

113. Exodus 20:16 (KJV). This chapter on bearing false witness is one of the most controversial in the *Institutes*. In one section, Rushdoony argued that witnesses had exaggerated the numbers of Jews and other minorities killed by the Nazis during World War II. He suggested that such charges amounted to a violation of the ninth commandment (Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, 1:586). In the passage, Rushdoony suggested that, at most, thousands of Jews died and German scientists tortured only tens, or perhaps hundreds, of victims. His argument has roundly been condemned as a form of Holocaust denial. See, for example, Trueman, *Histories and Fallacies*, 30 (n. 4). Rushdoony's historical analysis was based on "atrocious, secondhand, and unverified" sources (*ibid.*), which were likely rooted in his personal relationship with David L. Hoggan. During the late 1960s, Rushdoony actively lobbied for the publication of Hoggan's anonymous *Myth of the Six Million* (1973), one of the first works of Holocaust denial published in the United States. Rushdoony appealed directly to Hays Craig, his friend and publisher at Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company and the Craig Press. Charles H. Craig to R. J. Rushdoony, n.d., RJR. The Craig Press did publish Hoggan's *The Myth of the "New History"* (1965), a critical assault on historiographic methods that Hoggan believed vilified Germany and wrongly blamed the Reich for World War II. While controversial, the book was largely ignored by the historical establishment. Craig was far less responsive to the manuscript that eventually became *Myth of the Six Million*. Craig rejected the manuscript, citing a mass of contradictory evidence. Years later, Rushdoony backtracked from his support of Hoggan's work. R. J. Rushdoony to "Wayne," November 14, 1992, RJR. He also wrote that he never intended to enter a "debate over numbers" but only meant to insist "that in all such matters what the ninth commandment requires is the truth, not exaggeration, irrespective of the cause one seeks to serve." Rushdoony, "Exaggeration and Denial," *CR* 422 (September 2000): 2.