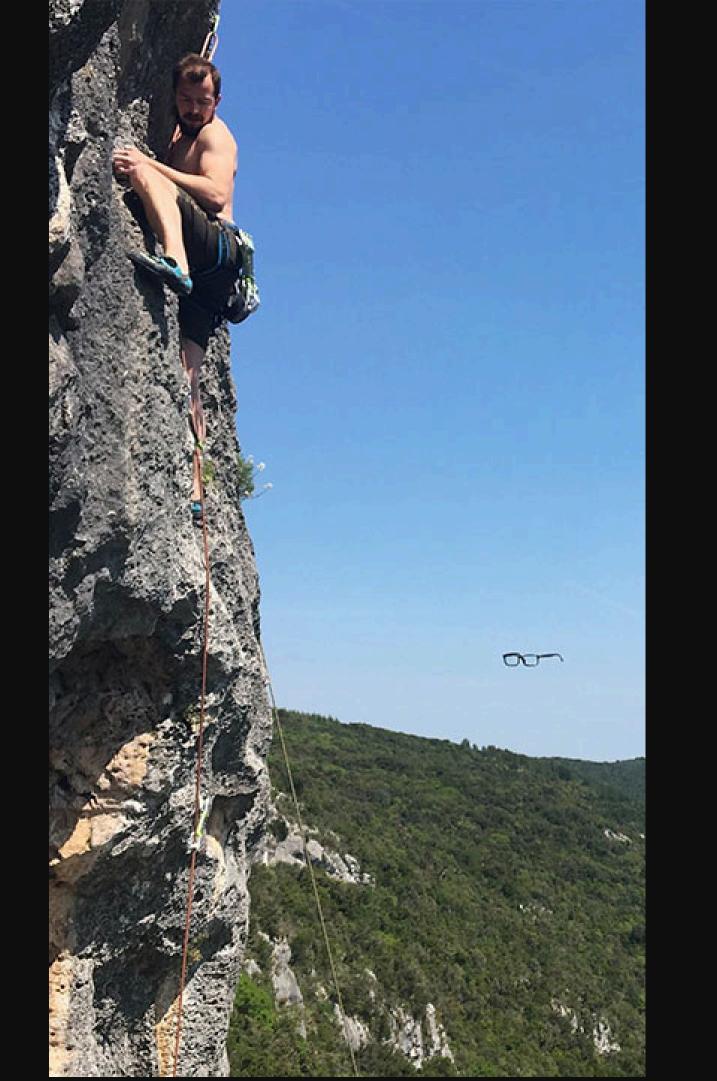
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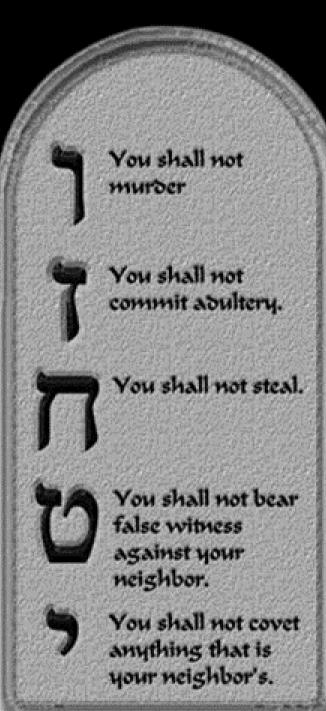


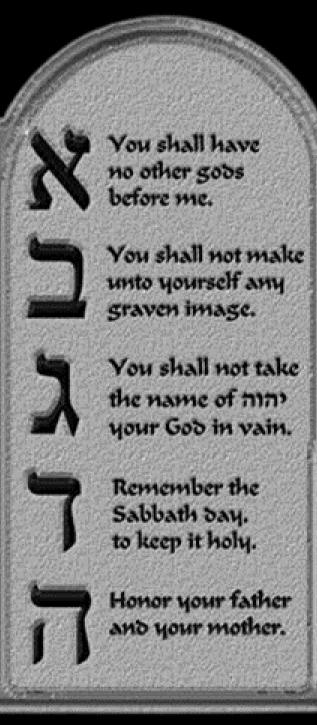


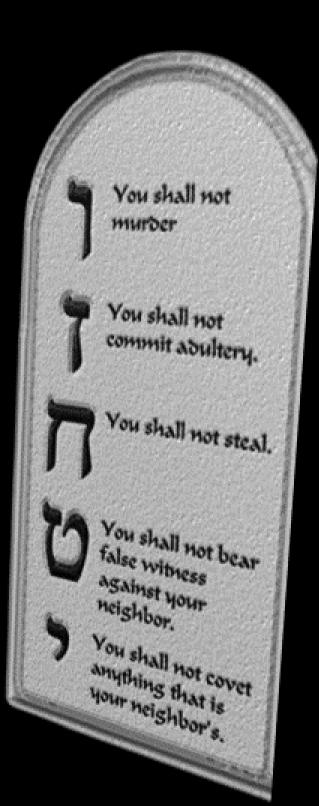


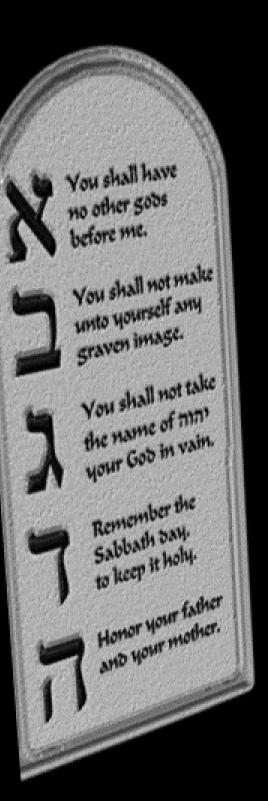


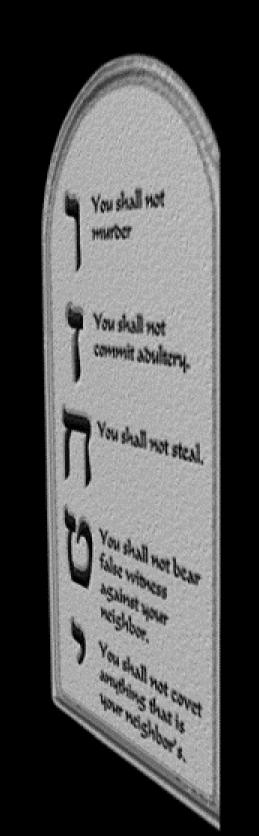


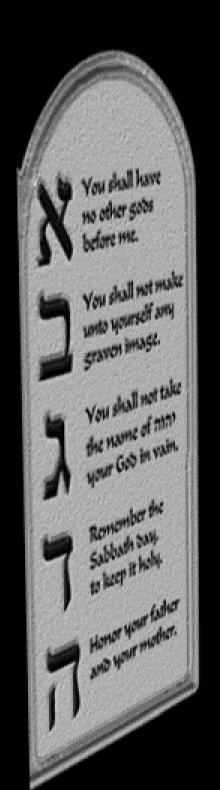


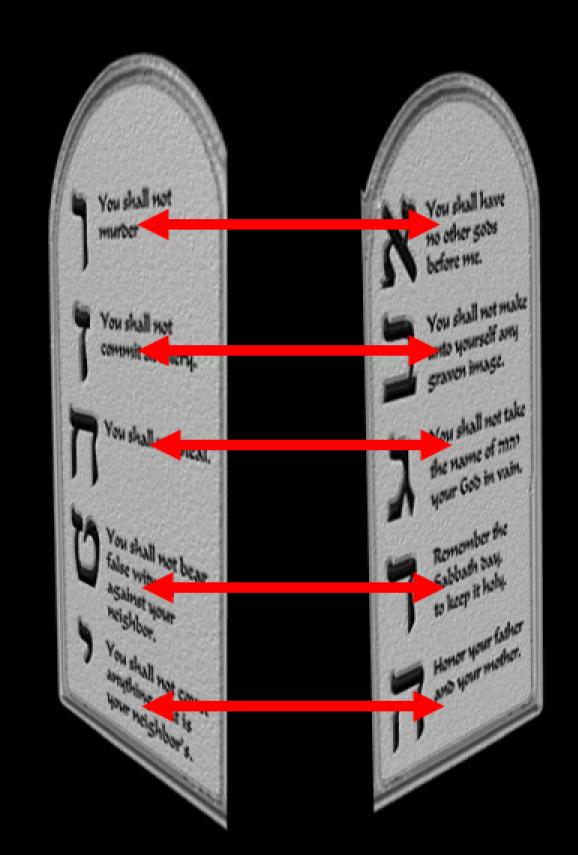














Exodus 20: 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy... II For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 20: 16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Connection?

False testimony: When you go to court, give testimony to the truth.

Sabbath?

Exodus 31: 13 "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.

The Sabbath bears truthful witness of God's good creation as well as His covenant of love.

Connection?

Look for the whole truth about God (and others).



To lie (sheker-אַקוֹי)

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A lie/falsehood causes you to see only what's near you.

Genesis 3: 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

Warning:

Be careful of the "truths" you hear in culture. They may be omitting the bigger picture.



Truth (amet אַמֶּר)

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The truth encompasses all. It considers the whole picture.

What I've discovered is that in art, as in music, there's a lot of truth—and then there's a lie. The artist is essentially creating his work to make this lie a truth, but then he slides it in amongst all the others. The tiny little lie is the moment I live for, my moment. It's the moment the audience falls in love.

-Lady GaGa



Job I: In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. 2 He had seven sons and three daughters, 3 and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

The truth:

There is so much ongoing goodness and blessing in our lives we take for granted.



Job I: 12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

The truth:

We are not equipped to know the reasons for or the extent of God's will.

Isaiah 55: 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



The truth according to Job:

Suffering may not be about you.

Job 1: 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job?

Your suffering is never an indicator God does not love you.

Job 1: 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."



Job I: 13–16 Live stock taken. Servants killed

Job 1: 18-19 Sons and daughters die.

Job 2: 7 Painful sores

Job 2-37--Wife and friends turn on Job

The truth:

The pain for Job was severe but was a minority of his experience.

We must always put (temporary) pain within the overall blessing of God's goodness.



Job 38: 4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

8 "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb...

33 Do you know the laws of the heavens?

Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?

The truth according to Job:

We are not God. Submission is the only proper response.



Job 42: Then Job replied to the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Job 42: 7 After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.



One last thought: Truth is not a concept. It's a person.

John 14: 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 8: 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



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