



*Protecting, Defending and Promoting the Family,
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Guide to Good Decision Making to Find Happiness and Joy

(Simplified summary (100A for Teens, Good v. Bad Angel) from and according to the mind of St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of The Church)

Christian Principles supersede any and all culture, heritage, opinion and politics for the common good

Order of Law

no law below can usurp the law above it

Eternal Law

God's Plan of Salvation for the Universe

Divine Law

Natural Law

Non-Negotiable | Intrinsic Rights – Right to Life, Liberty & Pursuit of Happiness, Personal Property, Bill of Rights, Right to Defend Self, Right to Emigrate, Right to Health Care Access

Non-Negotiable | Intrinsic (Moral) Evil Issues – decisions above any human's job description

Killing Humans, Abortion & Abortifacients, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, Undefined of Marriage, Homosexual Lifestyles and its promotion, Artificial Insemination (IVF), Breaking the 10 Commandments, Communism, National Socialism

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Human Law

Civil Law, Criminal Law, Family Law

Individual Act of Choice

free will to cooperate with God and participate in His plan of salvation
based on a rightly formed conscience

Company Ownership and Political Party affiliation can be a good or evil depending on the organizations bylaws/platform and activities dissent from Natural Law & Moral Principles

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Civil Law, Criminal Law, Family Law

Prudential Judgment

objective opinion based on truth and virtues to rightly form conscience

Personal Judgment

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(spouse, rearing children, occupation, voting, politics, political party affiliation, immigration, war, health care insurance)

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Moral Law | Lawful Carnal Knowledge

Law of Moses | The Perfect Rule

Church Law

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Rightly Formed Conscience | The Golden Rule

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Personal Judgment

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OBJECTIVE MORALITY

ORDER OF LAW

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ETERNAL LAW

God's plan of salvation for the universe

Reason (Philosophy / Science)

NATURAL LAW

(right & wrong written on our nature)

- Law of Gravity | Inertia
- Law of Nature | Science | Physics
- Law of Reproduction/Pro-creation
- Law of the Family

Faith (Christian Virtues)

DIVINE LAW

Old Testament thru New Testament

Ten Commandments to the Beatitudes

Law of Moses to Messianic Law

Two New Testament Commandments

Golden Rule to the Perfect Rule

- ex. Life, Liberty, Private Property, Pursuit of Happiness, Male Priests, Marriage

Church Law

Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and

Sacred Magisterial Teaching of The Church

Deposit of The Faith & Church disciplinary laws

- ex. Precepts of The Church, Sunday Mass Obligation, Married Priests, Friday Abstinence, Annulments, etc.

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Human Law

Authentic & Just laws reflect Natural Law (and Cardinal Virtues)

- Civil, Criminal, Property and Family Law (ex. Dec. of Independence, US Constitution, Bill of Rights, Civil Divorce)

SUBJECTIVE MORALITY

each person's individual conscience

Conscience

rightly formed through doctrinal formation and spiritual direction

practical reason | judging right and wrong | The Golden Rule

Prudential Judgment

objective opinion based on truth, virtues

Personal Judgment & Individual act of choice

subjective opinion to apply to one's own life, free will, choose values and what's most important in life (spouse, rearing children, occupation, voting, politics, political party affiliation, immigration, war, health care insurance)



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Reflective evaluation

after choice, did I act in cooperation with God's will and participate in His plan of salvation

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Human and Christian Virtues

Christian Virtues — Infused by God into our souls to enable us to live in a relationship with Him: He is their origin, motive and object.

Faith	Hope	Charity
Believing and accepting God's truths even those we don't understand. The assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.	Trusting in God and His promises, thereby possessing the motive for living our supernatural life and persevering in prayer and virtue. It is the conviction that what we love through faith will be possessed.	Loving God above all things for His own sake and loving our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God; sacrificing of ourselves for God and mankind. It is the queen of all virtues.

Human Virtues — Acquired by education and human effort; the fruit and seed of morally good acts, purified and elevated by divine grace. Guide you in leading a morally good life. Virtues around which, all other virtues are grouped.

Prudence	Justice	Fortitude	Temperance
Disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Guides other virtues; guides judgment of conscience and guides us to do what we must to save souls	Constant firm will to give what's due to God and our neighbor.	Ensures firmness in difficulties and consistency in the pursuit of good.	Moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods
Wisdom Integrity Pure intentions Initiative Responsibility Astuteness Discernment Forethought Circumspection Common sense Right reason Sagacity Caution Deliberation Industriousness	Obedience Forgiveness Authenticity Care/Piety Kindness Sympathy Love of Neighbor Sincerity Patriotism Loyalty Cooperation Veracity Truthfulness Respect Goodness Affability Gratitude Honesty Courtesy Fairness Generosity Graciousness Compassion Mercy Friendship Social Justice Friendliness Understanding Reverence Devotion to duty	Faithfulness Patience Tenacity Magnanimity Perseverance Constancy Diligence Courage Vigilance Nobility Conviction Persistence Fidelity	Humility Chastity Poverty of Spirit Sobriety Purity Modesty Meekness Self-control Sacrifice Detachment Long-suffering Self-denial Self-discipline Simplicity Abandonment Docility Joy Flexibility Moderation Balance Optimism Cheerfulness

We cannot have a democratic republic without morality and we cannot have morality without religion. We cannot have long-term domestic prosperity without a good foundation for society and we cannot have that solid foundation without strong families.

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