

The Sixth Commandment-

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"Because of sex, we have love, infidelity, faithfulness, varietism, sensuality, and- the saint who abhors it all. With the exception of Alexander Hamilton and myself, there are no individuals who, once charged with adultery, have not been, in so far as public usefulness is concerned, relegated to the limbo of the inutile. I am not here to apologize, but to set forth the asininity of this social dishonesty, which I might call social lunacy."- Theodore Dreiser, THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT, Liberty, April 2, April 9.

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Murder, ranging from that of the King's English to that of the English kings, never has been presented as one of the arts. Despite the efforts of many outstanding personages of all times to popularize murder it has never been accorded its proper place in history. Today, in spite of the fact that we find it on every hand, it is looked upon askance by many persons who see in it only the sordid.

Great careers have ended in ignominy; innocent persons have faced disgrace, all because of some crudely planned murder. Many great men, who, had they been permitted to carry out their murders without interruption and had they been permitted to conceal their crimes, might today be rendering great public service. Few men, with the possible exception of Alexander the Great and Wilhelm of Germany, who operated strictly in the wholesale field, have been able to rise above the disgrace- attached by many prudish and narrow-minded individuals to murder- and have gone to their graves broken and dishonored just because some rustic detective happened to see them in some careless moment toss a bloody stiletto into a rose garden, pitch a smoking revolver into a stream or rake a covering of autumn leaves over a torso.