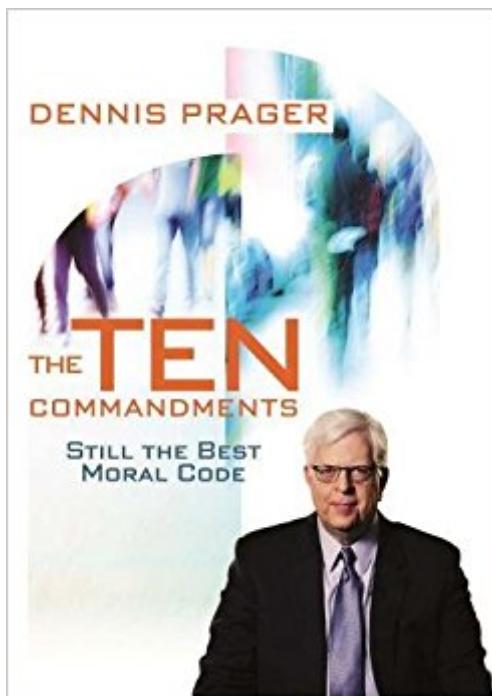


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# The Ten Commandments: Still The Best Moral Code



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Dennis Prager is a New York Times bestselling author, columnist, and nationally syndicated radio talk show host. A noted thinker who is equally at home in the secular and religious worlds, he taught the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (the Torah) verse by verse from the Hebrew for more than twenty-five years at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He is the co-founder of Prager University.

One of the MOST important books for EVERYone on your list of people who care about. Explained fully on just WHY our commandments are important in every day life Prager explains exactly why the First Commandment is the most important & without it the others cannot stand. After receiving my copy I ordered several more for my son who lives in another town & sent some to other members of my extended family. This is a book that should be required reading in EVERY church Bible study group. This is a book that arms you with reasons why the commandments are so crucial & important in your every day life. I recommend this book highly & with holidays approaching I recommend it as a gift!

Correct but far too short studies of the subject. More didactic than expository. Given his usually enlightening, and intellectually stimulating arguments, this work felt like it was written for young readers.

A really good reference for the 10 commandments. Dennis Prager gets the 3rd and 10th commandments really well. They all are often misunderstood, but from my experience those 2 are the most misunderstood of the 10. I will be using this book when I am teaching a class in the month of Elul. The idea is for using the commandments for tshuvah.

What a great world, country, community and family we would have if all of us would and could recognize there is something (someone) greater than us, deserves our adoration, asks that we don't adore "anything" more than Him, do nothing that soils His name, rest completely one day a week, honor those who birthed you, fed, clothed and protected you, then.... don't murder anyone, be committed to your wife only, tell the truth, don't take anything that doesn't belong to you or pine, desire, covet somebody else's stuff! Dennis, thank you for helping to make God's words even more clear than He makes them. You are a treasure! May God bless you, your family and all that you do.

Gives an interesting presentation of Jewish viewpoint on their purpose for existence and mission in life. Worth thinking about, though biblical Christianity understand there is so much more coming in God's plan for these dear chosen people. Our country is destroying itself by trying to reject both the Jews, the Christians, and the divine revelation with which God has blessed them both.

What I liked about this book was that it drove right in to the heart of each Commandments.. stealing and lying are deeper than what you are thinking right now. Also thou shall not murder, no where does it say kill.

In this short book, Prager uses just the right language to explain the commandments and their foundational role in a prospering society. He illustrates misconceptions and notes the place and interconnection between the individual rules in this ages-old comprehensive set of rules for better lives individually and corporately.

Prager does pretty good work here, giving you a fresh way to approach the Commandments.

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