

## Maimonides' Thirteen Principles of Faith

Source: Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides or Rambam) 1135-1204 CE; in his commentary on the Mishnah (tractate Sanhedrin, chapter 10).

1. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, is the Creator and Guide of everything that has been created; He alone has made, does make, and will make all things.
2. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, is One, and that there is no unity in any manner like His, and that He alone is our God, who was, is, and will be.
3. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, has no body, and that He does not have the properties of living creatures, and that he has no form whatsoever.
4. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, is the first and the last.
5. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, is the only one to whom it is right to pray, and that it is not right to pray to any being besides Him.
6. I believe with complete faith that all the words of the prophets are true.
7. I believe with complete faith that the prophecy of Moses our teacher, peace be upon him, was true, and that he was the chief of the prophets, both of those who preceded and of those who followed him.
8. I believe with complete faith that the entirety of the Torah that is now in our possession is the same that was given to Moses our teacher, peace be upon him.
9. I believe with complete faith that this Torah will not be exchanged, and that there will never be any other Torah from the Creator, Blessed be His Name.
10. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, knows all the deeds of human beings and all their thoughts, as it is written, "It is He who fashioned the hearts of them all, Who understands all their actions".
11. I believe with complete faith that the Creator, Blessed be His Name, rewards those who keep His commandments and punishes those who transgress them.
12. I believe with complete faith in the coming of the *Moshiach* (Messiah); and even though he may tarry, nonetheless, I wait daily for his coming.
13. I believe with complete faith that there will be a revival of the dead at the time when it shall please the Creator, Blessed be His name, and His mention shall be exalted for ever and ever.

