

The Commandments of Astrology

COUNTLESS PEOPLE lead their entire lives advocating the importance of the Commandments given by God: The first ten through Moses in Exodus 20:2-17 and the two great commandments given by Christ himself in Matthew 22:37-40.

Few realize, however, that these twelve commandments are fashioned in successive order with the signs of the Zodiac. Anyone who knows the basics of Astrology will see that these commandments are extrapolations which clearly illustrate the importance of this ancient science.

This nexus is no coincidence. Astrology is a true revelation given to man by God.

1. *"I am the Lord thy God.... Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."*

The motto for Aries is "I am." This sign represents, at the lower levels, the selfish nature, one who dictates over others, or causes war.

As the sign correlated with the first House, Aries represents birth, infancy, and our early environment.

Through the first commandment, Jehovah presents Himself for the very first time, thereby giving birth to the law. To the child, the one who is all self and therefore requires discipline, He says: "My way is the only way, there is no other. There is only me, and I my Word has all power."

2. *"Thou shalt not make any graven image... Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord thy God."*

Taurus is the sign of materialism, ownership, and possessions. Jehovah is saying, "I own you,

you belong to me." He is now instructing the Jews not to "make or worship" any idols out of their material possessions.

3. *"Thou shalt not use the Lord's name in vain."* Gemini is the sign of communication. This correlates to the third house as an instruction to guard one's manner of speech, because the Gemini influence tends to promote gossip when speaking in a shallow or superficial way.

4. *"Observe the Sabbath and keep it Holy... On that Day no one is to work."*

As ruler of the fourth house, Cancer represents family and our home environment. Jehovah is instructing the Jews to recognize their home environment on the Sabbath in order to keep it holy.

5. *"Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother..."* An excellent keyword for Leo is "Honor" and its influence over the fifth house includes our children. Thus, the instruction of the fifth commandment is to all sons and daughters to honor their parents.

6. *"Thou shalt not kill."*

Virgo is the sign of the chaste virgin and the immaculate conception of life. As the sign correlated with the sixth house, Virgo governs our health and well-being. Therefore, the sixth commandment is an instruction to revere all life. It forbids more than murder because killing may be done incrementally over time. Jehovah is clearly instructing the Jews to honor all forms of life, to guard one's health and the health of others. Occultly, we also kill truth when we lie.

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Libra is the sign of partnerships. Correlated with the seventh house, Libra governs marriage. Jehovah commands fidelity to one's spouse, which holy matrimony is designed to protect.

8. "Thou shalt not steal."

Scorpio and the eighth house rule other people's money, legacies, investments, and joint finances. Thus, the eighth commandment instructs us not to take the money or possessions which belong to others.

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against another."

In the natural zodiac Sagittarius is associated with the ninth house, promoting high ideals of law and principles of universal truth. Here, among other things, the application of truth in a court of law requires that the veracity of evidence and right reason be used to determine guilt or innocence.

10. "Thou shalt not covet another man's house, wife or possessions."

Capricorn rules our status and position in the community. Correlated with the tenth house, it denotes our social standing and reputation. Jehovah is instructing the Jews not to inordinately desire the status, reputation or possession of another—not envy what another person has.

11. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

Aquarius represents altruism and the eleventh house rules friendships and universal brotherhood—conditions that shall be far more prevalent in the

Age of Aquarius. This is the first great commandment that is being ushered in by Christ himself.

The life of Jesus exemplifies the immense unconditional love that God gives and desires of his children. It was through this unfaltering love that Jesus was able to raise His higher vehicles in order to commune with God through the Spirit of Christ. Jesus not only announced this as the greatest commandment for all to follow, He lived a perfect and righteous life that demonstrates how this great commandment is fulfilled.



(detail), Benjamin West, c.1777, St. Pancras Parochial Church, London

Christ's Blessing

12. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Pisces especially correlates with compassion, so a good keyword is "empathy," which is the ability to feel another's pain as if it were one's own. The twelfth house rules "ripe destiny," which is attributed to karma or the operation of the Law of Consequence. Thus, the second great commandment of Christ gives the principle by which one can generate good (and liquidate difficult) destiny.

These last two commandments are called the "Great Commandments" because they consummate and supercede the first ten. As Jesus himself said,

"The whole law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matt. 22:40).

This writer submits that the foregoing clearly illustrates that all twelve commandments correlate with the ancient teachings of Astrology, which is a science that studies the true nature of God and His plan for humanity and its cosmos. □

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