

Morality Can & Needs to be Taught to the Gifted



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Mother Theresa



Osama-Bin-Laden

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❧ Why Teach Morality

❧ Who should Teach Morality

❧ What Values should be Taught

❧ How to Teach Morality



Why Teach Morality?



Why Teach the Gifted?

- ❖ Gifted will be our future leaders (Tirri, 2008)
- ❖ Leaders need Wisdom/Ethics (Sternberg, 2009)
- ❖ Holistic education includes Spiritual & Moral concerns



Why Teach Morality

- ❖ Equip our Young
- ❖ Limit/prevent Columbines
- ❖ Honest/Caring citizens



Morgentaler



Heather Stillwell

Confusion about Whose or What Morality



Personal morality

Cultural morality

International bodies

Which Religion

Pluralistic Society/Teacher opinion?



Who Teaches Morality



Parents

Teachers

Adults/Mentors

Peers

Moral Stories

Different Methods of Teaching Morality



Decision Making Model

❖ Values Clarification, the Dilemma Method or Moral Reasoning

- Newer method 1960s
- Caused problems
- Maybe helpful for morally mature

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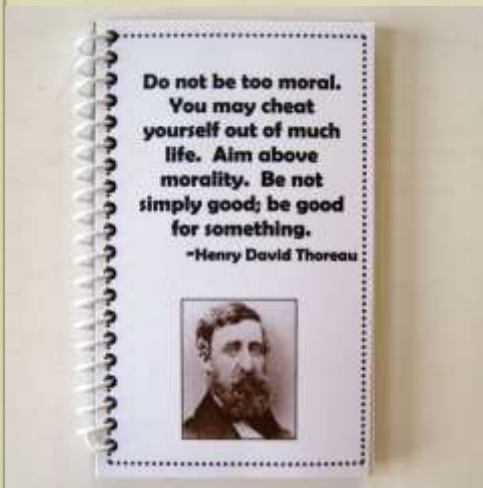
“Then, each month, you’ll receive a new set of commandments. Cancel anytime and keep the first set, absolutely free.”

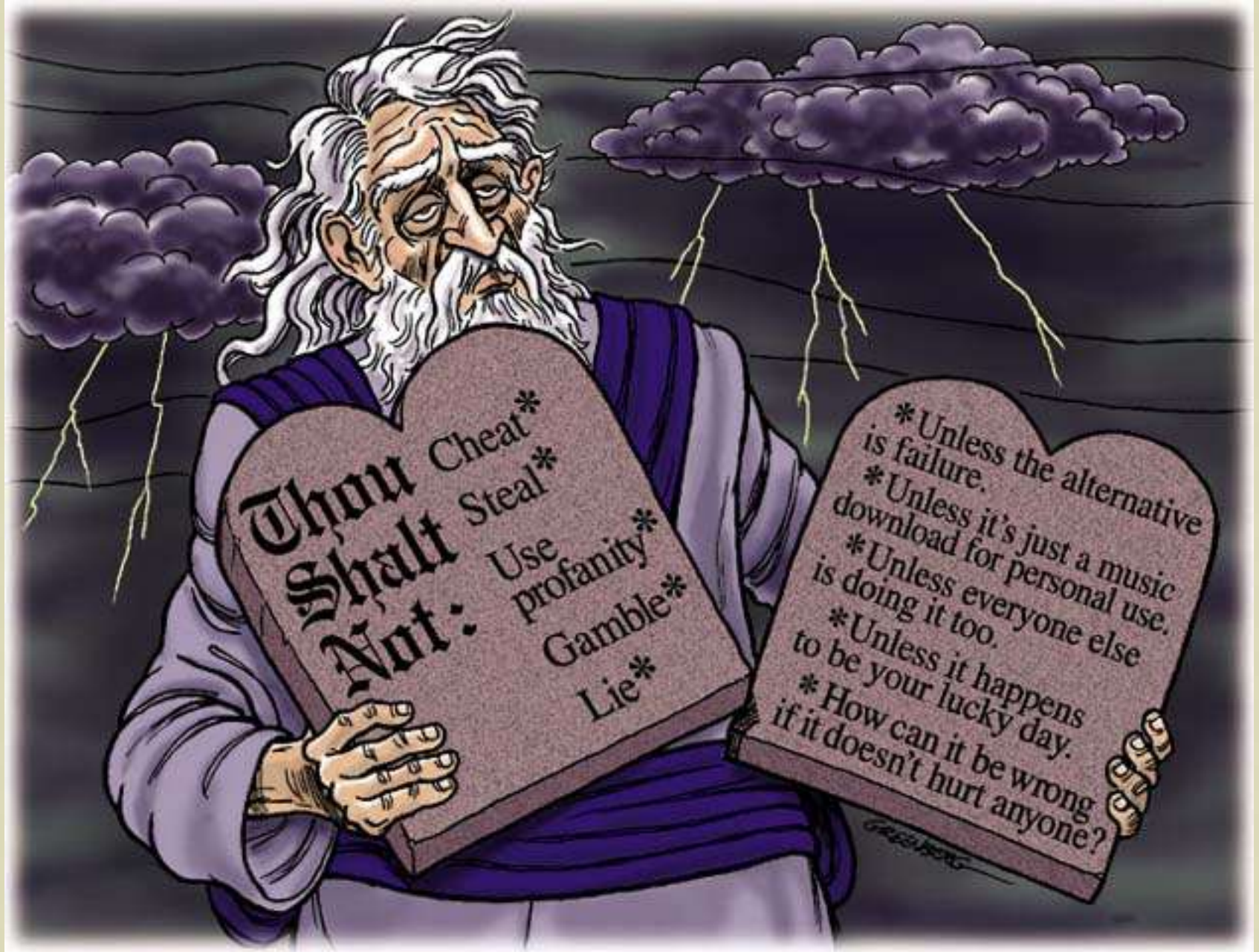
Different Methods of Teaching Morality



Character Education

- ❖ Old traditional method
- ❖ Most effective method
- ❖ Is helpful for all ages





Thou Cheat*
Shalt Steal*
Art: Use profanity*
Gamble*
Lie*

*Unless the alternative is failure.
*Unless it's just a music download for personal use.
*Unless everyone else is doing it too.
*Unless it happens to be your lucky day.
*How can it be wrong if it doesn't hurt anyone?

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