

## FATHER DE SMET OF THE KOOTENAYS:

" THEY ARE HONEST TO SCRUPULOSITY - THE STORE IS LEFT UNLOCKED - GOODS ARE NEVER STOLEN - IF ANY GOODS ARE TAKEN, GOODS OF EXACT VALUE ARE ALWAYS LEFT IN PAYMENT. "

FATHER DE SMET TRANSLATED THEIR CREED WHICH WAS GIVEN TO MY FATHER BY FATHER PATTERSON.

(1) IT IS BAD TO STEAL

PEOPLE WILL DISPISE YOU AND SAY YOU ARE POOR. THEY WILL LAUGH AT YOU AND NOT LIVE WITH YOU. THEY WILL NOT TRUST YOU. THEY WILL CALL YOU THIEF.

(2) IT IS BAD TO BE UNVIRTUOUS.

IT WILL MAKE YOUR FRIENDS ASHAMED OF YOU, AND YOU WILL BE LAUGHED AT AND GOSSIPED ABOUT. NO ONE WILL WANT TO MAKE YOU HIS WIFE.

(3) IT IS BAD TO LIE,

PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU, AND WHEN YOU TELL THEM ANYTHING THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY. THEY WILL CALL YOU LIAR.

(4) IT IS BAD TO BE LAZY.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE POOR AND NO WOMAN WILL CARE FOR YOU. YOU WILL HAVE FEW CLOTHES AND BE CALLED LAZY ONE.

(5) IT IS BAD TO COMMIT ADULTERY.

PEOPLE WILL AVOID YOU AND GOSSIP ABOUT YOU.

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YOUR FRIENDS AND CHILDREN WILL BE ASHAMED, AND PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AND SCOFF AT THEM. YOU WILL BE DISGRACED OR DIVORCED, YOU WILL BE CALLED ADULTERER,

(6) IT IS BAD TO BOAST IF YOU ARE NOT GREAT. PEOPLE WILL DISLIKE YOU AND LAUGH AT YOU. THEY WILL CALL YOU COYOTE, PROUD, OR VAIN.

(7) IT IS BAD TO BE COWARDLY. PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU, INSULT YOU AND MOCK YOU, THEY WILL IMPOSE UPON YOU AND WITH YOU WITHOUT PAYING. WOMEN WILL NOT WANT YOU FOR A HUSBAND. THEY WILL CALL YOU WOMAN AND COWARD.

(8) IT IS BAD TO BE INHOSPITABLE OR STINGY. PEOPLE WILL BE STINGY TO YOU, WILL SHUN YOU AND WILL GOSSIP ABOUT YOU, AND CALL YOU STINGY ONE.

(9) IT IS BAD TO BE QUARRLSOME. PEOPLE WILL HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH YOU, THEY WILL AVOID ~~AND~~ AND DISLIKE YOU. YOUR WIVES WILL LEAVE YOU, YOU WILL BE CALLED BAD, FAMILY QUARRLER, ANGRY ONE.

(10) IT IS GOOD TO BE PURE AND CLEANLY.

(11) IT IS GOOD TO BE HONEST, TRUTHFUL AND FAITHFUL.

(12) IT IS GOOD TO BE BRAVE, INDUSTRIOUS AND GRATEFUL.

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13. IT IS GOOD TO BE HOSPITABLE, LIBERAL AND FRIENDLY.

14. IT IS GOOD TO BE MODEST AND SOCIABLE,

YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL BE PROUD OF YOU,  
AND EVERYBODY WILL ADMIRE AND ESTEEM YOU.