

# You Shall Not Steal.

## Pursue Sincerity.<sup>1</sup> (Peace)<sup>2</sup>

Quick Reference  
- from -  
*Secrets of Heaven*

Emanuel Swedenborg

### [Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on stealing:]

1. [Leave people to their own] spiritual goods.<sup>3</sup>
2. [Leave people to their own spiritual] riches and wealth.<sup>4</sup>
3. [Note:] Spiritual riches and wealth...are...<sup>5</sup>
  - a. Matters of knowledge of good and truth.
  - b. All those things which are of faith and charity.
  - c. All those things which...are of spiritual life in a person.
4. [Note:] All spiritual goods, that is, all things of faith and charity, are from the Lord alone, and absolutely nothing from a person.<sup>6</sup>
5. [Therefore:]
  - a. [Attribute to the Lord] those things which belong to the Lord.<sup>7</sup>
  - b. Attribute [to the Lord] what is the Lord's.<sup>8</sup>
  - c. [Attribute] merit...and...righteousness [to the Lord].<sup>9</sup>
6. [Scripture:]<sup>10</sup>
  - a. [Enter] by the door (that is, by the Lord) into the sheepfold.
    - 1) [In this way] have life and...abundance.
7. Enter by the Lord [into] charity and thence [into] faith.<sup>11</sup>
8. [Note: People] enter by the Lord when they acknowledge that everything of faith and charity is from Him. Then [charity and faith] flow in from Him.<sup>12</sup>
9. [Therefore, acknowledge that everything of faith and charity is from [the Lord].<sup>13</sup>
10. [Be in the above] essential [truth].<sup>14</sup>
11. [Desire this truth].<sup>15</sup>
12. [Uphold this truth].<sup>16</sup>
13. [Reason from this truth].<sup>17</sup>
14. [Be in this doctrine].<sup>18</sup>
15. [Allow this truth to be in] possession of [your entire person] both...will and...understanding.<sup>19</sup>
16. [Allow] matters of knowledge of good and truth [to] have light from faith and love, thus from heaven.<sup>20</sup>
17. [Be] in the truths and goods of faith, [and allow others to do the same].<sup>21</sup>
  - a. [Leave others to their own] soul.<sup>22</sup>
18. [Allow] the truths and goods of faith [to be] in a free state and [to] serve the Lord alone.<sup>23</sup>

**Obligation:**

1. [According to the statutes commanded the sons of Israel by the Lord, a person who has stolen has the following obligations:]
  - a. Restore "five" [for an] ox, "four" [for a] lamb.<sup>24</sup>
  - b. Repay or be sold.<sup>25</sup>
  - c. Restore "double" if the theft is found in his hand [while breaking in].<sup>26</sup>

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*The Apocalypse Explained*

Emanuel Swedenborg

### [Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on stealing:]

1. [Be] sincere [in your dealings with others].<sup>29</sup>
2. [Love] what is sincere...from sincerity.<sup>30</sup>
3. [Exercise] justice [in your dealings with others].<sup>31</sup>
4. [Make only lawful] gains.<sup>32</sup>
5. [Love] what is...just from...justice.<sup>33</sup>
6. [Do] what is sincere and just...from the Lord.<sup>34</sup>
7. [Be in] sincerity and rectitude.<sup>35</sup>
8. [Allow the various] kinds and species of good to...enter and occupy [the] place [that] various kinds and species of thefts [once occupied].<sup>36</sup>
  - a. [Note: These] kinds and species of good...have reference in general to what is sincere, right, and just.<sup>37</sup>
  - b. [In other words, be in] what is sincere, right, and just.<sup>38</sup>
  - c. Want (or will) what is sincere, right and just.<sup>39</sup>
  - d. At length...love what is sincere because it is sincere, what is right because it is right, and what is just because it is just.<sup>40</sup>
  - e. Love these things because they are from the Lord, and [because] the love of the Lord is in them.<sup>41</sup>
9. Love the things that proceed from the Lord.<sup>42</sup>
  - a. Thus...love sincerity itself, rightness itself, and justice itself.<sup>43</sup>
  - b. [Note:] These [things] are the Lord with you.<sup>44</sup>
  - c. [Note:] As these [things] are the Lord, so far as a person loves them and thus acts from them, so far he or she acts from the Lord and so far the Lord removes insincerity and injustice as to the very intentions and volitions in which they have their roots, and always with less resistance and struggle, and therefore with less effort than in the first attempts.<sup>45</sup>
10. Acknowledge from faith and also from perception [that you do] these things...not from [yourself] but from the Lord.<sup>46</sup>
11. Be taught and led by the Lord.<sup>47</sup>
12. [Be receptive of the Lord].<sup>48</sup>
13. [Receive] what comes from the Lord.<sup>49</sup>
14. [Allow your] spiritual mind [and thus] heaven [to be] opened.<sup>50</sup>
15. [Allow the Lord to flow in and enable you] to see from the light of heaven.<sup>51</sup>

- a. [Note:] When heaven is opened a person comes into another light as to all things of the church, heaven, and eternal life.<sup>52</sup>
- 16. [Be] an image of heaven as to [your] spiritual mind.<sup>53</sup>
- 17. [Look to the Lord for help in shunning evils.]<sup>54</sup>
  - a. [Note: It is] the Lord who...causes a person to shun [evils].<sup>55</sup>
- 18. [Look to the Lord as] divine good and divine truth [for help in shunning evils].<sup>56</sup>
  - a. [Note: It is] the Lord, who is divine good and divine truth, who causes a person to shun [evils].<sup>57</sup>
- 19. Shun evils as if of [yourself].<sup>58</sup>
  - a. [Note:] All...removals [of evils in a person] are effected as if by [yourself].<sup>59</sup>
  - b. [Note:] A person's thinking to shun evil and to do good as if of him- or herself is done not by the person, but by the Lord.<sup>60</sup>
- 20. [Think] from conscience and [act] from integrity, not...from [yourself] but as if from [yourself].<sup>61</sup>
- 21. When the love of evil allures and incites, [think within yourself] that they must not be done because they are sins against God, and in themselves infernal.<sup>62</sup>
- 22. [Shun evils] and at length turn away from them as sins,...not from [yourself] but from the Lord, [that is, from] the love of truth and good that [have entered] from the Lord.<sup>63</sup>
  - a. [Note:] The love of truth and good [is what] puts...evils to flight.<sup>64</sup>
- 23. Think as if from [yourself] about good and evil, that is, that good must be loved and done because it is divine and remains to eternity, and that evil must be hated and not done because it is devilish and remains to eternity.<sup>65</sup>
- 24. Do good and shun evil...from the thought that such a thing is a good or an evil.<sup>66</sup>
- 25. [Shun evils from] religion and for the sake of eternal life.<sup>67</sup>
- 26. Consent to [the Lord's] covenant.<sup>68</sup>
  - a. [Note: In this covenant, the Lord] proposes and [a person consents and accepts].<sup>69</sup>
  - b. [Note:] To consent to this covenant is to think, will, and do as if from yourself.<sup>70</sup>
- 27. [Do] good works, [that is] do works from the Lord.<sup>71</sup>
  - a. [Do] good works.<sup>72</sup>
  - b. [Do] works "in the Lord".<sup>73</sup>
  - c. [Do] works from the Lord.<sup>74</sup>
  - d. [Do] works [that] are good not only outwardly but also inwardly.<sup>75</sup>
  - e. [Do] works [that] are living.<sup>76</sup>
  - f. [Do goods] with judgment and justice.
  - g. [Wish] to know truths.<sup>77</sup>
  - h. [Notes:]
    - 1) By good works [are meant] all works done by a person when evils have been removed as sins. For the works done after this are done from the person only as if from him or her; for they are done from the Lord, and all works done from the Lord are good and are called the goods of life, the goods of charity, and good works.<sup>78</sup>
    - 2) What a person does before he or she shuns and turns away from evils as sins are works done by the person him- or herself.<sup>79</sup>
    - 3) The works that a person does after he or she shuns and turns away from evils as sins are works from the Lord.<sup>80</sup>
    - 4) The Lord is in these [works] and heaven with Him, therefore they are good works.<sup>81</sup>

- 5) After a person shuns and turns away from evils as sins his or her works are good not only outwardly but also inwardly; and the more interior they are the more they are good, for the more interior they are the nearer they are to the Lord.<sup>82</sup>
  - a) They are like fruits that have a fine-flavored pulp, in the center of which are depositories with many seeds, from which new trees, even to whole gardens, may be produced.<sup>83</sup>
- 6) When a person shuns and turns away from evils as sins the works that he or she does are living,...for what is from the Lord is living.<sup>84</sup>
- 7) So far as a person shuns and turns away from evils as sins he or she does goods, and...the goods that he does are the good works which are meant in the Word, for the reason that they are done in the Lord.<sup>85</sup>
  - a) These works are good so far as a person turns away from the evils opposed to them, because so far they are done from the Lord and not from the person.<sup>86</sup>
- 8) The person who turns away from evils as sins wishes to know truths because truths teach useful services and the quality of their (the useful service's) good. So far, therefore, as such a person learns truths from affection for them so far he or she does goods more wisely and more fully.<sup>87</sup>
28. [As an example of the above, judges are charged to do the following:]<sup>88</sup>
  - a. Make justice [your goal or] end [in view].
  - b. Venerate, cherish, and love [justice] as divine.
  - c. See God [in justice].
    - 1) [Note:] Everything just...is from God.
  - d. [Let] justice...be of equity...and...equity...of justice.
    - 1) [Note:] Justice must be of equity in order to be justice, and equity must be of justice in order to be equity.
  - e. Love...what is just for the sake of the public good, which is...
    - 1) That justice may reign among [your] fellow citizens,
    - 2) And that those who live according to the laws may have security.
  - f. [Consult] the good of [your] country by causing justice and judgment to reign therein as in heaven.<sup>89</sup>
    - 1) In this way, consult the peace of every innocent citizen and protect him or her from the violence of evil doers.<sup>90</sup>
29. [As an example of the above, people who manage the goods of others are charged to do the following:]<sup>91</sup>
  - a. Have religion.
  - b. [Have] conscience.
  - c. Act from sincerity for the sake of sincerity.
  - d. [Act] from justice for the sake of justice.
  - e. [Be] content with your own.
  - f. [Be] cheerful in mind and glad in heart whenever it happens that you have refrained from fraud.
30. [As an example of the above, merchants are charged to do the following:]<sup>92</sup>
  - a. [View] riches as a means for [performing] useful services.
  - b. Serve [your] country and [your] fellow citizens [through your] trading.
  - c. Perform those useful services to which affection for good leads [you, doing this by means of your] riches.
31. [Give all credit to the Lord.]<sup>93</sup>

32. [Final note:]

- a. When a person shuns evils as sins, he or she daily learns what a good work is, and desire for doing good grows with him or her, [also] desire for knowing truths for the sake of good; for so far as he or she knows truths he can perform works more fully and more wisely, and thus his works become more truly good. Cease, therefore, from asking in yourself, "What are the good works that I must do, or what good must I do to receive eternal life?" Only cease from evils as sins and look to the Lord, and the Lord will teach and lead you.<sup>94</sup>

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- from -

*The Doctrine of Life for the New Jerusalem  
from the Ten Commandments*

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#### [Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on stealing:]

1. Earthly sense:<sup>97</sup>
  - a. [Leave people to their own] goods.
2. Spiritual sense:<sup>98</sup>
  - a. [Leave people to their own] truths of faith and...goods of charity.
3. Highest sense:<sup>99</sup>
  - a. Attribute [to] the Lord that which is His.
4. [Love] sincerity.<sup>100</sup>
5. [Be] in sincerity.<sup>101</sup>
  - a. [Note:] Sincerity is to be understood as including integrity, justice, fidelity, and rectitude.<sup>102</sup>
6. [Be] in these [things] not from [yourself] but from the Lord.<sup>103</sup>
7. Love them from [themselves] and for themselves.<sup>104</sup>
8. [Be] in [your] spiritual mind [as compared to your natural or animal mind] and consequently in heaven as to [your will as well as to your understanding].<sup>105</sup>
  - a. [Note: A person cannot be in his or her spiritual mind as to his will unless] he shuns evils as sins.<sup>106</sup>
9. [Allow your] understanding [to be] wise from spiritual light, and [at the same time allow your will to love] from spiritual heat.<sup>107</sup>
  - a. [Note:] Spiritual light is divine wisdom, and spiritual heat is divine love.<sup>108</sup>
10. [Allow] the Lord [to inflow] from heaven, [open your] spiritual mind, and [introduce you] into heaven.<sup>109</sup>
  - a. [Note: This happens] the moment a person shuns evils as sins.<sup>110</sup>
11. [Allow yourself to be made] spiritual, [that is, to be made truly human].<sup>111</sup>
  - a. [Note: This happens] the moment [that the lusts] of evils have been dispersed by the Lord.<sup>112</sup>
12. [Think] what is true in [your] understanding from what is good in [your] will.<sup>113</sup>
  - a. [Note: This happens] the moment [that the lusts] of evils have been dispersed by the Lord.<sup>114</sup>
13. [Allow your will and understanding to be united in you.]<sup>115</sup>

- a. [Note: This is what it meant in Scripture when it says that] we must love God "with all the heart, and with all the soul," and that God will give "a new heart, and a new spirit".<sup>116</sup>
  - 1) [In these passages,] "heart" means the will and its love, "soul" and "spirit" mean the understanding and its wisdom.<sup>117</sup>

14. [Scripture:]

- a. [Walk] in righteousness.<sup>118</sup>
- b. [Walk] uprightly.<sup>119</sup>
- c. [Walk] in the way of the upright.<sup>120</sup>
- d. [Do] righteousness.<sup>121</sup>
- e. [Speak] uprightness.<sup>122</sup>
- f. [Speak the truth.]<sup>123</sup>
- g. [Let] your righteousness...exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.<sup>124</sup>
  - 1) [Be] in interior [forms of] righteousness.<sup>125</sup>
  - 2) [Be] interiorly sincere, just, faithful, and upright.<sup>126</sup>
  - 3) [Be] in the Lord.<sup>127</sup>
- h. [Be] faithful.<sup>128</sup>
- i. [Work sincerity.]<sup>129</sup>
- j. Be perfected.<sup>130</sup>
  - 1) [Let] the Lord [be in you].<sup>131</sup>
- k. [Be] perfect as is [your] Father in the heavens.<sup>132</sup>
- l. [Be] pure in heart.<sup>133</sup>
- m. Minister to [the Lord].<sup>134</sup>



# You Shall Not Steal.

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- from -  
*True Christianity*

Emanuel Swedenborg

### [Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on stealing:]

1. Earthly sense:<sup>137</sup>
  - a. [Leave people to their own] goods.
  - b. [Make only legitimate] gains.
  - c. [Be faithful] in paying taxes and duties and in discharging debts.
  - d. Laborers, [do your work faithfully and sincerely.]
  - e. Merchants, [be truthful in] merchandise, in weight, in measure, and in your accounts.
  - f. Officers, [pay soldiers what is due them].
  - g. Judges, [uphold the law and admit any evidence which has to do with the goods that others rightfully possess].
2. Spiritual sense:<sup>138</sup>
  - a. [Leave people to the truths of their faith.]
  - b. Priests, teach what [you] see...from the Word to be [true].
  - c. [Scripture:]
    - 1) [Enter] by the door into the sheepfold.<sup>139</sup>
    - 2) [Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven.]<sup>140</sup>
3. Heavenly sense:<sup>141</sup>
  - a. [Attribute all power to] the Lord.
  - b. [Attribute all merit (that is, give all credit) and righteousness to the Lord.]
  - c. Trust in [the Lord].
  - d. Believe in God.
4. [Final notes:]<sup>142</sup>
  - a. Read the Word, and from it...know what is false and what is true.
  - b. [Regard] truths as [being of highest importance and value].
  - c. Confirm [the truths] of religion.
  - d. Establish [the truth].
  - e. Teach what is...true.
  - f. Lead people [toward] true Divine worship.
  - g. Discharge priestly functions [sincerely].

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# Endnotes

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<sup>2</sup> SH 8867  
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<sup>26</sup> SH 8906:4, Ex. 22:2-4  
<sup>27</sup> TC 330  
<sup>28</sup> SH 8867  
<sup>29</sup> AE 935:2  
<sup>30</sup> AE 949:3  
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<sup>118</sup> Isa. 33:15, Life 84  
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<sup>136</sup> SH 8867  
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