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### Handout 5: The Hebraic Divine Command Theory

DCT-H: an act-token, x, is morally right if and only if x does not violate any of God's commands as recorded in the Hebrew Testament.

**10 Commandments:** (in both Ex 20:1-17 & Duet 5:7-22 [a paraphrase, of course]).

1. No Gods before me.
2. No Idols.
3. No taking God's name in vain.
4. Keep Sabbath.
5. Honor Mom & Dad.
6. Don't Murder.
7. No Adultery.
8. Don't Steal.
9. Don't bear false witness.
10. Don't covet your neighbor's wife or his stuff.

### Relevant to Abortion? Exodus 21:22-25.

New King James Version:

"If men fight and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

New Revised Standard Version:

"When people who are fighting injure a pregnant woman so that there is a miscarriage, and yet no further harm follows, the one responsible shall be fined what the woman's husband demands, paying as much as the judges determine. If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."