

Joe Rogan Weighs In: Should Schools Teach the 10 Commandments?

As a Texas law mandating the display of the 10 Commandments in public schools faces an uncertain future, viral podcaster Joe Rogan is calling it a “problem” to display the guiding principles.

The conversation came up during a Sept. 16 episode of Rogan’s podcast, where he spoke with Hollywood actor Matthew McConaughey, who argued the 10 Commandments, found in Exodus 20, are a good guide for moral truth, regardless of cultural trends or circumstances.

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“Does anyone have a better suggestion than the 10 Commandments to get a child’s mind going, ‘Oh, just those 10 things? If I look at that and aim that direction, I feel like I can’t go wrong,’” he said.

“Meaning, I’m seeing youth and adults spun out, man, I don’t understand the general expectation between us,” McConaughey continued.

Rogan, though, offered a different perspective.

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The famous podcast host took issue with a few of the commandments, chiefly the first, second, and third (Exodus 20:3-6, NIV):

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Ultimately, he argued placing the 10 Commandments in public schools across the Lone Star State could be a slippery slope leading to the implementation of Sharia law.

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“The problem with the 10 Commandments – if I were to put it in a school where there are nonreligious people, there is a bunch of stuff in there like, ‘not taking the Lord’s name in vain,’ ‘not having any other gods before me,’ where that would give people pause,” Rogan said.

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