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The ten commandments of tolerance, 1940.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF TOLERANCE

- I There are many races but one humanity. There are many religions but one God. Be reverent of humanity and of God and thou wilt be tolerant of all races and religions.
- II Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image of race, nation, class or culture and bow down to them and worship them.
- III Remember that every human being, regardless of his race or color, is a child of God fashioned in His image. God will not hold him guiltless who degrades and persecutes another human being.
- IV Honor every man until thou hast found him unworthy of honor, and then pity him and help him.
- V Thou shalt not judge any man except on his personal character, worth and achievements and not in relation to the race to which he belongs or to the religion to which he subscribes.
- VI Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- VII Thou shalt not murder a people's character by false propaganda.
- VIII Thou shalt not disrupt our national unity or undermine our spiritual defenses by incitement to race and religious conflicts and class hatreds.
- IX Remember that tolerance is not indifference. Convictions are not obsessions. Devotion is not fanaticism. Opposition is not hate. Unity is not uniformity. Cooperation is not conformity.
- X Let the words of those who founded this nation forever remain inscribed upon the tablets of thy heart: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal."