10 COMMANDMENTS OF LOGIC

- 1. Thou shalt not attack the person's character, but the argument (ad hominem).
- 2. Thou shalt not misrepresent or exaggerate a person's argument in order to make it easier to attack (straw man fallacy).
 - 3. Thou shalt not use a small number to represent the all (hasty generalization).
 - 4. Thou shalt not argue thy position by assuming one of its premises is true (begging the question).
- 5. Thou shalt not claim that because something occurred before, it must be the cause (post hoc/false cause).
 - 6. Thou shalt not reduce the argument to two possibilities (false dichotomy).
 - 7. Thou shalt not argue that because of one's ignorance, a claim must be true or false (ad ignorantum).
 - 8. Thou shalt not lay the burden of proof onto the person who is questioning the claim (burden of proof reversal).
 - 9. Thou shalt not assume "this" follows "that" when there is no logical connection (non sequitur).
 - 10. Thou shalt not argue that because a premise is popular, it must be true (bandwagon theory).