

7. CHINESE NON-CHRISTIAN OATHS:

A) PAPER OATH (Civil):

The witness writes his name on a piece of paper and takes the following oath while burning the paper:

"The evidence which you shall give to the Court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, or your soul shall be consumed by fire as is this paper."

...
"Please state your full name."

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B) PAPER OATH (Criminal):

The witness writes his name on a piece of paper and takes the following oath while burning the paper:

"The evidence which you shall give to the Court between Our Sovereign Lady the Queen and (you) the prisoner at the Bar shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, or your soul shall be consumed by fire as is this paper."

...
"Please state your full name."

C) SAUCER OATH (Civil and Criminal):

The witness, on taking the stand, kneels down, and the Clerk places in his hand a China saucer whereupon the witness breaks it against the box. The Clerk then administers the following oath:

"You shall tell the truth and the whole truth; the saucer is cracked and if you do not tell the truth, your soul will be cracked like the saucer."

...
"Please state your full name."

D) CHICKEN OATH (Civil and Criminal):

The witness is handed a piece of paper with the following writing:

"Oath made by (witness signs his name). Being a true witness, I shall enjoy happiness and my sons and grandsons will prosper forever.

If I give false evidence I shall die on the street, earth will destroy me, and I shall forever suffer in adversity, and all my offspring will be exterminated. In burning this Oath, I humbly submit myself to the Will of Heaven which has brilliant eyes to see.

The _____ year of the Reign of _____ the day, the _____ Moon.

(witness signs his name)."

The witness having signed his name twice, and a cock having been procured, the Court (and Jury) adjourns to a convenient place outside the building where the full ceremony of administering the oath is performed. A block of wood, an axe or a knife, not less than three punk sticks, a pair of

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candles and Joss paper being obtained, Chinese candles are stuck in the ground and lighted. The oath is then read out loud by the witness, after which he wraps it in Joss paper as used in religious ceremonies. The witness then lays the cock on the block and chops its head off, then sets fire to the oath from the candles and holds it until it is consumed.

E) CANDLE OATH (Civil and Criminal):

A lighted candle is placed on the ledge of the witness box. The witness places his right hand over his heart and repeats after the Clerk:

"I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and if I do not may my soul be extinguished as I quench this flame."

The witness then extinguishes the candle.

8. JAPANESE OATH (Civil and Criminal):

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me:
The statement I shall make before the Court shall be in the whole nothing but the truth according to the custom, religion, and belief of this country and my own."

...

"Please state your full name."

9. HINDU OATH - ON THE BHAGAVADGITA (Civil and Criminal):

"Please repeat after me:
I solemnly affirm that the evidence which I shall give in this case will be true; I will conceal nothing and no part of my evidence shall be false."

...

"Please state your full name."

10. ISLAMIC AND MOSLEM OATH - ON THE KORAN (Civil and Criminal):

"Please repeat after me:
I solemnly affirm that the evidence which I shall give in this case will be true; I will conceal nothing and no part of my evidence shall be false."
... "Please state your full name."

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11. ORTHODOX JEWISH OATH - ON THE PENTATEUCH (Civil and Criminal):

Standard Christian oaths to be taken with head covered and one of the first five books of the Bible to be kissed.

12. SIKH OATH - ON THE GURU BANI (Civil):

"Do you swear that the evidence you shall give to this Court, touching the matters in question, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth according to your faith in your God and in your Bible, so help you God?"

...
"Please state your full name."

13. SIKH OATH - ON THE GURU BANI (Criminal):

"Do you swear that the evidence you shall give to the Court between Our Sovereign Lady the Queen and (you) the prisoner at the Bar shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth according to your faith in your God and in your Bible, so help you God?"

...
"Please state your full name."

14. DOUKHOBOR OATH (Civil):

A loaf of bread, some salt and a jug of water is placed before the witness.

"Do you swear before these symbols of your faith: bread, salt and water, that the evidence you shall give to this Court, touching the matters in question, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

...
"Please state your full name."

15. DOUKHOBOR OATH (Criminal):

A loaf of bread, some salt and a jug of water is placed before the witness.

"Do you swear before these symbols of your faith: bread, salt and water, that the evidence you shall give to the Court between Our Sovereign Lady the Queen and (you) the prisoner at the Bar shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

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16. SCOTTISH OATH (COVENANTER) (Civil and Criminal):

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me:
I swear by Almighty God as I shall answer to God at the
Great Day of Judgment that I will speak the truth, the whole
truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God."

...

"Please state your full name."

17. SCOTTISH OATH - ALTERNATE FORM (Civil and Criminal):

"Please raise your right hand;
Do you swear according to the custom of your Country and the
Religion you profess that the evidence you shall give shall
be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

...

"Please state your full name."

18. BUDDHIST OATH (Civil and Criminal):

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me:
I declare, as in the presence of Buddha, that I am unpre-
judiced, and if what I shall speak shall prove false, or
if by colouring truth others shall be led astray, then may
the three Holy Existences, Buddha, Dhamma, and Pro Sangha,
in whose sight I now stand, together with the Devotees of
the twenty-two Firmaments, punish me and also my migrating
soul."

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"Please state your full name."

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