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n.

1. *Bible* The Ten Commandments.
2. A fundamental set of rules having authoritative weight.

[Middle English *decalog*, from Late Latin *decalogus*, from Greek *dekalogos* : *deka*, ten; see **dek** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *logos*, word, pronouncement; see **leg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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