

1-10-1) The Ten Commandments of Confucianism

- 1) The golden rule of Confucius, 'do for others what you would like to be done to you'.
- 2) As you should not chastise people for their mistakes, so you should not chastise yourself for making mistakes.
- 3) There is a natural order in the universe Each person has a place in society which reflects position in universe
- 4) Dedicate yourself to attaining perfection and freedom from ignorance.
- 5) Love your family. Every Confucian should love their parents and their parents should love them, unconditionally, no matter what happens. You may wish to follow ancestral worship
- 6) Practice righteousness. Righteousness should be practiced. it is the moral disposition to do good, people should always do what is right
- 7) Be honest. All people should be honest and trustworthy
- 8) Be loyal to the state. The citizen should be humble, productive and obedient and the ruler should be humane, just and kind to his people.
- 9) Embrace learning. 'Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or stars'. Ignorance is the greatest evil.
- 10) You may worship Tien ('Heaven').' Embrace other religions. Do not be afraid to be both Buddhist, Taoist or Christian and a Confucian at the same time. Confucianism is a way of life and can easily accompany other religious beliefs.

