

The following text was translated by Physicist and Biblical Historian James Van Allen from what appears to be the 678 BC copy of Deuteronomy. Unfortunately some of the translation indicates that Professor Van Allen has severe ADD. It also seems to indicate that the translation was done by a committee.

The Ten Empirical Rules

Rule 1. God Exists. If you think you can violate the Laws of Physics, “Get Over It”

No matter what you think, by definition God is Universal, Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Eternal. No matter how rich, or smart or talented our powerful you think you are, if you don't wear your seatbelt in a car crash, the chances are you're still dead.

Rule 2. There aren't any “Other Gods”. If you think there are explanations other than the Laws of Physics, “Get Over It”.

Anything that can't be explained by physical laws is likely because you just don't understand it, or you misinterpreted it, or you were misinformed, or somebody lied. As to “miracles” there ain't no such thing as miracles, except for strange coincidences where I stacked the odds to make stuff happen.

Rule 3. Don't blame me for your problems.

And don't go blaming anyone else, or lying about it. Whatever bad stuff that you think is happening, it's because I don't really exactly control everything either. The “crapshoot of life” is how I sort out who is going to win or loose, and the “crapshoot” is the easiest way for me to play, although I am actually playing with loaded dice.

Rule 4. Chill out once in a while.

If you take yourself too seriously and don't spend some time enjoying life and thinking about it, you won't have much of a life to enjoy, and you'll miss some of my finest creations like the platypus.

Rule 5. Be nice to your Old Man and your Old Lady.

They've had to put up with YOU a lot longer than you've had to put up with them. You might even learn a thing or two. And besides, if you dump on them, then you serve as a bad example to your kids if they decide to dump you.

Rule 6. Watch out who you shoot.

You may think you're the big gun and can push everybody around, but eventually everybody is going to figure out how to get back at you and do you first. This includes the folks that are just bad-ass crazy about killing others, because the only way to get them is to get them first.

Rule 7. Be careful who you mess around with.

You don't own her, and she don't own you, but you do own the offspring you produce, and it's easier to figure out where they came from if you weren't messing around. Besides the other person's spouse might be motivated to shoot you if you mess up their prospective gene pool.

Rule 8. If it's not yours, then don't take it.

You likely have enough problems keeping up with the stuff you own let alone the stuff you've filched from other people. It also motivates them to filch back. (Or violate Rule 6.)

Rule 9. Besides not blaming “other gods” for your problems, don't blame other people, either.

Matter of fact, the best way to avoid getting caught in a lie, is to tell the truth. Most of the time it keeps people from being at “each other's throats” (See Rule 6.)

Rule 10. Remember Stealing? (See Rule #7 above.) Well don't even think about it.

People become their words. If you start thinking about bad stuff, you might just end up doing it.

Rule 11. Always wear your seatbelt and don't smoke. You're going to die anyway. Don't do stupid stuff that might speed up the process.