

The Origin of the Ten Commandments

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There are precedents for the **Ten Commandments**. The Jewish source of the **Ten Commandments** as we now know them likely starts with Moses (or perhaps “the Committee called Moses”) as a condensed version of the 30 primary items from the **Egyptian Book of the Dead**.

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Egyptian Book of the Dead

"Hail to thee, great God, Lord of the Two Truths.
I have come unto thee, my Lord, that thou mayest bring me to see thy beauty.
I know thee,
I know thy name,
I know the names of the 42 Gods who are with thee in this broad hall of the Two Truths . . .
Behold, I am come unto thee.
I have brought thee truth;
I have done away with sin for thee.
I have not sinned against anyone.
I have not mistreated people.
I have not done evil instead of righteousness . . .
I have not reviled the God.
I have not laid violent hands on an orphan.
I have not done what the God abominates . . .
I have not killed;
I have not turned anyone over to a killer.
I have not caused anyone's suffering . . .
I have not copulated (illicitly);
I have not been unchaste.
I have not increased nor diminished the measure,
I have not diminished the palm;
I have not encroached upon the fields.
I have not added to the balance weights;
I have not tempered with the plumb bob of the balance.
I have not taken milk from a child's mouth;
I have not driven small cattle from their herbage...
I have not stopped (the flow of) water in its seasons;
I have not built a dam against flowing water.
I have not quenched a fire in its time . . .
I have not kept cattle away from the God's property.
I have not blocked the God at his processions.