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The Sixth Commandment: Murder

EXODUS 20:13

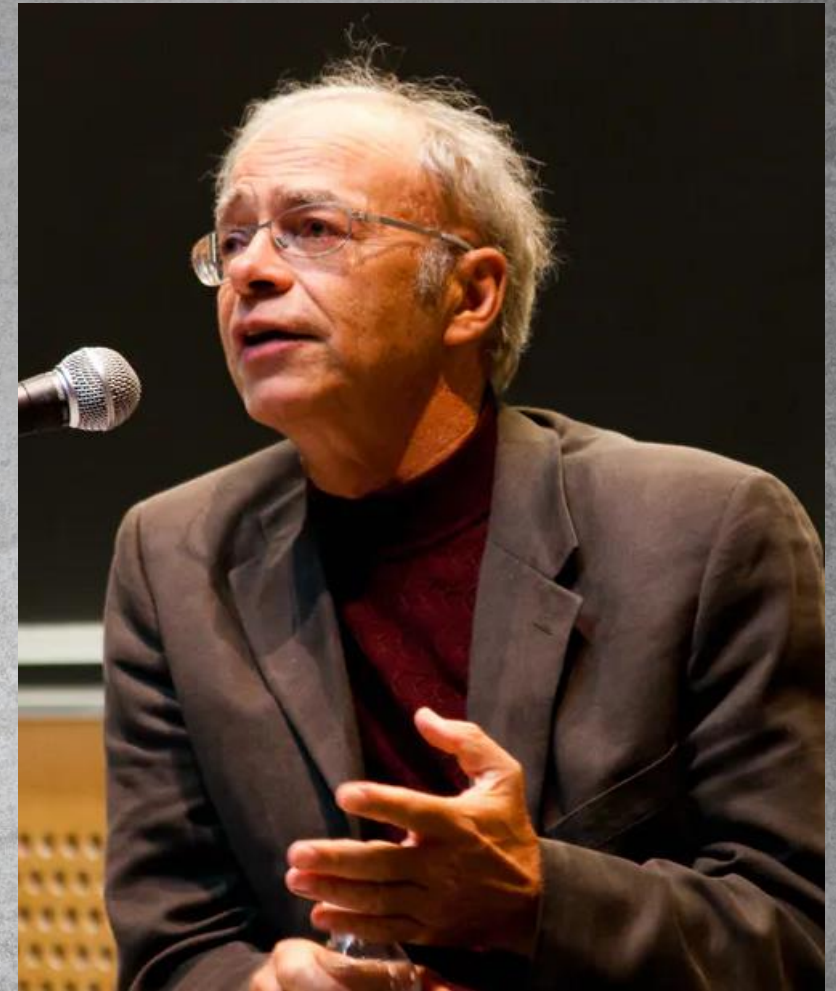
“...a small but influential group of philosophers and healthcare policy makers say that killing is beneficial, suicide is rational, natural death is undignified, and caring properly and compassionately for people who are elderly, prematurely born, disabled, despairing, or dying is a burden that wastes emotional and financial resources.”

(Culture of Death)



WESLEY J. SMITH

“We can no longer base our ethics on the idea that human beings are a special form of creation, made in the image of God, singled out from all other animals, and alone possessing an immortal soul. Once the religious mumbo-jumbo surrounding the term ‘human’ has been...



PETER SINGER

“... stripped away, we may continue to see normal members of our species as possessing greater capacities of rationality, self-consciousness, communication, etc. than members of other species, but we will not regard as sacrosanct the life of each and every member of our species...”



PETER SINGER

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#1 – Lordship
#2 – Idolatry
#3 – Representation
#4 – Sabbath

#5 – Honor #6 – Murder #7 – Adultery

MAN

#8 – Stealing #9 – Lying #10 – Coveting

DIVIDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel,
for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants
of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast
love, and no knowledge of God in the land;
there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing,
and committing adultery; they break all bounds,
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.*

HOSEA 4:1-2

- Not capital punishment, not war, not hunting, not self-defense
- “one who takes the life of another for criminal intent”
- Premeditated and criminal

“MURDER”

- It is destroying one who is made in the image of God.
(Genesis 1:26-27)

***WHY DOES GOD FORBID
MURDER?***

*"Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.*

GENESIS 9:6

“Now if we do not wish to violate the image of God, we ought to hold our neighbors sacred. And if we do not wish to renounce all humanity, we ought to cherish him as our flesh.”



JOHN CALVIN

“Our neighbor bears the image of God; to use him, abuse him, or misuse him is to do violence to the person of God who images himself in every human soul,...”



JOHN CALVIN

“Human beings are made in God’s image, an image that no human has the right to destroy without the maker’s authority. But God does have that authority. Human life is a gift from God and belongs to God, and no human has the right to destroy the gift or steal what belongs to God. But God has the right of disposal over what belongs to God...



***CHRISTOPHER
WRIGHT***

“...On these grounds, it is clear that we can distinguish between unlawful taking of life by evil human intention and authorized taking of life in circumstances carefully defined by God, ‘the Lord and giver of life.’ The prohibition on murder, therefore, is a matter not merely of horizontal human rights, but of our accountability to God for the lives of our fellow human beings.”



**CHRISTOPHER
WRIGHT**

1. Abortion

- Because God decides who conceives (Genesis 29:31)
- Because God creates life in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16)
- Because God gives the unborn His image (Genesis 1:27; Jeremiah 1:5)
- Because God judges those who kill the innocent (Genesis 9:6)
- Because we are to be compassionate toward the unborn (Isaiah 49:15)
- Because children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3).

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So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

EPHESIANS 3:13-17