



CTS On-Line Syllabus

**Course Information**

**1. Course Description**

At a time when the world's morality is in alarming decline, it is surprising that so little has been written on the Ten Commandments. Brian Edwards gives us a modern commentary carefully uncovering their true meaning, and incisively applying them to our contemporary society. Probably never in the history of western civilization have the Ten Commandments been more neglected and therefore more relevant than today.

**2. Objectives**

**Introduction (Exodus 20:1-2):** What is the basis of morality? Who can be absolutely sure what is right or wrong? The world offers various opinions. Is it left up to man to formulate his own values, his own system of morality and ethics? Unfortunately there are many voices in the world today who believe anything goes, ideas that encourage...

- taking what a person wants
- saying what a person wants
- doing what a person wants
- believing what a person wants

The result has been tragic: man is losing control of society and the world; sin and evil are sweeping the world, running rampant, out of control, the sin and evil of...

- lawlessness
- drugs
- alcohol
- abuse
- violence
- murder
- immorality

At times, the problems of sin and evil seem insurmountable. Humanly there seems to be no answer to the problems of society; the situation seems almost hopeless. But note: there is good news. The solution for a world that has gone berserk does not lie with man. Thousands of years ago, God gave man a plan for order within society, a plan that was to guide man down through the centuries, a plan that will work today as much as it would have worked in ancient history. What is that plan? The *Ten Commandments*. The Ten Commandments will work within any generation—if man will just institute and enforce them. God's *Ten Commandments* can bring order to the world. How can we say this? Because the Ten Commandments were given by God Himself. The Ten Commandments are not based upon...

- the prejudices and morality of men
- the latest popularity polls
- the worldly desires of people
- the purposes of government

The basis of the Ten Commandments has been set in stone, in the Rock of Ages, in the One who is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. The basis of the Ten Commandments is God Himself. Therefore, the Ten Commandments work. They work because God knows man, knows exactly what man needs to live a fulfilled and orderly life. The Ten Commandments are based upon God Himself, upon His person and work, upon His knowledge of what man needs, upon His understanding and wisdom. This is the great focus of our study: *The Great Basis of the Ten Commandments: The Person and Work of God Himself*, [Exodus 20:1-2](#).



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### 3. Themes & Keywords

4. **Video(s) & Text(s):** This course requires the following book(s) and to watch the posted lecture video(s).

1. Edwards, Brian H.: *I AM The Ten Commandments*: Day One Publications, Ryelands Road, Leominster, UK 1996 (ISBN: 978-1903087-33-6)
2. Ildefonso, Edward .: *The Ten Commandments*: Teaching Notes

**Recommended Reading:** Throughout the course, Dr. Ildefonso will identify books that you will find helpful for further study. You will want to note the many books related to topics covered in the lectures.

5. **Exams:** There will be (2) Exams which will be emailed to each student completion of **Module #8 & Module #16 assignments**. Exams will be due 10 days from the date the exams are emailed – the due date will be indicated in the email.

Completed exams are to be emailed to Dr. Eddie Ildefonso:  
[eildefonso@Covingtonseminary.org](mailto:eildefonso@Covingtonseminary.org)

**NOTE:** Students will be responsible for reading the assigned text books in their entirety and viewing all posted lecture videos. The Final Exam may include questions from the text that was not included in course lectures.

### 6. Class Calendar

**Lecture 1:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 178-188T; Ildefonso pp. 1-2A, 1-4B

**Lecture 2:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 188B -195; Ildefonso pp. 1-4A, 1-4B

**Lecture 3:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp.; Ildefonso pp. 1-3A, 1-4B

**Lecture 4:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp.; Ildefonso pp. 1-5A, 1-5B

**Lecture 5:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp.; Ildefonso pp. 1-3, 1-6B



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**Lecture 6:** The Value of Life

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp.; Ildefonso pp. 1-8A, 1-7B

**Lecture 7:** Marriage Matters

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 196-205T; Ildefonso pp. 1-2A, 1-3B

**Lecture 8:** Marriage Matters

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 205B-217; Ildefonso pp. 1-3A, 1-7B

***MID TERM EXAM – SENT TO STUDENT ON 8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF STUDY***

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**Lecture 9:** Property Rights

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 218-225T; Ildefonso pp. 1-2A, 1-4B

**Lecture 10:** Property Rights

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp. 225B-236; Ildefonso pp. 1-4A, 1-6B

**Lecture 11:** Property Rights

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp.; Ildefonso pp. 11-3A, 1-5B

**Lecture 12:** Lies and more Lies

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp 237-245T.; Ildefonso pp. 1-3A, 1-2B

**Lecture 13:** Lies and more Lies

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp 245B-252.; Ildefonso pp. 1-2A, 1-11B

**Lecture 14:** All in the Mind

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp 253-265T.; Ildefonso pp. 1-3A, 1-3B

**Lecture 15:** All in the Mind

**Reading Assignment:** Edwards pp 265B-271.; Ildefonso pp. 1-3A, 1-4B

**Lecture 16:** All in the Mind

**Reading Assignment:** Ildefonso pp. 1-5A, 1-3B

***FINAL EXAM – SENT TO STUDENT ON 16<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF STUDY***

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