repulsive to the other.
- VIII. Thou shalt not permit others to steal from thee, nor shalt thou steal from others.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness respecting things of the earth which thou understandest, nor respecting things above the earth of which thou knowest nothing.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, unless she also covet thee.

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