

There has been some recent debate around over the country about the display of the Ten Commandments in public places. Did you know that they were revised and updated by an English poet, A.H.Clough:?

- I Thou shalt have one God only; who
Would be at the expense of two?
- II No graven images may be
Worshipped, except the currency.
- III Swear not at all; for, for thy curse
Thine enemy is none the worse.
- IV At church on Sunday to attend
Will serve to keep the world thy friend.
- V Honour thy parents; that is, all
From whom advancement may befall.
- VI Thou shalt not kill; but need'st not strive
Officiously to keep alive.
- VII Do not adultery commit;
Advantage rarely comes of it.
- VIII Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat,
When it's so lucrative to cheat.
- IX Bear not false witness; let the lie
Have time on its own wings to fly.
- X Thou shalt not covet; but tradition
Approves all forms of competition.

The sum of all is, thou shalt love,
If anybody, God above:
At any rate shall never labour
More than thyself to love thy neighbor.

Too, too cynical. Right?

Everybody have a happy and healthy New Year.

Love

