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TABLETS FOUND IN RANSACKED EGYPT MUSEUM; MAY BE ORIGINAL TEN COMMANDMENTS

*Scholars Close to Deciphering Mysterious Pictograms;
May Predate Cuneiform, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Chinese Ideograms*

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FAIR LAWN, March 19 – Shock waves reverberated throughout the western world today with the announcement that a collection of stone fragments found among the rubble in the ransacked Egyptian Museum in Cairo’s Tahrir Square may be the original Ten Commandments.

The tablets were previously thought to have been destroyed by Moses when he descended from Mount Sinai and found the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. But the fragments were carefully pieced together by a team of international Bible scholars to reveal a puzzling set of inscriptions that resembled a rebus with ten messages.

Seemingly a blend of characters representing a bird, an Amish buggy, and a collection of what appear to be letters of the English

The precise meaning of the letter K, when it appears by itself and in combinations, is still under investigation.

The team of scholars is not certain of the absolute accuracy of their translation, and is open to suggestions from the archaeological and linguistic community for alternate interpretations.

What troubles them most is that God appears to have had a finely developed sense of humor in formulating this original grouping of the sayings, compared with the much more serious and solemn tone expressed in the final set of Ten Commandments that Moses presented to the Israelites when he descended from Mount Sinai.

For example, the first commandment, if the interpreters’ conclusions are to be accepted, says, “*Oh you should travel from New Jersey to Florida. Okay?*” This would seem to be a folksy imperative for snowbound northeasterners to make the annual winter journey to a warmer climate, or even migrate to a permanent home there. That sets quite a different tone from the traditional “*I am the Lord your God who took you out of slavery in Egypt.*”

So far, more than 100 unique symbols have been found. Their meanings are being consolidated into a few web sites where erudite readers can find the details they need to verify that the translations meet their high standards. For a more complete analysis of these meanings, visit hanefesh.com and kosherquest.com.

All ten commandments are shown on page 2, with a preliminary translation of each one.



The first and second commandments in their original form. Find their meanings and those of the other eight on page 2.

alphabet, the symbols are thought to predate any known language including hieroglyphics, cuneiform, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Chinese ideograms.

The scholars believe that they have deciphered most of the symbols but remain baffled by the amazing resemblance of these three-thousand-year-old characters to the shapes of some of the states in the United States of America. Also, their combinations can be interpreted as references to 21st century objects and concepts such as Twitter, Kindle, Nook, and Disney World.

Even more peculiar is that almost every symbol has embedded within it what looks like the letter K of the English alphabet.

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THE KUSTANOWITZ KIDS' PICKS
FOR THE 2010
SILVER GRAGGER MOVIE AWARDS

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Scholarly Interpretations of Commandments Found On Tablet Fragments in Egypt

(see story, page 1)

These tablets are believed to be the original commandments received by Moses on Mount Sinai and smashed when he saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf. Note that they are much less formal and less demanding than the ones we have today.



Oh you should travel from New Jersey to Florida. Okay?



Drive to Disney World in Florida and Disneyland in Los Angeles to meet Mickey and Minnie.



Do not kindle your Kindle or nuke your Nook or use any Apple product on Shabbat Kodesh.



Leave Kansas City and travel to Texas where you will find an ark containing weapons of mass destruction.



Do not curse.



Do not eat while tweeting and do not tweet while eating.



Oy vey, looking at tiny symbols too much can give you double vision.



Okay, if you crack these tablets you will be forced to build lots of pyramids.



Oh you should create competing organizations to interpret my laws and create confusion as to which ones are more trustworthy than the others. Okay?



Oh you should create a simple alphabet so you will not have to decipher the meaning of these silly symbols. Okay?

It's Movie Awards Time! The Kronikle Presents: THE KUSTANOWITZ KIDS' PICKS FOR THE 2010 SILVER GRAGGERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Golden Globes and the Oscars were a good warm-up act. Now, the Kronikle presents its own Silver Gragger Awards for the outstanding film achievements of 2010.



THE KING'S SPEECH: The Passover story told from the perspective of Pharaoh, whose stubbornness about letting the Jews go stemmed from a miscommunication with the stuttering Moses.

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT: A mother and father are devastated when their kids spend two weeks in a right-wing Yeshiva and return wearing black hats.

INCEPTION: A rabbi comes up with a brilliant technique for his Shabbat morning sermon, in which he can plant an idea in his congregants' minds while they are asleep.

TRUE GRIT: At the Coen family seder, someone bites into a lettuce leaf that was not soaked in water, and grimaces as the overlooked dirt and, tragically, a microscopic bug are mashed between his teeth.

127 HOURS: As the seder goes into its fifth day, the sleep-deprived adults have had enough, and launch into a rousing version of *Dayenu*.

DESPICABLE ME: The controversial story of a man who sets his sights on committing every sin listed in the *Al Cheit* section of the Yom Kippur machzor.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK: The Harvard Board of Rabbis sues Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg on the grounds that his social networking site is based on the concept of Jewish geography.

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS: When a family of 14 forgets to pre-order a kosher meal for their flight from Israel to Australia, they spend the next 21 hours dining on pretzels, potato chips, and fruit cup.

BLACK SWAN: The animated sequel to the Biblical cartoon masterpiece, "Red Cow."

SALT: One year after outlawing Gebrukts (wet matzah), a family revolts against Mom when she decides to kick it up a notch and avoid using any salt on Passover.

THE FIGHTER: After taking the side of Shammai in every Talmudic argument, Moshe Goldberg gets a reputation at Yeshiva.

DATE NIGHT: The animated tale of a delicious date who develops ingenious plots to avoid being eaten on Tu B'Shvat.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED: Ashton Kutcher goes ballistic after receiving a defective shipment of Kabbalah tzitzit.

I AM NUMBER FOUR: What's it like being Jacob's one true love? Only Rachel the Matriarch knows.

TANGLED: When a severe storm gets the town's eruv and cable television wiring twisted, the non-Jews are upset that they can't watch the big game, and the Jews are upset because they can't carry on Shabbat.

EAT PRAY LOVE: Julia Roberts stars as an Upper West Side single whose years of dating have left her with food issues, a tendency toward religious fanaticism, and JDate addiction.