

The common basic ethic



The Jewish–Christian Decalogue (Exodus 20.1–21)

I am the Lord, your God.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image of God.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord, your God.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honour your father and mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his slave, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbour's.

The Islamic Code of Duties (Surah 17.22–38)

In the name of God, the most Gracious, the Dispenser of Grace.

Do not set up any other deity side by side with God.

For thy Sustainer has ordained that you shall worship none but him.

And do good unto [thy] parents.
And give his due to the near of kin, as well as to the needy and wayfarer.

And do not kill your children for fear of poverty... and do not take any human being's life.

And do not commit adultery.

And do not touch the substance of an orphan.

And be true to every promise.

And give full measure whenever you measure, and weigh with a balance that is true. And never concern thyself with anything of which thou hast no knowledge.

And walk not on the earth with haughty self-conceit.