

You Shall Not Answer Against Your Neighbor the Witness of a Lie.

Think and Say What is True.¹ (Goodness)²

Quick Reference
- from -
Secrets of Heaven

Emanuel Swedenborg

[Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on bearing false witness against your neighbor:]

1. [Call what is good, good, and call what is true, true.]³
 - a. Say that what is good [is good].⁴
 - b. Say that...what is [true is true].⁵
 - c. [Call] the good which is of faith [good] and the truth [which is of faith true].⁶
 - d. Say...that what is just is [just].⁷
 - 1) [Note: Be] willing to see...what is just.⁸
 - e. [In this way] say what is [true].⁹
2. [Conversely, evil is called evil and falsity is called falsity.]¹⁰
 - a. [Say that what is evil is evil].¹¹
 - b. [Say that what is false is false].¹²
 - c. Say...that what is unjust is [unjust].¹³
 - 1) [Be] willing to see...what is...unjust.¹⁴
 - d. [In this way] say what is [true].¹⁵
3. Speak [in this manner as a support to people who are] in good.¹⁶
4. Speak [in this manner as a support to] good itself.¹⁷
5. [Be in the truth] of faith.¹⁸
6. [Be in the truth and good] of faith.¹⁹
7. [Confirm the truth of faith].²⁰
8. [Confirm what is true, whether it be...]²¹
 - a. Before a judge.
 - b. Before anyone else.
 - c. Before [yourself] within [your] thought.
9. [Scripture:]
 - a. [Make] a covenant with [life].²²
 - b. [Be] willing to hear the law of Jehovah.²³
 - c. [Have] truth in you.²⁴
 - d. [Stand] in the truth.²⁵
 - e. [Make truth your] trust.²⁶
 - f. [Seek shelter in truth].²⁷
 - g. [Be] full of [truth].²⁸
 - h. [Love the truth and tell the truth].²⁹

- i. [Teach your] tongue to speak [the truth].³⁰
- j. Speak...the truth.³¹
- k. Speak from [the Lord].³²
- l. [Support] people by [the truth].³³
- m. [Be] sent [of Jehovah].³⁴
- 10. Have conscience.³⁵
 - a. [Note:] It belongs to conscience to call that just which is just, for no other reason than because it is just, that is, from the love of what is just.³⁶
- 11. Love...what is just.³⁷
- 12. [Be] in the good of [love for the Lord and love for the neighbor].³⁸
- 13. [Be] willing to acknowledge the Lord.³⁹

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The Apocalypse Explained
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[Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on bearing false witness against your neighbor:]

1. [Allow] the love of truth and the love of justice to flow in from the Lord through heaven.⁴²
2. [Allow] truth from the Lord [to enter].⁴³
3. [Tell the truth].⁴⁴
4. [Tell the truth] about the neighbor.⁴⁵
5. [Act] the part of a [true] witness.⁴⁶
6. Call what is just, just.⁴⁷
 - a. Confirm what it just by means of [truth].⁴⁸
7. Call what is unjust, unjust.⁴⁹
 - a. Confirm what is just by means of [truth].⁵⁰
8. [Uphold what is] right.⁵¹
9. [Make] what is right to appear [right].⁵²
10. [Uphold] the truth and good of the Word.⁵³
11. Prove [the truth] of doctrine to be true.⁵⁴
 - a. Confirm this by means of [truth].⁵⁵
12. [Uphold] truth--spiritual, moral, and civic--from a good heart.⁵⁶
13. Love truth.⁵⁷
14. Love justice.⁵⁸
15. Love the Lord.⁵⁹

Final notes:

1. When [people love] truth and justice, it may be said that truth and justice love [them], because the Lord loves [them].⁶⁰
2. As a consequence [of this, their] utterances become utterances of truth, and [their] works become works of justice.⁶¹

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

Emanuel Swedenborg

[Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on bearing false witness against your neighbor:]

1. [In general:]
 - a. [Love] the truth.⁶⁴
 - b. [Desire] to know it.⁶⁵
 - c. [Allow yourself to be] affected at heart when [you] find it.⁶⁶
 - d. [Note:] In proportion as anyone loves the truth, in the same proportion he or she desires to know it, and in the same proportion [he] is affected at heart when he finds it. No one else comes into wisdom.⁶⁷
 - e. [Love] to do the truth.⁶⁸
 - f. [Note:] In proportion as anyone loves to do the truth, in the same proportion he or she is sensible of the pleasantness of the light in which the truth is.⁶⁹
 - g. Care [about] the truth...for its own sake, thus...interiorly.⁷⁰
 - h. [Allow] the truth [to take] root in [your] spiritual mind.⁷¹
 - i. Love the truths that are in the Word from the Lord, and do them from Him, thus...bear fruit.⁷²
2. Earthly sense:
 - a. [Be a true] witness.⁷³
 - b. [Tell the truth.]⁷⁴
 - c. [Uphold the good name and reputation of others.]⁷⁵
3. Spiritual sense:
 - a. Declare [what is true] to be true, [and what is good to be good, and confirm that] it is so.⁷⁶
4. Highest sense:
 - a. [Acknowledge] the Lord.⁷⁷
 - b. [Acknowledge and uphold] the Word.⁷⁸
5. [With regard to salvation:]⁷⁹

- a. [Believe the truth which says] that to be saved consists...in keeping the commandments (which are, *Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness*) in both the restricted and the extended sense.
- b. The truth is that in proportion as anyone is in these evils, in that same proportion he or she has no faith.
- c. Take counsel of reason and observe whether, so long as he or she is in the [lust] of these evils, any murderer, adulterer, thief, or false witness is able to have faith.
- d. Further, [take counsel of reason] whether the [lust] of these evils can be shaken off in any other way than by refusing to want (or will) to commit them for the reason that they are sins, that is, because they are infernal and devilish.
- e. Whoever imagines that being saved consists in believing this thing or that which is taught by the church, while he or she remains thus evil in feeling and in character, must needs be a "foolish man," in accordance with the words of the Lord in Matthew 7:26.
- f. Such a church is thus described in Jeremiah:
 - 1) Stand in the gate of Jehovah's house, and proclaim there this word: "Thus says Jehovah of Armies the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your doings. Do not trust in lying words, saying, "The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, are these." Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, "We are delivered" while you do all these abominations? Is this house become a den of robbers? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, says Jehovah.'"⁸⁰

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[Forms of goodness that are related to the commandment on bearing false witness against your neighbor:]

1. Earthly sense:⁸³
 - a. [Act] the part of a [true] witness...
 - 1) Before a judge.
 - 2) Before others not in a court of justice.
 - b. [Be truthful] in civic life, [looking to a good] end.
 - c. [Uphold the honor, good name, and good reputation of your neighbor.]
 - d. [Plan and intend what is good toward others from a good heart.]
2. Spiritual sense:⁸⁴
 - a. [Say that falsity is false and evil is evil.]
 - 1) [Do this purposefully, after you have] learned what is true and good, not before.
 - b. [Be sincere.]
 - c. [Scripture:]
 - 1) [Make] a covenant with [life].⁸⁵
 - 2) [Make] a vision with [heaven].⁸⁶
 - 3) [Be] willing to hear the law of Jehovah.⁸⁷
 - 4) [Be sincere].⁸⁸
 - 5) [Dwell in the midst of sincerity].⁸⁹
 - 6) [Make truth your] trust.⁹⁰
 - 7) [Seek shelter in truth].⁹¹
 - 8) [Tell the truth].⁹²
 - 9) [Teach your] tongue to speak [the truth].⁹³
 - 10) Speak from [the Lord].⁹⁴
3. Heavenly sense:⁹⁵
 - a. [Acknowledge] the Lord.
 - 1) [Notes:]
 - a) The Lord is the truth itself.
 - b) The Lord is the very truth.⁹⁶
 - c) The Lord bears witness and witnesses of Himself.⁹⁷
 - d) Speak the truth...itself.
 - b. [Acknowledge and uphold] the Word.

- 1) [Notes:]
 - a) The Word is the truth itself.
 - b) Speak the truth...itself.
 - c. [Uphold truth in the church.]
4. Speak [truths] from [sincerity].⁹⁸
5. [Speak them from] spiritual affection.⁹⁹

Endnotes

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- ¹ TC 330
² SH 8867
³ SH 8907, 8908:1
⁴ SH 8908:1
⁵ SH 8908:1
⁶ SH 8908:2
⁷ SH 8908:2
⁸ SH 8908:2
⁹ SH 8908:1
¹⁰ SH 8907, 8908:1
¹¹ SH 8908:1
¹² SH 8908:1
¹³ SH 8908:2
¹⁴ SH 8908:2
¹⁵ SH 8908:1
¹⁶ SH 8908:1
¹⁷ SH 8908:1
¹⁸ SH 8908:3
¹⁹ SH 8908:4
²⁰ SH 8908:1
²¹ SH 8908:3 unless otherwise noted
²² Is. 28:15, SH 8908:4
²³ Is. 30:9, SH 8908:4
²⁴ John 8:44, SH 8908:3
²⁵ John 8:44, SH 8908:3
²⁶ Is. 28:15, SH 8908:4
²⁷ Is. 28:15, SH 8908:4
²⁸ Nah. 3:1, SH 8908:4
²⁹ Rev. 12:15, SH 8908:4
³⁰ Jer. 9:5, SH 8908:4
³¹ Jer. 9:5, Zeph 3:13, SH 8908:4
³² John 8:44, SH 8908:3
³³ Jer. 23:32, SH 8908:4
³⁴ Ezek. 13:6, SH 8908:4
³⁵ SH 8908:2
³⁶ SH 8908:2
³⁷ SH 8908:2
³⁸ SH 8908:3
³⁹ SH 8908:3
⁴⁰ TC 330
⁴¹ SH 8867
⁴² AE 1020:2
⁴³ AE 949:3
⁴⁴ AE 935:2, 949:3
⁴⁵ AE 1019:2
⁴⁶ AE 1019:2
⁴⁷ AE 1019:2
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⁵⁶ AE 1019:2
⁵⁷ AE 1020:2
⁵⁸ AE 1020:2
⁵⁹ AE 1020:2
⁶⁰ AE 1020:2
⁶¹ AE 1020:2
⁶² TC 330
⁶³ SH 8867
⁶⁴ Life 87-89
⁶⁵ Life 89
⁶⁶ Life 89
⁶⁷ Life 89
⁶⁸ Life 89
⁶⁹ Life 89
⁷⁰ Life 90
⁷¹ Life 90
⁷² Life 90
⁷³ Life 87
⁷⁴ Life 87
⁷⁵ Life 87
⁷⁶ Life 87
⁷⁷ Life 87
⁷⁸ Life 87
⁷⁹ Life 91 unless otherwise noted
⁸⁰ Jer. 7:2-4, 9-11, Life 91
⁸¹ TC 330
⁸² SH 8867
⁸³ TC 321 unless otherwise noted
⁸⁴ TC 322 unless otherwise noted
⁸⁵ Is. 28:15, TC 322
⁸⁶ Is. 28:15, TC 322
⁸⁷ Is. 30:9, TC 322
⁸⁸ Mic. 6:12, Ps. 5:6, TC 322
⁸⁹ Jer. 9:6, TC 322
⁹⁰ Is. 28:15, TC 322
⁹¹ Is. 28:15, TC 322
⁹² Is. 30:9, Jer. 3:10, Mic. 6:12, Ps. 5:6, TC 322
⁹³ Jer. 9:5, TC 322
⁹⁴ John 8:44, TC 322
⁹⁵ TC 323 unless otherwise noted
⁹⁶ John 14:6, Rev. 3:7, 14, TC 323
⁹⁷ John 3:11, 8:13-19, 15:26, 18:37-38, TC 323
⁹⁸ TC 324
⁹⁹ TC 324