

Desecration by Hamas of the Holy Ten Commandments Embedded in Medical Education during the Iron Swords War in Gaza

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ABSTRACT The ancient, Biblical, holy Ten Commandments were presented to humanity to serve as guidelines for relationships between individuals and the deity they worship as well as a benchmark for living in civilized communities, irrespective of religious affiliation. The commandments are also embedded in medical education taught to medical students and other health professions throughout the world. Thus, the Ten Commandments are embedded in the medical communications curriculum at Adelson School of Medicine, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel. Unfortunately, most of these commandments were desecrated during the violent, hostile, merciless, and ruthless attack inflicted by the Hamas terror organization on villages, rural communities, and cities in southern Israel on 7 October 2023. We define the Ten Commandments in terms of medical education and describe their desecration by Hamas terrorists before and during the Iron Swords war.

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The ancient, Biblical, holy Ten Commandments represent a brief summary of universal laws that serve as fundamental principles for life in a civilized world. They focus specifically on the connection between people and the deities they worship, as well as on all emerging circumstances in life, including behavior at war times. The first three Commandments reflect the interrelationships between people and between people and higher powers, irrespective of specific religious affiliation.

In medical education we implement these commandments as a tool for improving medical communication skills among medical and other health professions students. We define the commandments as follows:

1. I am your God. Medicine is a divine profession that gives healthcare workers, with God's help, the ability to save or destroy life.
2. God masters justice and truth, no other being possesses them.
3. Medical personnel are on call 24/7 irrespective of their location and activities. Medical facilities should serve only medical purposes and should not serve as a nest for terrorism or lawlessness.
4. Remember the seventh day and devote it to rest, for yourself and for your coworkers.
5. Honor your parents, namely, respect the elderly, teachers, seniors, and mentors.
6. You shall not murder, nor harm anyone, including your patients or prisoners of war.
7. You shall not commit adultery, that is, do not subject anyone to sexual harassment or abuse any woman, man, or child.
8. You shall not steal property or knowledge.
9. You must always tell only the truth, anytime in any scenario.
10. Thou shall not be greedy.

HAMAS ACTIONS IN TERMS OF THE COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments were completely desecrated by Hamas terrorist gangs during their vicious attacks on Southern Israel on 7 October 2023.

Our analysis of murderous actions performed by Hamas indicate a complete shattering of the Ten Commandments, specifically to the last seven interpersonal commandments that are the most relevant to the practice of medicine and to medical education.

4. Utter disrespect for the holy Sabbath and Simchat Torah holiday on 7 October 2023.

5. No respect for elderly people, who were literally slaughtered and/or kidnapped with their children and grandchildren.
6. Brutal torture and murder of people (and animals), subjecting them to abuse while still alive and/or after their death.
7. Abominable sexual abuse and rape of young women.
8. Plundering of personal as well as community property of the victims.
9. Publishing online fake news, photos, and videos of the abominations committed while preventing medical treatment and access of the Red Cross personnel to the victims. At the same time, withholding information regarding the identity, status, and the numbers of hostages taken.
10. Greed derived from observing the success of Israeli villages, which had converted the desert to a paradise, in contrast to the poverty imposed on the Gaza Strip by the Hamas leaders.

In addition to analyzing Hamas terrorism in terms of the Holy Commandments we conducted a literature search involving studies referring to the Ten Commandments in medical literature.

METHODS

Electronic databases (e.g., MEDLINE, EMBASE, PubMed, Science direct, Web of Science, and the Cochrane Library) were searched. We searched material in various formats, including written, film, video, audio, and pro-cam cameras. The following terms were searched: *Ten Commandments* and *medicine*.

RESULTS

A search of the medical literature using the key terms *Ten Commandments* and *Medicine* uncovered numerous references to *10 commandments* in various fields of medical practices such as emergency medicine, quality, patient safety, effective consultation, nutrition, and drug use. However, none of these commandment studies analyzed and discussed the basic Ten Commandments in terms of their original purpose. A few articles referring to

the Holy Commandments represented the outer edges of this subject in modern medical literature. The Ten Commandments in medicine were first mentioned in scientific literature 1921 by Wynn [1] who, using naïve language, set Ten Commandments of medical ethics as a rejuvenation. Lehman and colleagues referred to the Ten Commandments of patient-centered treatment [2]. Last, in the artificial intelligence (AI) era, Muller et al. [3] referred to the Ten Commandments of medical ethical AI.

DISCUSSION

The analysis of the premeditated, fanatic, and malicious terror attacks perpetrated by Hamas as well as their brutal behavior revealed breakage of most of the Ten Commandments, mainly the last seven, which are the interpersonal commands. Nevertheless, the first three commandments were also not observed by these murderers.

The only action needed regarding the evidence of the cruel, evil, premeditated activities of Hamas is to condemn these murders and their perpetrators by all available means, by all nations of the world, by all medical organizations, around the world. Those responsible for these actions should stand trial like the Nazis murderers after World War II, and sentenced accordingly, like many of the Nazi criminals.

For us, as medical educators, the heinous deeds perpetrated by Hamas and their associates constitute a red flag to the potential cruelties of terrorist groups that must be destroyed and obliterated as soon as possible.

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Charles John Darling (1849–1936), English lawyer, politician, and High Court judge