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# **The Thirteen Principles that a real Torah Jew should rethink!**

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DO I REALLY BELIEVE IN:

- 1) G-d!
- 2) The Bible!
- 3) The Ten Commandments!
- 4) Sacrifices!
- 5) Freedom of Speech!
- 6) Freedom of the Press!
- 7) Killing Sane People!
- 8) Tolerance!
- 9) Imprisonment!
- 10) Killing is Bad!
- 11) A government of, by or for the people!
- 12) Individual rights!
- 13) Freedom of self expression – Liberty!

In order not to be an Atheist or Heretic ... PLEASE TURN OVER !!!



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## Why I Believe!

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- 1) YES ... 100%. We **KNOW** G-d exists, **אתה הראת לדעת** (you have been shown to know). Belief carries with it a small element of doubt. Therefore it says **אני מאמין באמונה שלמה** (with complete faith) without the slightest trace of a doubt.
- 2) NO! We believe in the Torah which combines the Oral and Written law. Many things in the written law are actually the opposite of what it states. For example, that date of Yom Kippur is given as the 9<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei, when it is actually the 10<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we **MUST** eat by Torah Law.
- 3) NO! Because there are in reality seven negative and two positive commandments, and one statement. Besides, it's called the 10 statements (**דיברות**). It does not say anywhere 10 commandments (**צוויים**). Also, 613 = 10 in Mispar Koton.
- 4) NO! Sacrifice is an incorrect translation. **קרבנות** means to get close & reconnect to Hashem, and you sacrifice nothing... you only gain.
- 5) NO! This is called Loshon Hara, the most severe punishment concerning intersocial conduct. No other punishment (besides **צרעת** – a leprous-type of skin disease) marks your body as a sinner. This is worse than the three Cardinal Sins combined. Hashem marks you as an outcast.
- 6) Same as #5 above. Writing or body language is considered the same as speech.
- 7) YES! Two witnesses must re-warn the perpetrator of a Torah violation with all the consequences within two seconds of the act. Knowing this, then fully consummating the sin, he must be held responsible.

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## **Why I Believe!**

- 8) NO! Public violations of major Torah principles after being informed is not tolerated in a Torah society. There is no “free-for-all”. Total freedom of expression is permitted within the confines of halachah.
- 9) NO! No criminal was ever imprisoned except for holding him until the court case. Imprisonment creates recidivists as world-wide statistics prove. It is either capital punishment, lashes, fines or freedom. Only inside the **עיר מקלט** does the refugee have total freedom because of his unintentional murder.
- 10) VERY BAD! But, we as Torah Jews believe in capital punishment (4 types) but not in murder. Murder is punishable by death; so is rape and other deviant immoral actions.
- 11) YES! That is ideal for a decent gentile government, but not for Torah Jews. Our lifestyle is dictated by a Monarchy based on a Theocracy which we received at Sinai in the year 2448 (per Moshe Rabbeinu).
- 12) YES & NO! A Jew must conform to the Torah principles or suffer the consequences. We do not have individual agendas. You cannot just “do your own thing.”
- 13) YES ... 100% within Halachah! Our freedom in government, morality and other social interactions is totally dictated by our Torah given by the Creator to Moshe Rabbeinu at Sinai, in the year 2448. And NO! Because we are not the creator of the Torah.