

# LESSON 3: The Prime Directives

These 5 prime directives forever fix the jurisdiction and sovereignty of man above all else

The 5 cardinal features of the good news of the kingdom are:

1. Pre-eminence of the individual. [LESSON 4](#)
2. Will as determining factor. [LESSON 5](#)
3. Sonship with God the Father. [LESSON 6](#)
4. The loving service of men. [LESSON 7](#)
5. Transcendency of the spiritual over the material. [LESSON 8](#)

These prime directives have been superbly expressed by [Theresa Marks](#) in her modern and fundamental work: **A Spiritual Bill of Rights for Humanity**. This clear and simple list of 7 essential Spiritual Rights for mankind sets a strong and fair foundation for the Brotherhood of Man, regardless of gender, faith, creed, race or nationality. For the first time in our rapidly growing modern day global civilisation, we have at our disposal an adequate, respectful, fair, and apropos foundation for building a truly **Father centered** Brotherhood of Man.

Here is a summary of these 7 Spritual Rights (they will be presented in full later in this page):

1. The right of individuals to connect directly with the Creator in their own unique way is fundamental to human spirituality and should be protected, honored and nourished.
2. Individuals have a right to affirm their inherent goodness as beloved children of the Creator.
3. Individuals have a right to freedom from fear, especially fear of divine punishment.
4. Individuals have the right to embark on their own search for truth.
5. Individuals have the right to freedom from religious obligations.
6. Individuals have the right to access all spiritual leadership roles.
7. Individuals have the right to choose their own life partners.

## A special comment to current and future spiritual leaders

Before proceeding to the full coverage of the 7 Spiritual Rights, the **Truth Beauty and Goodness Commission** wishes to make the following statement to all current and potential spiritual leaders.



An **exemplary life** is the best preaching and the best inspiration a spiritual leader can offer to those he or she serves. The words that come from the minds of these leaders may sometimes be confusing — and due to the difference in the way of thinking of each listener — even be misinterpreted, since it is always difficult to present and understand a new and higher truth. But a life that illustrates those words or ideas is always eloquent and direct, appealing to our sense of justice and inspiring true adoration.

A spiritual leader is a person who walks first the path that he or she wants to show their followers. How could you lead anybody on a path you yourself don't know? Inevitably you would be lost and you would drag your followers with you. You should **live the truths** you desire to share with your brethren. You should make the best decisions that are suggested by your spirit in every situation in life, so those who search for truth can observe how a spiritual life is to be lived.

A **true spiritual leader** does not bring his or her followers to the truth. An authentic leader knows the value of experience and personal achievement, therefore the leader is only concerned with showing the way, letting each person live by their own terms. A human being can never convince another to think in his or her way. Each one of you has been born to find truth in your own personal way to then become an individual and original expression of that truth. The total understanding of reality can only be achieved through the efforts of all beings. The experience of one is useful to all and the individual realizations are then added to all universal realizations. This is why every experience is important, because it represents one more work in the infinite book that describes reality, a book that is available to all.

A spiritual leader is first of all **a lover of mankind**. Only a love that is unconditional and authentic can give origin to the desire of bringing every person that crosses your path towards a more meaningful and happy life. Love incites a soul to share it all and those who have tasted the delights of eternity and heard the melodies of divinity desire with all their hearts to share these glories with others. A true spiritual leader therefore never forces anybody to follow, he or she just shares the treasures found and those who decide to follow this leader will do the same.

A true spiritual leader — like the ones that are so necessary in our world today — **recognizes unity of purpose while accepting individual differences**. A leader of love does not keep count of the souls gained for his or her cause. Rather, he or she is a dedicated sower, spreading the seeds of truth in the hearts of those he or she meets, leaving the reaping in the hands of each individual, because that leader knows that each fruit of spirit rising from this earth is a treasure for all. The most successful service that Jesus provided to His children in this world was made while he was walking as an unknown man giving morsels of truth to the hungry souls he encountered every day. Those mortals

who saw His life and His example were the ones who obtained the most benefit (more than did those who only heard His speeches) and were the ones who produced abundant fruit that in turn elevated the lives of others.

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## The Seven Spiritual Rights of Humanity

### ?What ??they ??are.?? Why?? they're ??important.?

All of the spiritual rights identified herein are a direct corollary to the Creator's gift of individual free will and are the spiritual birthright of every person. These precious rights should not be violated by any person or institution.

#### 1.

The right of individuals to connect directly with the Creator in their own unique way is fundamental to human spirituality and should be protected, honored and nourished.

No religious or spiritual institution, ideological or philosophical group, or individual representing any institution or group, or any individual acting alone should presume to act as an intermediary between persons and their Creator. Each of our relationships with the Creator is unique, primary, and sovereign in all matters relating to the spiritual life.

There is nothing more life-giving for individuals than to discover and build a direct relationship with their Creator. This Creator-human relationship is the living source of spiritual growth and is all-important to these critical times. Although many experience this relationship in the context of religion, it is completely independent of religion or spiritual path. It is our human birthright and can be experienced by anyone.

Because of its unique and intimate nature, this connection must never be abrogated by those who would insert themselves between persons and their Creator. Religions best serve people by taking a supportive role in the sacred Creator-human relationship. Religious leaders appropriately serve by leading group worship, teaching spiritual concepts and facilitating the sharing of spiritual insights; their role should be considered ancillary to the Creator-human relationship.

#### 2.

Individuals have a right to affirm their inherent goodness as beloved children of the Creator.

Humanity is not inherently sinful and unworthy of the Creator's love. Such teachings prevent humanity from reaching its full potential. They do not reflect the Creator's infinite love, parental devotion and spiritual empowerment toward humanity. Rather, each of us are created in goodness and beauty as precious seeds of great promise. Religious, philosophical and ideological systems cooperate with the Creator's high purpose for us when they foster self-respect, thereby unleashing full human potential to solve our serious problems. The human spirit, when awakened and enlivened by a direct relationship with the Creator, naturally yields abundant fruits of loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance and enduring peace.

### 3.

Individuals have a right to freedom from fear, especially fear of divine punishment.

The primitive-origin concept of eternal torment, or hell, as well as other concepts of divine chastisement and retribution are demonstrably false. These teachings have long been a source of distress and an obstacle to spiritual growth for innumerable people. They stand in stark contrast to the Creator's all-loving nature, who never uses fear to control us. In the Creator, we have the personification of our ultimate ideals—the perfect parent, teacher, friend; to portray our Creator as a punisher is simply untrue. No one has anything to fear from the Creator. Rather than accepting this long-held belief, we can choose to uplift one another by adopting more enlightened concepts of the Creator.

The fact that the Creator's love coexists with the Creator's justice presents a paradox; in our confusion we may feel that divine punishment is a reasonable solution to human imperfection. But our limited vision cannot compare to the far-seeing eye of an infinite Creator who knows the motives of every human soul and who would not lose one child. Love and mercy are the true attitudes of the Creator. The action of any individual, even the most grievous, is always met with infinite divine patience and understanding.

While it is true that free will choice makes it possible to reject a relationship with the Creator, the theory of an eternity of torture is a human fiction born from an immature desire to punish others.

### 4.

Individuals have the right to embark on their own search for truth.

Since every human is endowed with a unique identity from the Creator, spiritual insights and experiences vary from person to person. The most sublime of human adventures is that of discovering the Creator for oneself. The diversity of spiritual viewpoints in the human family is a great strength that points to the beauty of the Creator, but in no way dilutes the truth of humanity's unity as children of the Creator. Religions and spiritual groups should not interfere with any individual's sincere efforts to comprehend and experience truth. On the contrary, they can

inspire spiritual growth by encouraging people to discover for themselves the truths about the Creator and their great purpose and destiny as children of the Creator.

5.

Individuals have the right to freedom from religious obligations.

Participation in religious activities should always be voluntary. Religions become oppressive when they dictate beliefs and behaviors. Since the Creator's primary attribute is unconditional love, all people are given the divine gift of free will. The Creator does not then revoke this gift by imposing obligations on individuals. Similarly, when religions presume to claim divine penalties for not fulfilling religion-mandated obligations, it violates the spiritual liberty of followers and often results in shame and guilt.

While many religious traditions and rituals contain spiritual truth, they are not a substitute for the primary Creator-human relationship. But they should never be taken away if followers find them to be spiritually nourishing. Rather, the process of developing a personal relationship with the Creator can be prioritized for followers who may downplay this primary relationship because of their attachment to religious practices. When large numbers of these followers discover a relationship with their Creator, it could result in a tremendous collective spiritual illumination that would gather many under the twin unifying concepts of the divine Creator Parent and the family of humanity.

6.

Individuals have the right to access all spiritual leadership roles.

We honor the beauty and diversity of the Creator when we invite all people into spiritual leadership, whether by gender, race, ethnicity, orientation or other identity, thereby including their precious gifts to uplift humanity. It significantly strengthens humanity whenever we do so. When people from all groups are empowered to answer the call to spiritual leadership, the Creator will be truly represented.

The exclusion of women from spiritual leadership, as entrenched in many religions throughout the centuries, has been a great loss for humanity. Their harmonizing influence is needed at all levels of religion to inspire new spiritual perspectives and help prevent tragic abuses.

Human attitudes of superiority and servility cannot reflect the Creator's love toward all. The gifts of all people, when wholly embraced, will allow humanity's full potential to emerge and heal our world. A fertile environment of equality is the spiritual salve that beckons us into a new era of light and life.

## 7.

Individuals have the right to choose their own life partners.

Along with our personal relationships with the Creator, loving and loyal human partnerships are the most beautiful testaments to love. As loving partners commit to each other's well-being, face life's challenges, and share physical, emotional and spiritual intimacy, they create a nurturing foundation for the growth of their souls. Unselfish and spiritually fragrant human partnerships form the basis for strong societies and should be supported by religious and spiritual groups who love the Creator.

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There is a dedicated page which includes an extended section on putting these spiritual rights into practice. Go to the full [Spiritual Bill of Rights](#) page.

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