

Conversation on Sinai

“So here we are, Moses. You have come all the way to the top of Sinai for some clarification on this matter of human behaviour as I would like to see it. So I have carved upon these stone tablets the rules that you and yours should try to follow.

I don’t want to make this too complicated so there are only ten of them, and they are pretty straight-forward. Along with the Golden Rule, I expect they should suffice.

Please take them back down the mountain for all of the folks down there to see how I think things should be done.”

“Okay, Lord. I will do that, but I expect that not all of the people down there will agree. They may accept your rules for the moment, but I expect they will want to have some input, especially as time goes by. No doubt, there will be lengthy debates about these rules --- debates which will endeavour to ensure that everyone, regardless of his or her understanding and judgement of such matters, has a say. I further expect that they may put these rules to a vote, as that is what the democratic process, as a whole, recognizes and recommends.

So the people may come back to you with some suggested amendments to the rules you have carved out for us. Are you open to some editing/modification of these rules?”

Now, Moses! What do you think?”

I sincerely hope that the folks down there won’t do that, because I would hate to do the flood thing again, or to take some other corrective measure.”

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For sure I was not there to hear this conversation, but is it so unreasonable to imagine it?