

translation of *Hammurabi's Code* at the *Exploring Ancient World Cultures* web site (<http://eawc.evansville.edu/anthology/hammurabi.htm>).

What is the Hammurabi's purpose in writing these laws? Do the laws satisfy his purpose? Hammurabi's purpose in writing these laws were given to him by the gods so that he may punish those that do wrong and better man-kind. The laws satisfy his purpose.

In the Prologue Hammurabi states, "When Marduk sent me to rule over men, to give the protection of right to the land, I did right and righteousness in..., and brought about the well-being of the oppressed." (p.2). Is Hammurabi accurate in this assessment? From the readings, Hammurabi seems to be accurate in this assessment. Which of these laws set out to protect the oppressed? The laws set out to protect the oppressed are all of them.

What crimes incur the harshest punishments? Do you agree with those punishments? Are they effective deterrents to the stated crimes? The crimes that incur the harshest punishments are 7, 110, 128, 132, 193, 282. I don't agree with these punishments. Though these punishment may be effective deterrents to the stated crimes, they are too harsh and unreasonable punishments.

Is Hammurabi a wise leader? Do you consider him to be a good "father to his subjects" as he professes in the Epilogue (p.21)? Hammurabi for his time was a very wise leader. During this time I do believe that he was a good father to his subjects.