



# The Burning Bush—Online article archive

## Methodists add 'new commandments'

20:1 ¶ And God spake all these words, saying,  
2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.  
3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.  
4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:  
5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;  
6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.  
7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.  
8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:  
10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:  
11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.  
12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.  
13 Thou shalt not kill.  
14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
15 Thou shalt not steal.  
16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.  
17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.  
God's perfect and unchangeable law

### A new Commandment according to Methodists : "Thou Shalt Not Worship False Pop Idols"

The Methodist Church in Britain, in conjunction with the website, "Ship of Fools", recently organised a "competition" for a new commandment! The church announced the five winners after holding a contest in the country's pubs aimed at "sparking an ethical debate among young people!" The

church left details of the competition on beer mats in pubs around the nation, inviting drinkers to text suggestions for an 11th commandment.

#### Beer mats

"The idea was to get people, especially those in their 20s and 30s, thinking about the commandments and to prompt a debate about ethics," said Simon Jenkins of "Ship of Fools", who sifted through the 2000 entries. "By using beer mats, the Methodist Church hoped to connect with a group it doesn't usually reach and it was a brave and bold move. In fact, with most of the entries it was as if you could hear the clinking of glasses in the background." According to Jenkins, the competition "shows that Methodism and pubs can live together."

#### Folly

The utter folly, brought on by its departure from the Word of God, of the once great Methodist church could not be better demonstrated. Far from "connecting" with anyone, the Methodist church encouraged the breaking of a cardinal injunction by God regarding His Word. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you," Deuteronomy 4:2. Furthermore, it encouraged the notion that sinful man may add to the perfect wisdom of God and make up a shortcoming in His moral law.