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THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

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The Revised Version of the sixth commandment correctly reads, "Thou shalt do not murder," for if it meant just killing then the slaying of animals for food would be a violation of the commandment. Also there is a difference between killing and murder even in the taking of human life. In England, years ago, murder was defined as "when a person of sound memory and discretion unlawfully killeth any reasonable creature in being, and under the king's peace, malice aforethought, expressed or implied." Killing is the unwitting and unintentional taking of human life. This commandment is directed against the purposeful taking of human life—that life that was given by God, and which He alone has the right to say when, or by whom, it shall be taken.

Let us study this commandment in a three-fold relationship, namely, to individuals, to nations, and to State.

I. ITS APPLICATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL. 1. Singly. In no case does the individual find biblical warrant for taking the life of one of his fellows. The life was given by God, and it is He who holds dominion over it, and it must not be taken by another individual under any provocation. Human law justifies murder under certain circumstances; e. g., self-defense; honor of home; honor of woman. But God's law makes no such exceptions. The killing of a person by another on his own responsibility under any circumstances is clearly murder according to the word of God.

2. Suicide is murder. 3. Infanticide is murder. Killing an infant before birth by abortion is as truly murder as cutting its throat after birth. 4. Collectively. The increasing habit of putting people to death by mob law is murder. Mob law is no law at all. I know there seem to be provocations, but men should restrain themselves, for all such killing is murder, and is a violation of this commandment.

II. ITS APPLICATION TO NATIONS. Is war justifiable? There are two opinions among Bible scholars, and these opinions are held everywhere. Some say, "yes;" others answer emphatically, "no." When a nation goes to war are its rulers and law-makers murderers? President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, and it did so. Are Mr. Wilson and the members of that Congress murderers? By some human standards the South was entirely right in going to war against the U. S. government. By other human standards the government was entirely right in seeking, by force of arms to maintain the Union. By human standards none of us regard the leaders of either side as murderers. Yet is there a single passage in the Bible that will justify that war? Is Lincoln a murderer? Is Jackson? Is Lee? Is Grant?

I ask the question without answering it. There are two things that seem to be true of war as the Old Testament is concerned. First, war is a reaping by a nation of seed sown in other days. Second, war is God's judgement on nations for their disobedience of His will.

III. ITS APPLICATION TO STATE. The State punishes by the death penalty several crimes. Is capital punishment a violation of this commandment? Many without hesitation answer, "yes." I can not bring myself at this time so to believe. Fully do I believe that capital punishment is justifiable, not only, but I believe that it is enjoined in the word of God. Human life is in the hands of God, but in the history of the Jews God delegated His right to men for the maintenance of a social order based on righteousness. And righteousness is the only basis for that maintenance now. That principle applies to all nations for all time. That it is the State's duty to inflict capital punishment is not only stated in the Old Testament, but in Rom. 13:4 it is sanctioned in the New Testament: "If thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is a minister of God, and avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil."

Christ's safeguard against the violation of this commandment is, "Love your enemies; do good to them that

DRIVE FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL URGED BY U. D. C.

Library subscriptions for the coming year are due. Last year the members of the U. D. C. made a house to house canvass which they hope will be unnecessary this year. Money for subscriptions may be left at the Library between the hours of three and five in the afternoon in care of Mrs. J. W. Smith, or sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Zachary.

As a town progresses, the need of good support for its library becomes more acute. The U. D. C. members have worked diligently, with the aid of the citizens, for about seven years to keep the growth of the library apace with the development of Brevard in other respects.

Last year the Town Council and the Brevard Club, as well as private individuals, pledged their support. The drive is on again. They urge that donations will be as generous as in the past.

A glimpse into the works reveals the following interesting facts: During the past year 275 books have been added to the collection, some of them purchased with funds subscribed last October, others donated. Many books are still called for which should be on a library catalogue.

Library attendance runs from 13 to 27 persons daily. Adults take from 19 to 30 books out every day, while from two to six juvenile books are carried home daily. Novels, of course, take precedence in popularity. Of these, *If Winter Comes*, by Hutchinson, *Sleeping Fires*, by Atherton, *Main Street*, Lewis and the books of Ethel Dells, Curwood, Bertha Ruck and Rinehart, excel in popularity.

Many calls come for books written about North Carolina, which, at present, are not owned by the Library. The Tom Swift books are the favorites among boys, while girls prefer the *Bunny Brown* books, those by Laura Lee Hope and the *Alcott* stories. There is a splendid three month book exchange of boys' and girls' from the State Library at Raleigh, which keeps new reading on hand for the young people.

A case of books was donated about two years ago as a memorial to Francis Eugenia Chapman, which includes a valuable collection of Histories, English Literature and reference books. These volumes filled a long felt need. Another popular set is a 13 volume edition of *Historical Romances* by George Ebers, donated a short time back by Mrs. Hodges. Among the quaint gifts is a leather bound book, one and one-half by two inches, containing clearly printed Bible quotations selected for each month in the year. This was presented by Miss Hattie Orr.

During the summer months the Library is also headquarters for the Bureau of information. It may be of interest to know that during the month of July this year 1,079 people called at the Library, while the record for August was 1,896 persons.

Strangers judge a town, to a large extent, especially home seekers, by its library. Brevard has a building which is ornamental, as well as adequate to its present needs, and the books have been carefully selected. The members of the U. D. C. urge the support of all the reading public to help them maintain the present standard.

DEATH OF MRS. GUSS AIKEN:

Mrs. Guss Aiken died at her home in Greenville, after an illness of several years. Mrs. Aiken was before her marriage a Lankford. She has a number of relatives living in Brevard. Among those were her sister Miss Arra Lankford who made her home in this town for quite a while.

despitefully use you." "A soft answer turneth away wrath," holds as good today as when Solomon uttered those words of wisdom. And Paul has a fine injunction: "Put away anger, wrath and evil speaking."

Let us guard jealously the life of every human being; but let us guard with ever greater jealousy and care our own hearts, and see that out of them is banished all wrong feelings toward our neighbor, and that they are filled with abounding love for every creature made in the likeness of God.

	Legislature		Sheriff		Clerk		Register		Treasurer		Commissioners					
	Duckworth	Deaver	Patton	Shipman	Miller	Mason	Morgan	Owen	Patton	Merrill	Lyday	Ashworth	Galloway	Scruggs	Crosshorn	Owens
Boyd	121	182	123	184	130	178	122	185	144	163	133	126	122	180	148	185
Brevard No. 1	285	136	270	147	314	115	304	128	290	137	302	295	291	131	138	136
Brevard No. 2	416	160	401	168	447	134	437	147	425	153	447	428	433	140	142	154
Brevard No. 3	145	211	147	213	153	208	148	214	186	175	149	146	138	212	228	212
Catheys Creek	132	149	106	159	138	143	135	146	137	145	137	140	135	150	142	148
Cedar Mt.	3	69	4	68	3	69	2	70	2	70	3	2	2	70	69	70
Dunns Rock	101	93	102	95	103	91	103	92	101	93	100	104	101	92	92	91
Easttoek	96	115	78	137	114	101	80	135	83	134	92	93	88	125	107	115
East Fork	67	20	68	20	67	21	68	20	68	20	68	68	67	21	19	21
Gloucester No. 1	19	122	21	119	26	116	24	118	23	119	20	20	20	124	123	117
Gloucester No. 2	29	101	21	107	32	98	18	111	22	107	25	45	20	107	98	89
Hogback	222	142	212	154	259	108	186	184	214	155	216	222	206	151	158	157
Little River	57	187	59	183	57	186	57	186	55	188	59	58	56	183	184	183
Old Toxaway	14	50	12	61	23	50	17	56	16	57	18	22	24	52	26	50
Rosman	132	79	111	95	130	82	127	83	125	86	137	140	111	76	77	71
Total	1839	1815	1735	1900	1996	1700	1838	1875	1991	1804	1906	1909	1815	1814	1751	1799

THE ELECTION IN TRANSYLVANIA

N. A. Miller, W. H. Duckworth, Ed. Patton, W. E. Shipman, Roland Ashworth, Lyday, Galloway.

The election of last Tuesday, November 7, in Transylvania County was hotly contested in all precincts. The weather conditions were unusually good and an enormous vote was cast all over the county.

The result of the election was not actually known until Wednesday noon owing to the close races made by nearly all the candidates.

N. A. Miller led the Democratic ticket for Clerk of the Superior Court to succeed himself and was elected by a most flattering majority.

W. E. Shipman, led the Republican party as candidate to succeed himself for sheriff and tax collector and received a big majority. Cos Patton his Republican opponent by a close vote.

An enormous amount of scratched tickets were cast. Ed Patton, Democrat candidate for Treasurer was elected by a fair majority.

Roland Owen, Republican candidate to succeed himself as Register of Deeds was elected by a good majority.

W. H. Duckworth, candidate for Representative defeated C. B. Deaver his Republican opponent by a close majority.

Democratic candidates for county commissioners were all three elected. T. S. Galloway just received barely enough majority to be elected over Dick Scruggs who received the highest vote on the Republican side.

"Joe" Zachary, Democrat, was elected for the State Senate. Three counties voting for this office, Jackson Transylvania and Haywood.

Ralph R. Fisher, native son of Transylvania and candidate for Congress in the tenth district was overwhelmingly defeated by Zebulon Weaver who received the greatest majority ever known in the history of the tenth district. It is believed that Ralph received a fair majority from Transylvania County.

The State made big Democratic gains in nearly all counties, several counties going Democratic. Henderson County went Democratic for the first time since the civil war.

In the nation the Democrats are claiming a great victory having gained twenty-eight new congressional seats and have not lost any. New York elected Smith for Governor by a huge majority and elected the full Democratic ticket with him. Smith may yet be presidential material as the standard bearer of the Democratic Transylvania was unusually close it party.

While the results of the election in was a complete turnover from the result of two years ago when the Republicans carried the County by an average majority of one hundred and fifty.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere and heart-felt thanks to our many friends and relatives for the kindness and help during the recent sickness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. JOHN D. GARRIN and family

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mull and family of Asheville, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mull of Brevard.

LATE RETURNS FROM COUNTY ELECTION

J. M. Carson, the Democratic candidate for Solicitor, received over G. D. Bailey a majority of 27 votes.

A. L. Hardin, the Democratic candidate for Surveyor, received over Crys Yongue a majority of 90 votes.

A. E. Lyday, the Democratic candidate for Coroner, received over Huggins a majority of 41 votes.

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

On behalf of the Democratic candidates, during the recent election, and the Democratic organization, I wish to extend to the Democratic women of Transylvania county, and also to those who helped them, the thanks of the Democratic candidates and organization for the great aid they gave the Democratic party in the election.

Two years ago the Democratic women were not organized, this year they are partially organized, and two years from now they will be thoroughly organized, and I predict a clean Democratic sweep in 1924 in Transylvania county for every county and state officer.

As chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Transylvania county, I, both personally and politically, wish to thank the good women, and also the young girls who assisted in making our campaign successful, for without their help, the whole county Democratic ticket would have been lost.

We have won a remarkable victory and over the greatest odds we have ever had to confront, and I have learned that there are as good Democratic workers among the women of Transylvania county as there are among the men, (and that is saying a good deal), and I can see nothing but the greatest benefit to Democracy and all that it stands for, by the continued and increased interest of the women in the coming political campaigns, for Democratic principles have been, are now and ever will be the principles which will more nearly meet the sound judgment and the best desires of the women of Transylvania county, and of the country at large.

Again thanking the Democratic women, and those who helped them, also thanking the Democratic men for their fine support and promising two years of sound business administration of the affairs of Transylvania county, in so far as it lies in the hands of the Democrats, I am, Yours gratefully

W. E. BREESE, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT WINNER MOST PRIZES

Took More Than Share At State Fair

The mountain district won more than its share of prizes in the State Fair, figures compiled by C. C. Profit, Agent for this district, show. The State is divided into four districts, the Mountain, comprising Western North Carolina, the Piedmont, Central and Coastal.

In the club work, open to the whole State, the figures follow:

The Mountain District of four possible first prizes, won two, when Transylvania took the calf club prize and Avery county the potato club prize.

Of four possible second prizes, two were won, Buncombe in poultry club work and Avery in potato club work.

Of four possible third prizes, one was won by Buncombe in potato club work.

THE PRAYER CORNER

FRIENDSHIP

Pure, wise, good and rich human friendship is wonderfully benign. But no human friend is perfect. None is wise enough to choose the right things for us. None is wise enough to help us always in the truest and best ways. Some of the saddest wrecks in life have come through mistakes in choosing friends. A gentle, unsuspecting girl trusts herself under the influence of one in whom she believes, but proves unworthy, dragging her down to sorrow. Then even the sweetest and best human friends can stay with us only a little while.

There is only one Friend to whom we can say with absolute confidence, "Into Thy hands I commit my life unto the end, for Thou canst guard me from stumbling and present me faultless before God at the last."

The hands of Christ are safe and sure, both for present and eternal keeping. I am glad I have a Friend who will take me as I am, make me what I ought to be, then guard and guide me through all possible experience's gate without blemish.

A PRAYER

Our best friend, in whose friendship all other friendships become possible, we pray Thee, teach us how to love. May the tenderness and constancy of our affection prove that it is from Thee. May its generous strength, and its power to exalt impress with its divine nature; and whether we have many friends, or few, on earth, let us count Thee as our Friend, our best Friend, dear Lord, and seek through Thee to help and bless men and women everywhere.

Into Thy hands we commit our life unto the end for Thou canst guard us from stumbling and present us faultless before God at the last. We are glad we have a Friend who will take us as we are, make us what we ought to be, then guard and guide us through all possible experiences and bring us at last to heaven's gate without blemish, we thank Thee, our best Friend, Amen.

C. D. C.

MRS. NORRIS RESIGNS:

Mrs. J. F. Norris, who has been connected with the local telephone co. and its predecessors for the past 14 years, has resigned her position much to the regret of both officials and subscribers. As Miss Dora Nicholson, she served as night operator to the Brevard Telephone Co. for more than ten years. When that company changed hands she continued with the successors as day operator. Her long time of service has been marked by splendid efficiency and a faithfulness to duty that made many friends for her among the subscribers.

VISIT GEORGIA:

On Wednesday of last week, just as Rev. Chas. C. Smith, who had spent two weeks in Georgia, was getting ready to leave Atlanta on his return trip to Brevard, he found that it would be necessary for him to brief to Georgia this week for a brief stay. Mr. Smith says that he promised himself that the next time he went to Georgia he was going to take Mrs. Smith with him. So she will accompany him on this trip. They left Wednesday afternoon, will return on Monday. Mr. Smith will preach Sunday morning and evening in the Prince Avenue Baptist church in Athens, Ga.

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

AS Long As The Democrats Give Good Government There Will Be No Need of a Change.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 6.—"The curtain dropped" on the campaign of 1922 this afternoon when Chairman Norwood "closed shop" and declared "it is all over except the voting and the shouting." The chairman has not been expecting the normal democratic majority this year for the state ticket. The vote is usually small in an off year and neither party has been figuring on anything approaching its full strength. This is especially true of the eastern counties in which the republicans have made no nominations.

In counties composing the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth congressional districts, the contest between the two parties has been growing more interesting during the last few days of the campaign. Chairman Norwood has kept a close watch on these and confidently expects the democratic candidates to win by increased majorities. A reduction of 20,000 majority on the state ticket, over that of two years ago, would not be disappointing. Although if a full vote should be cast the majority would exceed a hundred thousand.

The new chairman is well liked by the party leaders. He has done very little talking. But "actions speak louder than words" and Mr. Norwood has measured up to expectations. He is safe, conservative, active and capable; enjoys the work and sticks close by the job.

The task of running a campaign this year has been difficult. General Apathy has wielded a mighty influence over the eastern half of the state. His presence has also been felt in the western division, but to a visibly less extent than in the east. There has been little to excite the interest of the voters down this way. They had their inning during the primary contests in the early summer. A nomination is equivalent to an election in practically all of the eastern counties and political battles generally end with the primary.

Young democrats east of the capital have small conception of what a contest with republicans means. There has been no republican party in Eastern North Carolina since Charles Brantley Aycock wiped Russellism and Bulterism off the map twenty-two years ago. And so long as the democrats behave themselves and give the state the kind of government demanded by this progressive age there will be no reason for a change in the administration of affairs. The need for a change has not become apparent this year.

The election over, the next "stop" will be the Legislature. This august body will assemble two months hence and the approaching session will be one of the most interesting and important of recent years. North Carolina is going forward by leaps and bounds and it remains to be seen whether the General Assembly of 1923 will set its fact forward or be content with present accomplishments. Everybody knows there is no such thing as standing still. The state must either go forward or backward. It has been making progress the past two years—in fact, the past twenty-two years—and cannot afford to take any backward step. The advancement of North Carolina in education, in industrial progress, in highway construction—in everything which contributes to the making of a great state—is the marvel of the age. Go where you will, in this Republic, and you will find the name of North Carolina is spoken without a blush, and forward-looking citizens express the hope that the approaching session of the General Assembly may have a vision which will mean big things for the old state "while the going is good."

The General Assembly can kill and it can make alive. The hope here is that it may come in with all progressive movements and keep North Carolina in the forefront of progressive states in the South.

Rev. J. M. Horner, D. D., Bishop of Western North Carolina, stopped in Brevard for a few days while on his way to Highlands. He was accompanied by "Arch Deacon" Griffith.