The Other



Torah-"Mitzvah"

From "seven" in Hebrew referencing something "joined together."

Torah-"Mitzvah"

"Connection"

Torah

The means by which we connect with the universe's creator.



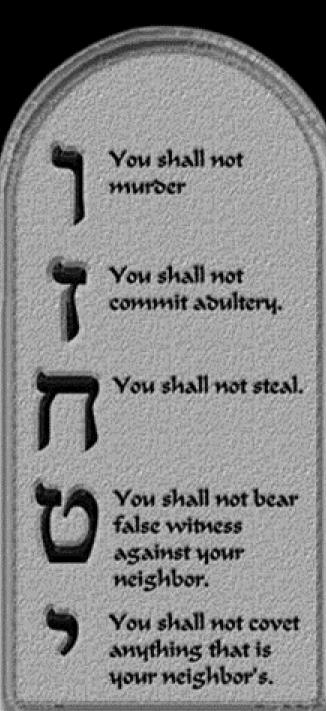
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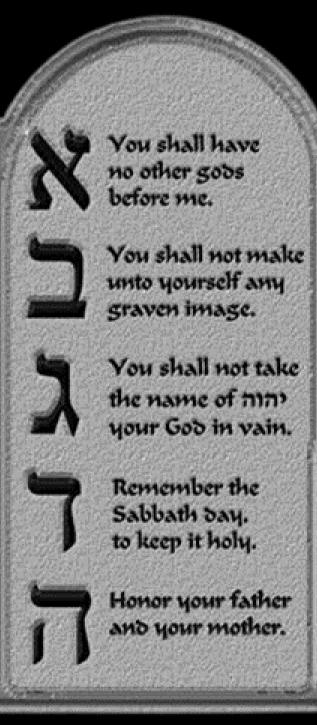
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- 1. I am the Lord your God... before me. 2. No other gods...No graven images.



Two Tablets?





CTHE 10 Commandments

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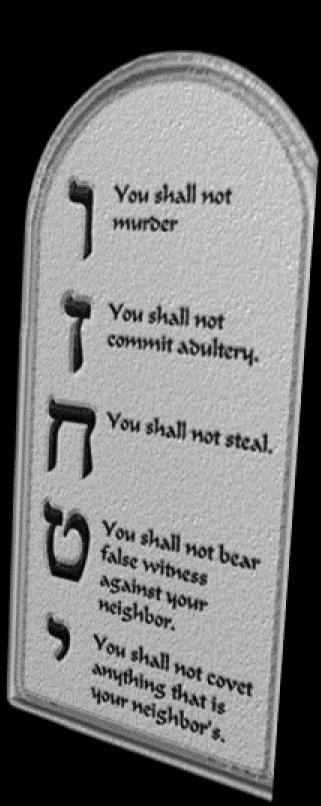
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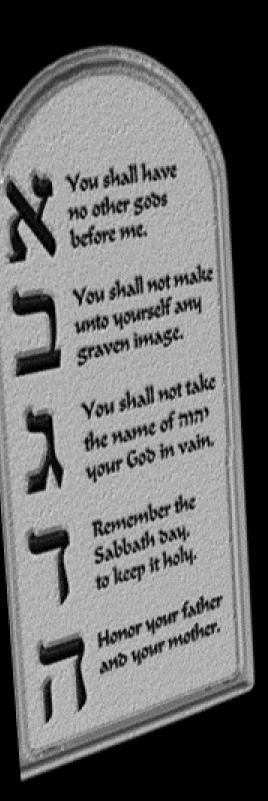
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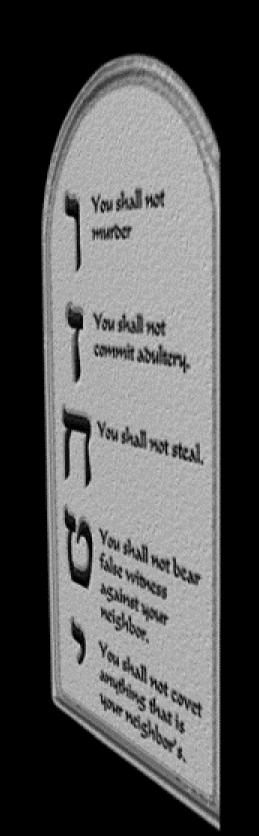
Two Tablets? One tablet for God One tablet for Israel

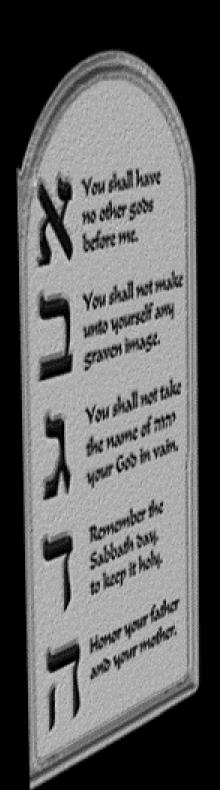


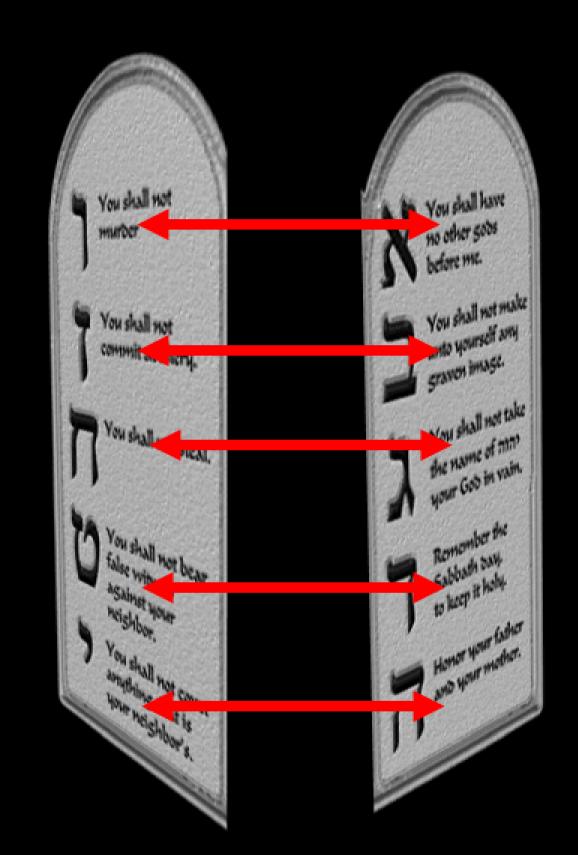
Exodus 32: 15 Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.











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"Connection"



Exodus 20: And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Exodus 20: 13 "You shall not murder."

Connection?

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Relationships begin with recognizing the "other" exists outside of you.

Connection?

Neither God nor other people exist "for" you.

What kind of relationship do you have with God? Positive or negative?

Genesis 4: 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Real love for God means you love God for what you understand and for all you do not understand.

lf you want better relationships with other people, love them for the things you do and do not understand.



Recognizing the other outside of you

Produces Kingdom results.

Samuel 18: After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. 2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

Acts 10: 28 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.



Recognizing the other outside of you

Promotes better gift-giving to God.

Matthew 5: 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Hosea 6: 6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.



Recognizing the other outside of you

discourages the question, "What's in it for me?"

Corinthians 3: Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

Corinthians 3: 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.



True humility is not thinking little of yourself.

It's not thinking of yourself at all.

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him.

If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.

CS Lewis



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