

Ten (10) commandments

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[Quote from Don](#)

I debated whether to weigh in here, but, in the end, I'll err on the side of friendly, respectful, frank speech.

Thanks. I'm happy and grateful you did. I loved your suggestion on how to approach this matter. Really helpful.

[Quote from Don](#)

Set sail in your own little boat, free of indoctrination!

This I'm feeling hopeful about. Coming back to port is the issue. I guess that's why Epicurus suggested to follow the rites. Less painful at times, for sure. The problem is doing this without at the same time inadvertently teaching someone to live by double standards. A bit of a hard concept to wrap your head around at a young age, where you naturally tend towards simple, black and white, blanket rules.

However, thanks to the very insightful comments of all of you I have decided to remove the link to the ten commandments, but rather, our own list of rules to live by; that way we could review them, update them, analyze whether they work or not and why, etc.

Do we have around somewhere in the forums or in the web a simpler, children's-level-adapted, list of Epicurean teachings?

Thanks for the Carlin video [Cassius](#) - so funny.

[Quote from Don](#)

Being concerned by their rules, their traditions, their playing field is not required.

I agree. But we have to acknowledge that in some cases we're navigating "their" waters, most often than not. So I would argue in favor of trying to find common grounds for some of the most important/recurrent rites/teachings/practices. Many times there will be no common ground, like in the case of these commandments, but that's a great realization.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

You've picked a particular context and within that context we can work toward something that's helpful, but at the same time we have to realize that out of its context it could actually be harmful.

I appreciate this. I agree. I think in the particular case of the commandments is clear now that they aren't as useful and they indeed can be harmful.