

The Origin of Human Rights

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A certain well-known Protestant leader in the fight to preserve what is left of Christian morality and family life in America, while speaking to a cheering crowd in Alabama recently, in defense of the Ten Commandments monument, stated the following: “...(T)his struggle that we’re involved in is not really about the Ten Commandments.... It’s primarily a battle against judicial tyranny.” While this remark certainly got him some of the biggest cheers of the day, it was also wrong by about 180 degrees. To use an old expression, he had “got the cart before the horse”. The statement betrayed a complete misunderstanding about the *origin and nature* of our rights and *why* they are threatened by tyranny, judicial or otherwise. The fact of the matter is that the Ten Commandments *really are* the prime target of those who would enslave us. This is because the would-be slave-masters know instinctively, apparently better than he did, better, in fact, than *most* Americans do, that the Ten Commandments are the *very origin and definition* of our God-given rights. Contrary to popular myth, our rights were not born when the Bill of Rights was inserted into the Constitution! *We already had them* by virtue of the *duties* that Almighty God laid upon us all in His wise and benevolent Commandments. The purpose of this article is to demonstrate this fact.

That which a creature is *duty-bound* to do automatically presupposes a *right* to do it. Duties without such rights would be meaningless. In the first three Commandments we are instructed in our duties toward God, which are the foundation of our rights. We have rights, in other words, because God, being our maker, has an absolute right to our love and obedience. This is why the *Rights of God* are placed *before* the Rights of Man in the first three Commandments, which form the First Great Commandment to “love the Lord Thy God”....

- 1. I Am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me....*
- 2. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord Thy God in vain.*
- 3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.*

In these commandments can be found the essence of true religious liberty. God commands that we worship Him and no other, that we honor His Name, and keep His Day holy, in *His* way. Because this is our duty, it must also be our right. The State, being also under His Dominion, must also obey.

The *Rights of Man*, which arise from these, work differently, in an indirect manner. The last seven Commandments, which form the Second Great Commandment, “Thou Shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”, by regulating our behavior towards our fellow-men, guarantees us what we call our “rights” to the extent to which they are obeyed.

4. Honor thy father and thy mother. This commandment grants to parents the right to be obeyed by their children, and to the State and all other lawful authority the right to be obeyed in all their just laws made pursuant to these Commandments.

5. Thou shalt not kill. This Commandment is the source of our right to life. There is no

other. No words on a mere piece of paper can grant this or any other right. Without this Commandment, our “rights” are limited to the “right to eat or be eaten”, which is the law of the jungle. We all have the right to life *solely* because God has *forbidden murder*.

6. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.* This Commandment grants spouses the right to expect marital fidelity from each other, and the right also to expect all others to respect that fidelity. No one, therefore, has any right to court or seduce or woo away another man’s wife or another woman’s husband. And no State has any business presuming to “tear asunder what God hath joined together” by means of issuing divorces, which are but man’s permission to live in adultery in violation of Divine Law. Wife-stealing or husband-stealing is far worse a crime than mere property-stealing, which is probably why God placed this Commandment *before...*

7. *Thou shalt not steal.* Here we have the sole origin of our right to own property. It gave us the right to be secure in our houses, etc., long before this right was ever codified in the Bill of Rights.

8. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.* This one grants us the right to our good name by forbidding slander, and the right to honest dealing and reporting, by *forbidding dishonesty*. It does *not* guarantee “freedom of the press” other than the right and obligation of the press to speak the *truth*.

**GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS:
YOUR BEST BILL OF RIGHTS!**

RIGHTS OF GOD:
1-2-3. Right of God to be worshiped and obeyed by His creatures. Obligation and consequent Right of Man to worship the True God and no other.

RIGHTS OF MAN:
4. Right of parents and lawful authorities to be obeyed.
5. Right to Life.
6. & 9. Right of husbands and wives to the exclusive vowed love of their spouses.
7. & 10. Right to one's own property.
8. Right to one's good name, honest dealing, and to hear the truth.

MAN has Rights only because GOD has Rights!

9. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.* Or, as Our Lord Jesus Christ stated, “he who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart”. So highly does God prize the marriage bond that He forbids even the desire of violating it. This commandment grants a right (very little honored today by man or State) to husbands and wives to be secure from anyone even scheming to steal their spouses.

10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.* Again, the right to keep all that is ours is further secured by forbidding even envious scheming to defraud us of it.

Note well, then, the real reason for the ongoing judicial attacks on the authority of God's Ten Commandments. They are the principal roadblock in the road to Satan's tyrannical New World Order. Note also why the Rights of God came under attack first. It wasn't merely because God was invisible and seemed less likely to revolt. It was the recognition that by undermining the official recognition of God's Authority, the human rights that hinged on it would be more easily swept away. Regrettably, ***God's rights*** have never been formally recognized in our U.S. Constitution. The First Amendment requires Congress to be dogmatically ignorant (which is to say agnostic) in matters of religion, treating all religions, true or false, as equal. Not only is this in violation of the First Commandment, but it is also impossible in practice. Our nation, like all other nations, ***has***, regardless of pretenses to the contrary, an established State religion, but one which is not of God but of men. Being of men, it is a ***false*** religion, but its precepts are at the base of nearly all new legislation. It is the religion known variously as “secular humanism” or “masonic naturalism”. And here lies the real key to our national decay. We can keep pretending that this is not so, or we can admit it, and, with God's help and guidance, fix it. But we will have to swallow a lot of our national pride to do it. For, until we as a nation recognize that the First Commandment takes precedence over the First Amendment, this termite in our Constitution will keep eating away at our cultural and political foundations until we, too, are absorbed fully into the budding satanic world superstate. Neutrality is not an option. We are either for Our Lord Jesus Christ or we are against Him. As He Himself told us, we cannot serve two masters.

