

A False Report

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I got this e-mail and it's a really good lesson that you need to prove whether the information is correct or not.

This gentleman sent me the first one; then he sent me a second one. So, I'll read what he has in the first sentence on the second one and then I'll go ahead with the report. But this shows: Don't believe everything on the Internet, even though it sounds credible.

According to [snopes.com](http://m.snopes.com/pope-changing-commandments/) (http://m.snopes.com/pope-changing-commandments/) the story about Pope Francis I that I sent you is not true, but then Dan. 7:25 talks about changing times and laws. The name of this website is realnewsrightnow.com.

So, you would think this is good stuff. They're on top of it.

They published an article stating that Pope Francis announced during a sermon that he had been instructed by God to change the Ten Commandments.

After going over it, and I'll read it, my question is: Though this may not be true, defacto it is. I wonder is it actually a trial balloon to see how much resistance there would be. Many times they do that. So here it is:

[Pope Francis: God Has Instructed Me to Revise the Ten Commandments](http://realnewsrightnow.com/2015/07/06/pope-francis-god-has-instructed-me-to-revise-the-ten-commandments/comment-page-5/)
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During his sermon, Pope Francis announced to Christians around the world that God had called upon him, instructing him "to revise the most sacred of texts, the Ten Commandments." Given to the Israelites by God himself at Mount Sinai.

Pope Francis said Christians around the world are "faced with ever-increasing temptations brought on by the evils of modern society." The Pope said the updated Commandments reflect the changing times and include some minor rewording of the existing rules as well as the addition of two new Commandments.

Give him an inch, he'll go a mile. The fourth commandment, Catholic-wise, is really the fifth commandment.

The Fourth Commandment, which advocates that proper respect be shown towards one's parents, has been reworded

in order to include children raised by same-sex parents. Pope Francis said the Seventh Commandment, prohibiting adultery and, among other things, homosexuality, has been removed entirely, as instructed by God, in order to extend "God's grace to all His children."

I wonder how many in San Francisco are rejoicing over this false report.

Let's look at some notes concerning this. Let's first of all come to Deut. 4, because it does talk about the Ten Commandments. This makes me wonder if this is not a trial balloon. After all, wouldn't that bring everybody to the Catholic Church and all the other religions come together as well?

They may not literally change the Ten Commandments in the Word of God, but in practice that's what they could do. Already done!

Deuteronomy 4:1: "And now, O Israel, hearken to the statutes and to the judgments which I teach you, in order to do them, so that you may live and go in and possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers gives to you. You shall not add to the word, which I command you; neither shall you take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal Peor..." (vs 1-3). Because that involved idolatry and adultery, and probably Sunday-keeping, because Baal is the sun-god.

"...For the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men that followed Baal Peor. And you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive, every one of you, this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me..." (vs 3-5). If God commands you to do something, ***you do it just like He says to do it!***

"...so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. And you shall keep and do *them*, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people'" (vs 5-6).

So, the most foolish thing you can do is get rid of the Word of God!

Verse 7: "For what nation is so great whose God is so near to them, as the LORD our God is, whenever we call upon Him?"

I remember one of the very last times that you could say in history was when the invasion of Normandy was taking place. President Franklin Roosevelt read a prayer that that invasion would be successful. Isn't it interesting that when you come to the state constitutions, when you come to writings about God, they refer to the Almighty God?

That's quite interesting, from this point of view, when you know that we are the descendants of Israel. God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the Almighty God 'El Shaddai.' *Yes, indeed!*

I remember hearing that prayer and I was astonished. That was quite a prayer. If you watch American Heroes Channel on WWII, every once in a while they play that. But that was amazing!

Verse 8: "And what great nation has statutes and judgments that *are so* righteous as all this Law, which I set before you today?"

Let's just look at one law. We've covered this before, but I just want to make a point because of the whole abortion flip-flap that's going on, which is actually one of the most atrocious things in the history of the world.

Leviticus 19:29: "You shall not prostitute your daughter to cause her to be a whore, lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness." That's precisely what we have done.

Is it good? Is that faithful? *Yes!* If we had remembered that and not done that, how much better off would this nation be before God?

How would you prostitute your daughter? Extrapolate it out! That is what all the women in your nation are doing by teaching them perverted sex education at an early age. Like we do in the schools today. That's how you do it. Even today they sell daughters, maybe not the mothers and fathers, but there's a lot of sex trading.

Do you know what they're working on in Santa Clara, California, for the Super Bowl this year? It's going to be there in Levi Stadium. They having to have extra amount of police because there will be so many sexual activities going on that are connected because of all of the players, fans, people, and also the elite 'mucky-mucks' that are up there in the top rows of the stadium viewing them out of their plush stadium boxes.

That's just one law. You take any of them. Have a just weight and balance. You shall help even your enemy if his horse falls down. Good laws. People get upset when they say, 'Those who commit adultery need to be stoned.' I am sure that's only if there's no repentance. I'm sure God gives a space of repentance, likewise with homosexuality.

But since there has been no penalty for those things, look at where we are today. People take the short-view of what their feeling is toward it, rather than the long-view: How's it going to affect the whole nation? Look at it today. That right there, that one verse, is the heart and core of the abortion problem we have today and the magnitude of the problem, plus all the violence that we have in the land. Got it everywhere. It's amazing!

This is what needs to be a caution for every one of us. Dolores tells me, and I say it to myself, 'Fred, be careful. Don't do anything stupid.' Especially since I rolled my Isuzu years ago. When it landed upright and I wasn't hurt, even though I didn't have a seat belt on, the first thing I said was, 'Thank you, God, for saving me from my stupidity.' Don't do anything foolish!

Deuteronomy 4:9: "Only take heed to yourself and diligently keep yourself... [self-control, self-ruled, self-discipline] ...lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. But teach them to your children, and your children's children."

Too bad they didn't have video cameras back then. 'Want to see what it was like when God was speaking on Mt. Sinai?'

Verse 10: "To remember the day that you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb... [right in the presence of God] ...when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will make them hear My words so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and they may teach their children.' And you came near and stood at the bottom of the mountain. And the mountain burned with fire up to the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of the words, but saw no likeness, only a voice. And He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, *even* the Ten Commandments..." (vs 10-13).

If the Catholic Church has removed the commandment of idolatry, the second commandment, from all of their catechism; they may do it in their catechisms, they didn't do it in the Bible. I guess whoever was doing a Bible, was too afraid to change that.

"...And He wrote them on two tablets of stone" (v 13). So important! This is the basis of everyone's life in the world: the Ten Commandments. Israel was to take that to the world so that the nations of the world would learn who the true God is and do the things that are right. But they didn't do it. They went to the nations to learn what

they did, to do what they do. And where has that gotten us today?

As I've said before, you can take the Ten Commandments, you can compare anything that is going on in the world and measure it by the Ten Commandments. That's the foundation. Everything else goes out from there.

You read Deut. 28 and Lev. 26, especially Lev. 26 because that tells us two of the important commandments:

1. no idolatry
2. Sabbath keeping

Sidebar: Dwight Blevins e-mailed me on this. He said that the knowledge of God hinges on two, four and seven. The second commandment, the Sabbath commandment, and the seventh: You shall not commit adultery, and that is physically and spiritually. If you have idols in your mind, you're an idolater.

If you keep the Sabbath and desecrate it with all your rules and regulations, like the Jews did to make it abhorrent to people to even consider keeping the Sabbath, because that's all they know about the Sabbath, you drive people away from God.

Or you change it from the fourth commandment to the third commandment. Genetically modifying the Word of God, if I could put it that way. And you get it all mixed up.

Dolores and I were discussing this morning about why all of these things happen, and how with the breaking of the commandments of God Satan is there to give you a benefit. He'll give you a benefit because you think, 'That's a blessing from God,' when it may not be.

Remember the rich man who came to Jesus and said, 'Lord, what should I do that I may inherit eternal life?' Jesus said, 'Keep the commandments.' He listed off all of them, except the Sabbath. So, the Protestants go there and say, 'Since He didn't list the Sabbath, we don't have to keep it.' Jesus said in that same book that He was Lord of the Sabbath. Do you think the Lord of the Sabbath is going to throw away the Sabbath? *Of course not!* People don't know how to reason, but because of their carnal minds and being enmity against God, they look for an excuse. 'Oh, it's not there; we don't have to keep it.'

So, we were talking about the commandments and talking about 2-Tim. 3, the first part of it here, so let's read the first part and then we'll get to what I have to say about the Word of God. But this is part of it here.

2-Timothy 3:1: "Know this also, that in *the* last days perilous times shall come."

1-Timothy 4:1: "Now, the Spirit tells *us* explicitly that in *the* latter times some shall apostatize from the faith, *and* shall follow deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons; speaking lies in hypocrisy, their consciences having been cauterized *with a hot iron*" (vs 1-2).

Then he talks about forbidding to marry and so forth, but that can cover any of the commandments. You tie those two together; no wonder there are perilous times.

And you would have to say that it has to be doctrine of demons to sell body parts of aborted babies. *That can't be of God!* On those videos, you look at them, and especially the one woman who joked about, 'I need to sell enough to get a Lamborghini. She has the most evil, Satanic-looking eyes I've ever seen in my whole life. Combine those two together.

2-Timothy 3:2: "For men will be lovers of self..." What is the main thing taught in schools today? *Self-esteem!*

"...lovers of money..." (v 2). The other day Dolores came in and I was watching Bloomberg, just checking to see how the financial world is going. Here it showed a whole screen of men—I'm sure there were women there—and their whole job was just to sit there and look at the screen all day long to buy and sell, and all of this sort of thing. She said, 'What kind of life can that be?' Just addicted to it! Amazing!

"...braggarts, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy... [all of those breaking the commandments of God] ...without natural affection, implacable... [hard-hearted beyond belief] ...slanderers..." (vs 2-3). You talk about an upside down world.

Planned Parenthood and one of the other companies that buys body parts got a temporary restraining order from a judge in California to not show any more new releases, because they said they have thousands of hours of this. This is not a little thing done in a corner.

Yet, has the FBI done anything? Have the police run in and stopped them? They know they're breaking a Federal law, but do you think the White House would put up with having that shut down?

But the dentist who went over Zimbabwe and shot 'Leo the lion,' what did they do? *They rushed in and seized everything he had, and arrested him for killing a lion!* Why don't they do that to Planned Parenthood? Rush in, seize everything; arrest everyone *for killing God's creation of a new human being!* Shows you how upside down it is.

Then I got a dramatic photo showing an infant in the womb, on the one hand, and an eagle's egg on the other hand. You know what the penalty is for destroying an eagle egg? \$250,000 *fine!* But you can kill babies, and even take adolescents without their parent's knowledge to have an abortion *and kill a life!* Is everything upside down?

"...implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, despisers of those who are good" (v 3).

Oh, yes, I think God was inspiring those people to go do all of those things and get all of that information so that this nation would have a choice to make. If they didn't make the right choice, which it doesn't look like they are going to do to stop this thing, *then God's anger is going to wax hot!* If you think we've seen tragedies and things, we haven't even gotten into kindergarten, yet. If you don't believe me, read the book of Lamentations.

Verse 4: "Betrayers, reckless, egotistical, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; having an outward appearance of Godliness, but denying the power of *true* Godliness. But *as for you*, turn away from *all* these" (vs 4-5)—and go to the Word of God.

Verse 13 tells us what we are to do: "But wicked men... [that includes women, because the last three letters in the word *women* is *men*] ...and imposters shall become worse and worse, deceiving *others* and being deceived *themselves*. But *as for you*, continue in the things that you did learn and were assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*; and that from a child you have known the Holy Writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith, which *is* in Christ Jesus" (vs 13-15).

This is always the motivating thought behind doing the Bible in its original order, v 16: "All Scripture *is* God-breathed... [that is God-Spirited] ...and *is* profitable for doctrine, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work" (vs 16-17).

This also tells us that unless we have the Word of God and we study it, live by it and exercise by it, we are not complete human beings. That might seem like an exaggeration to some people. Let's see if any of those out in the world can give themselves eternal life. I doubt it!

John 6:60: "Therefore, after hearing *these words*, many of His disciples said, 'This is a hard saying. Who is able to hear *it?*'" Yes, because it cuts to the quick, cuts to the heart and cuts to the sin within.

Verse 61: "But Jesus, knowing that His disciples were complaining about this, said to them, 'Does this offend you?'" Those who didn't want to hear it left Him. 'Does this offend you?' Isn't that the politically correct thing today? Oh, we must not offend people. We must not hurt their tender little itty-bitty feelings. ***Wait until God starts acting!***

Verse 62: "What if you shall see the Son of man ascending up where He was before?... [they did see that] ...It is the Spirit that gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**...." (vs 62-63).

Just like the young man we talked about. In the flesh he was rich. He kept a lot of the commandments of God, but all of those were idols in his mind. So, when Jesus said, 'You just lack one thing. Go sell all that you have and give to the poor and come and follow Me,' the young man turned around and walked away, because that was too much for him.

Verse 63: "It is the Spirit that gives life... [the Holy Spirit of God, which we have as a begettall in us] ...the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you, *they* are Spirit and *they* are Life."

- that's why they are so important
- that's why we have the Sabbath
- that's why we study the Bible

That's why when there are difficulties, troubles, and problems:

- you go to the Word of God
- you read the Psalms
- you pray to God
- you use these things

That's why David and the others who wrote the Psalms went through all the troubles that they did to write them down. God preserved them so we could know and come to those and understand from the Word of God.

- this is how we can survive in these instances
- this is what we need to encourage us, to help us, to lift us up

It helps us in our minds and in our hearts. Why? "...*The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are Life*" (v 63)! It's not just the printed letters on paper. It is the power and meaning behind the words, with God's Spirit in us that makes these so effective.

Then He said, v 64: "But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from *the* beginning who were the ones that did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, 'For this reason, I have said to you, no one can come to Me unless it has been given to him from My Father'" (vs

64-65). That's what I'm ready to write on in the book, *Why Were You Born?* I'm pretty close to three-quarters through.

- How does God call a person? *He doesn't come down here and say, 'You, I want you.'*
- How does He do it?
- Do you know?
- Do you remember the sermon I gave? *God's Calling* (Baptism Series #3).

Verse 44: "No one can come to Me unless the Father, Who sent Me, draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Verse 65: "...no one can come to Me unless it has been given to him from My Father."

1. John 6:44
2. John 6:65
3. John 14:6

This is why only God's way and only the Bible show us the true way to God. It is a spiritual thing and we need the Spirit of God to help us, to lead us. We'll see how God does that. When we get to that I want you to think about how God called you.

John 14:6: "Jesus said to him, 'I am **the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.**'" Means no one! It's very interesting that in most Protestantism the thing that is missing is *the Father*. They say they have Jesus, but you can't have one without the other.

Revelation 1:4: "John to the seven churches that *are* in Asia: Grace and peace *be* to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; and from the seven spirits that are before His throne." What are the seven spirits? *God uses them!*

Revelation 3:1: "And to the angel of the church in Sardis, write: 'These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works...'"

That's interesting. You might ask a Protestant, 'How is it that we're going to be judged by our works, if we don't need work?'

Revelation 4:5: "And proceeding from the throne were lightnings and thunders and voices; and seven lamps of fire, which are the seven Spirits of God, *were* burning before the throne."

- What are they?
- What do they do?

Revelation 5:6: "Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders, *was* standing a Lamb as having

been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God that are sent into all the earth."

Christ is in charge of the seven Spirits of God, which are the eyes of God that go into all the earth. They are seeking out those who are seeking God.

What did Jesus say? '*Ask and you shall receive*' (Matt. 7)! If you don't know God and you've never prayed, how are you going to ask? *and* How are you going to receive? 'Seek and you shall find.' How are you going to seek it when you don't know what you are seeking, except you are seeking God? Look back at the first time that God really began to work in your life. Probably a short prayer, 'Oh, God, I am in trouble, help me.' Whatever the circumstances were.

It's the seven eyes that are going through the earth to begin dealing with those people who are seeking God. Many are called, but few are chosen, *because they don't respond as they should*. They want temporary help. God answers the prayer; rescues them, but they run off and forget all about God.

2-Chr. 15 talks about the king, and Asa the prophet told him, 'As long as you're seeking God, He is with you.'

2-Chronicles 16:9: "For the eyes of the LORD..."

- Who became Jesus Christ? *The Lord God of the Old Testament!*
- Who says that He has the seven Spirits? *Jesus Christ!*
- What does it tell us they are? *They are the spiritual eyes of God!*

Verse 9: "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro in all the whole earth... [Wherever people are. God is not limited. Isn't that a fantastic thing?] ...to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart *is* perfect toward Him."

This is before the begetting of the Holy Spirit. This is how it works: someone out there in the world really wants to find God. One of the seven Spirits sees that and begins working with him. Exactly how, I don't know except that it works.

Begins dealing with him. If they respond, and want to know more about God, will deal with them a little more. Then when it really gets serious, up to the point where they may be chosen, then what kicks in? '*None can come to me unless the Father draw him*' (John 6:44)!

What we find is this: It's a joint operation of Jesus Christ and God the Father, and the seven

Spirits that are the eyes of God. I don't know exactly how it works, but that's a fantastic thing.

Doesn't matter who you are or where you are. How many people have called upon God? *Anybody can call upon God!* If they are desperate and really sincere, God will answer the prayer and deliver them. Why does He do that? Some people say, 'God only hears the prayers of those in the Church of God.' Why does God answer prayer of other people? *To let them know He's there!* How they respond after that, that's up to them. *But God is there!*

This is going to be an interesting part of the book. How does God know? *He says He knows everything! He says He knows all of our thoughts!* He's not collecting everybody's thoughts everywhere at all times, but since we have the spirit of man, before we're converted, all He has to do is just have one of the seven Spirits check in on the spirit of man in that person. Find out what it is. Got it right there.

Right here we have to turn off our cell phones. Jonathan's got big Samsung. I wanted to know where a certain town in California was just before services. Jonathan pops out his cell phone, it's a big one, big screen, and he looked it up. It came right up on a map, name of the town, where it was. He brought it up here and showed me. I said, 'Oh, that's where it is.' How long did that take? Virtually nothing!

Just think what God can do. After all, are not human beings the pinnacle of His physical creation? Is He not looking for those who want to know about God? *Yes, indeed!* God will take care of it! *Whether they are chosen or not, that depends on how they respond to God, which is another thing!*

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- 8) John 14:6
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- Matthew 7

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