

The Essene Code of Life

from the original Aramaic & French Translation

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Book's introduction:

"A complete translation, from the Aramaic, of the manuscript discovered by Count Volney during his travels in Egypt and Syria, 1783-5: giving a record of the discourses between the famous Roman Historian, Josephus Flavius, and Banus, the Essene, as master, during Josephus' three years' sojourn with Banus in the Desert of the Dead Sea, for his initiation into the Essene Teaching and Traditions."

Ref. page 11:

A brief summary of Chapter #2: The ten Essentials of the Natural & Cosmic Law:

1. Primordial - inherent to the existence of things.
2. Immediate - derived from the creator & presented to each person.
3. Universal - common to all times, countries, and people.
4. Invariable - particular circumstances don't change the rules.
5. Evident - consists of facts incessantly present to senses & demo.
6. Reasonable - conforms to reason and to human understanding.
7. Just - the penalties are proportional to the infractions.
8. Pacific - & tolerant - even of errors; all men are brothers.
9. Beneficent - teaching the true means of becoming better & happier.
10. Alone Sufficient - becoming better & happier comprises all that is good and useful under the law... i.e.~ the moral part of law.

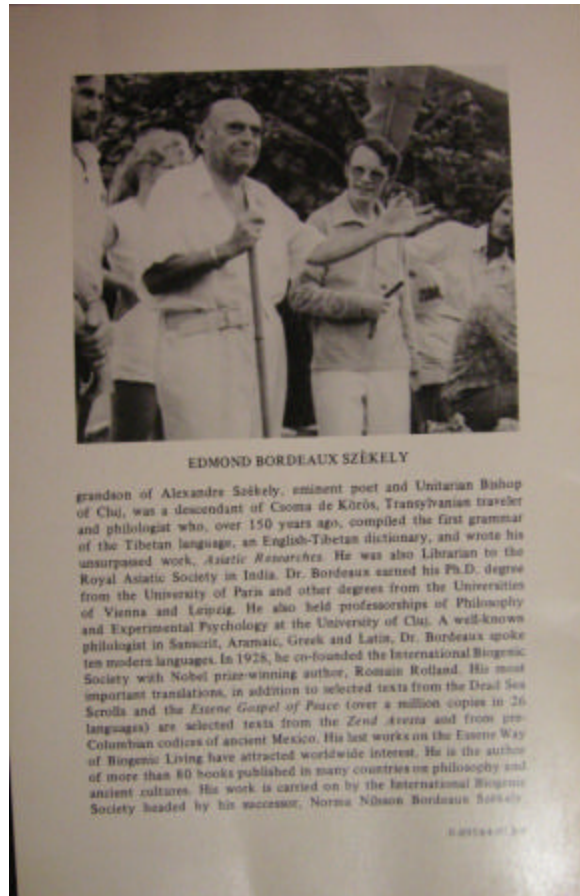
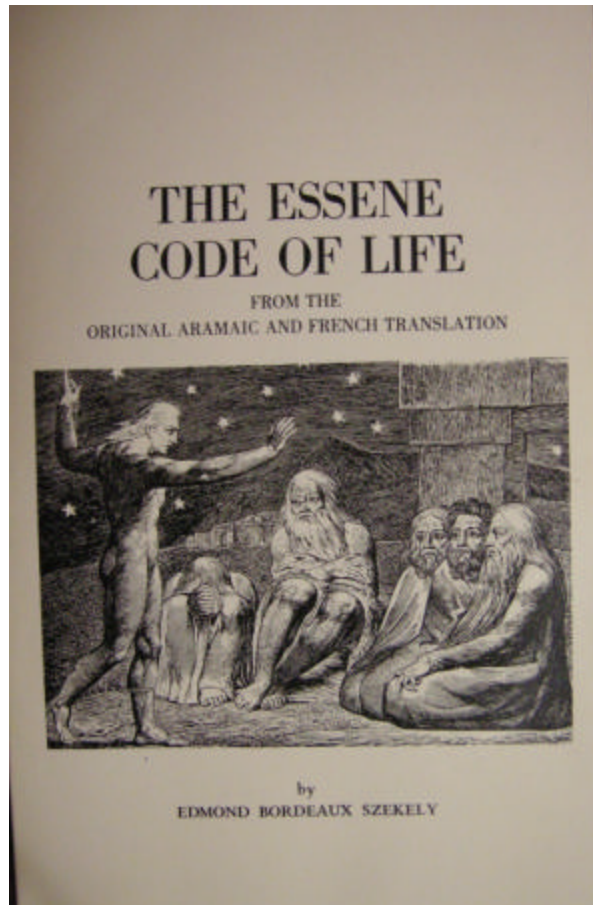
One way of using the elements above are as the *ten criteria of soundness* that any proposed rules or laws must pass before enactment.

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... Part of the dialogue on #9. **Beneficent**:

"Josephus: Are not other laws beneficent likewise?

Banus: No: for none of them teach the real means of attaining happiness; all are confined to pernicious or futile practices; and this is evident from other facts, since after so many laws, so many religions, so many legislators and prophets, men are still as unhappy and ignorant, as they were eight thousand years ago."



grandson of Alexandre Székely, eminent poet and Unitarian Bishop of Cluj, was a descendant of Cooma de Köros, Transylvanian traveler and philologist who, over 150 years ago, compiled the first grammar of the Tibetan language, an English-Tibetan dictionary, and wrote his unsurpassed work, *Asiatic Researches*. He was also Librarian to the Royal Asiatic Society in India. Dr. Bordeaux earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Paris and other degrees from the Universities of Vienna and Leipzig. He also held professorships of Philosophy and Experimental Psychology at the University of Cluj. A well-known philologist in Sanskrit, Aramaic, Greek and Latin, Dr. Bordeaux spoke ten modern languages. In 1928, he co-founded the International Biogenic Society with Nobel prize-winning author, Romain Rolland. His most important translations, in addition to selected texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls and the *Essene Gospel of Peace* (over a million copies in 26 languages) are selected texts from the *Zend Avesta* and from pre-Columbian codices of ancient Mexico. His best works on the Essene Way of Biogenic Living have attracted worldwide interest. He is the author of more than 80 books published in many countries on philosophy and ancient cultures. His work is carried on by the International Biogenic Society headed by his successor, Norma Nilsson Bordeaux Székely.

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