

The Ten Commandments

So, we have had 10 months of serious contemplation of the Ten Commandments, and I hope that you followed through and enjoyed the wide range of issues raised. How about a bit of fun?

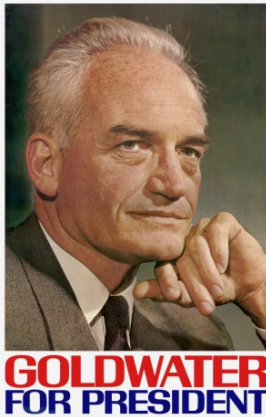
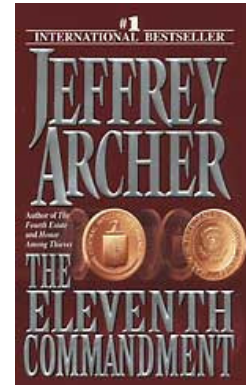
Let us go in pursuit of

The 11th Commandment!

What is it?

Well a quick surf of the net produces a strangely mixed bag of offerings.

1) The Eleventh Commandment is a novel by Jeffrey Archer, first published in 1998. The title refers to the commandment **Thou Shalt Not Get Caught**. No comment, Jeffrey.

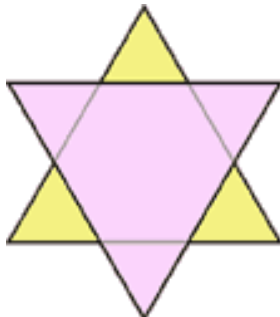


2) Another offering involves the late Ronald Reagan. **Thou shalt not speak ill of any fellow Republican** was established during Ronald Reagan's 1966 campaign for governor of California.

State Republican Chairman Gaylord Parkinson proposed it to help prevent a repeat of the liberal Republican assault on Barry Goldwater that laid the foundation for Goldwater's trouncing in the 1964 presidential election. It is often a fact of life that members of one's own party are the real political enemy!

3) There were several references to an 11th commandment in the following terms **Thou shalt never touch a running system**. Is this a computer-derived idea or applicable in any situation? Not sure if I follow that, but I guess it makes sense! I certainly won't be touching anything inside my computer!

4) **Eleventh Commandment** is also a Los Angeles social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered Jews in their twenties and early thirties. "We are currently a group of about 60, and we are growing rapidly. We have events approximately every two months." Below is their Logo and title. Seems a touch exclusive? What happens if you are, say, 36?



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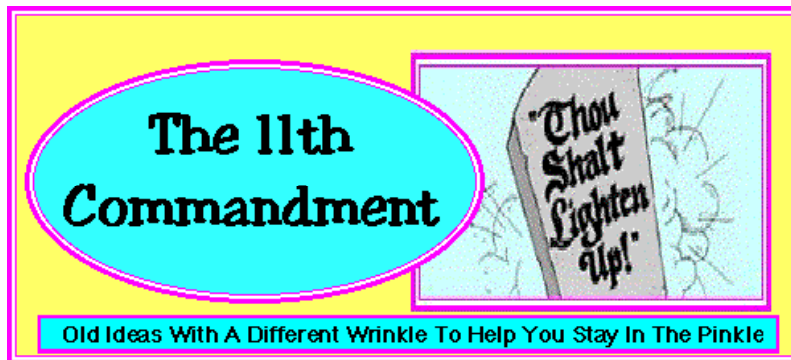
5) Here's one which we could all vote for! The 11th commandment: **Thou shall not spam** originated by Joanna L. Krotz. The date was April 12, 1994. Two immigration lawyers in Arizona had a bright idea to drum up business. They posted mass mailings that promoted their services to thousands of then-trendy Usenet newsgroups, labeling the notice "Green Card Lottery." In Net speed, the husband and wife partners, Laurence Canter and Martha Siegel, came under fierce attack for using the freewheeling discussion groups for commercial gain. And so, spam was born. It's been downhill ever since. Typically, "spam" is defined as unsolicited commercial e-mail from marketers that have no prior business contact with you. But as junk e-mail has intensified, so has the indignation about being spammed.

6) The 11th Commandment: **Cook a Brisket?!**
If you're married to a Jewish guy, but you're not Jewish yourself, what's the greatest barrier to making a Shabbat dinner for your family? The Hebrew? The ritual? Not according to one woman who attended a model Shabbat dinner sponsored by The Mothers Circle in Atlanta. Her problem was the brisket:

"I don't know how to make a brisket," she explained, "so I was always too intimidated to cook a Shabbat dinner." Just go veggie, I suggest, is one way out?



7) I quite liked this logo which I sometimes need to pay heed to!



But what about you?

Have you any suggestions for an 11th Commandment?

And what about the original 10? Have you any questions, issues or contributions to make for publication in December Magna at the end of our 12 month series? Send your ideas to the Magna Editorial Committee asap.

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