Laws

**Great peace have those who love your law;**

**nothing can make them stumble.**

***(Psalm 119:165)***

**The function of the creative artist consists of making laws, not in following laws already made. *(Ferruccio Busoni)***

**When the astronauts went to the moon, the same laws applied to the physical, mental and astrological setup on the moon as applied on earth. We must, then, assume the spiritual laws apply in the same manner in all dimensions of life. But, above all, remember the most significant happening in the history of Christendom: the resurrection and subsequent reappearance of Jesus, providing tangible evidence to all that life is immortal – that the spiritual being of you is eternal. *(Jim Ockley)***

**Courts of law in the United States devote about half their time to cases involving automobiles. *(Absolute Trivia Website)***

**Alas, those of us who battle against natural disasters – people in Homeland Security, FEMA, the Coast Guard, the Centers for Disease Control, etc. – don’t come close. Laws and regulations patched together over the years have given large, often vague and confusing responsibilities to too many players, starting with the feds but also state and local officials and, in some cases, corporations like BP. The result is a chain of command clogged with uncertainty and delays. (David Gergen, in Parade magazine, August 15, 2010)**

**Any law that takes hold of a man’s daily life cannot prevail in a community unless the vast majority of the community are actively in favor of it. *(Henry Ward Beecher)***

**British law decrees no child younger than age 10 can be convicted of a criminal offense. So one cunning Englander registered his car in the name of his infant son, amassed a parking fine debt equal to about $900 and left the court a winner, having paid nothing. (L. M. Boyd)**

**It is said the United States would be brought to a standstill if all its laws were enforced to the letter. In Italy, that is certainly true. Labor leaders call “zeal strikes” wherein strikers do that – apply all laws. They resurrected an unrepealed 1905 law and shut down the postal system completely. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Been lot of nighttime collisions between cars and camels in Israel’s Negev Desert. Law there now requires the camels to wear reflectors strapped to their knees. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Moses is standing at the base of the mountain and looks up and says to God: “It’s your call, but I still think ‘The Ten Habits of Highly Effective People’ is a catchier title.” *(Bob Thames, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**We are in bondage to the law in order that we may be free. (Cicero)**

**I know about Murphy’s Law, but what is Cole’s Law? Thinly sliced cabbage. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**In a recent TV commercial for a local law firm, one former client gave this revealing endorsement: “Until I consulted these guys, I didn’t realize how seriously injured I was!” *(Jill Marie Bonnier, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**At the time of Jesus, if one were to conform to the laws laid down by the priests and the rabbis, one would have to conform to at least six hundred laws a day. This was an impossibility, and yet that was the way the laws were interpreted in the synagogue. Apparently Jesus did not believe that all of these laws were necessary to live the good life. *(Jack E. Addington)***

**The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws. *(Tacitus, Roman senator and historian)***

**The city council of Euclid, Ohio, has passed a law making it illegal to use anything other than curtains or blinds to cover one’s windows. Concerned about the city’s image, the council voted 8-1 to outlaw the use of banners, garbage bags, and newspapers in windows. Violators face six months in jail or a $1,000 fine. “There was no attempt to turn our inspectors, through this ordinance, into fashion police,” said Councilman John Conway. “A lot of it is going to be complaint-driven, and the housing inspectors will have some discretion.” *(The Week magazine, June 23, 2006)***

**When some future generation tries to understand the spirit of our times, an unknown scholar might run across a collection of the many derivatives of Murphy’s Law. “If anything can go wrong it will. If nothing can go wrong, it will anyway. Nothing is as easy as it looks. Everything takes longer than you think. The other line always moves faster. The probability of a peanut butter sandwich falling on the carpet face side up is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet. The light at the end of the tunnel is probably an oncoming train.” And that real clincher, “Murphy was an optimist.” *(Dynamic Preaching)***

**In all activities, both in the physical and mental realms, certain laws must be observed, e.g., that which goes up must come down; water boils at a certain temperature, depending on the altitude; “as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”; the brain and nervous system cannot tell the difference between what’s vividly imagined and reality, etc. *(Jack H. Holland)***

**“It’s still troubling to see U.S. officials appear to disdain the law in the name of upholding it.” The alleged gang members were deported “without a hearing in an immigration court, much less a criminal conviction.” Trump claims the migrants aren’t entitled to due process under the Aliens Enemies Act – last used to detain Japanese, German, and Italian nationals in World War II – and says we’re at war with the gangs. But there has been no declaration of war by Congress. Deporting migrant criminals is a worthy goal Trump was elected to pursue, but he must work “within the bounds of American law, or he will take the country down a dangerous road. Every prosecutor understands “one basic rule,” said former U.S. attorney Joyce Vance in her Substack newsletter: A court order is sacrosanct. You can appeal it, but must obey it. If Trump violates that “covenant,” we no longer have a demcracy, but a government that “operates at his whim.” We’re now headed toward a showdown “between a president who has rejected the rule of law and a judge sworn to enforce it. We are in an exceedingly dangerous moment for democracy.” *(The Week magazine, Mnarch 28, 2025)***

**Looney law: In Brooklyn, it’s illegal to let a dog sleep in your bathtub. *(Uncle John’s Unstoppable Bathroom Reader, p. 129)***

**I support law-enforcement – except, of course, in the case of laws I don’t happen to agree with*. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The brilliant scientist, Sir Isaac Newton, an early researcher of nature’s laws, once said that there is one set of natural laws for the physical world. But let us go further: “There are also higher mental and spiritual laws than those usually used on the physical plane of life. Jesus knew and used them constantly. These higher mental and spiritual laws are so powerful that they can be used to multiply, neutralize, or even reverse natural laws. It is when these higher mental and spiritual laws are used by the mind of man, that they often produce results that seem miraculous on the physical plane. *(Catherine Ponder, in The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity, p. 6)***

**Texas law of 1945 makes it legal there to horsewhip one’s wife but not one’s horse, I am told. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The law is a crude machine at best, and only spits out something approaching justice if its attendants are committed to justice. As lawyering has become less about doing right and more about doing what you can get away with, our standards of acceptable shenanigans-as-usual seem to be in a free fall. *(Holman W. Jenkins, Jr., in The Wall Street Journal)***

**People obey the law for one of two reasons: they either love God or fear punishment. When both of these break down, the result is an environment that breeds violence, poverty and anarchy. *(Jack Kemp)***

**Kissing is expensive as well as bad for the health under new legislation passed in Bangkok, Thailand. Prompted by concern over cleanliness in public places, the municipal council has adopted a resolution forbidding movie goers to kiss. Offenders will be fined 500 baht ($25) each time they are caught. *(Agence France-Press)***

**Just before the last turn of the century in many a town in Texas, cowboys couldn’t vote without laundry slips to show at least six weeks of residency. Client asks: What if a cowboy did his laundry in the creek? Then, neither did he vote nor any too often wash his clothes. In Texas a creek is a sometime thing. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Rats and roaches live by competition under the law of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy. *(Wendell Berry, writer)***

**It is not scientific or even truthful to say “you can have any thing you want.” If we could have any thing we wanted – without obeying the law of Love – the world would soon be a madhouse. If selfish people could reach out and get every thing they wanted, what a world this would be! How people would be grabbing for each other’s prized possessions! *(Jack H. Holland)***

**An old Minnesota law prohibits hanging men’s and women’s underwear on the same clothesline. *(Boyd’s Curiosity Shop, p. 170)***

**Montana law makes it a felony for a wife to open mail addressed solely to her husband. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Am told that Alaskan law is phrased in such a way as to make it illegal to look at a moose from an airplane. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**It is illegal in Alaska to give a moose an alcoholic drink. *(Noel Botham, in The Ultimate Book of Useless Information, p. 52)***

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**After the last of 16 mounting screws has been removed from an access cover, it will be discovered that the wrong assess cover has been removed. *(De la Lastra’s law)***

**These laws should be outlawed laws off the books or unenforced today:**

1. **Slurping soup illegal (New Jersey)**

**2. Horse may not eat fire hydrants (Marshalltown, Iowa)**

**3. Dead people may not serve on juries (Oregon)**

**4. Females may not be unshaven in public (New Mexico)**

**5. May not put ice cream cone in pockets (Kentucky). *(World Features Syndicate)***

**A local ordinance in Atwoodville, Connecticut, prohibits people from playing Scrabble while waiting for a politician to speak. *(Absolute Trivia Website)***

**A “law” is a principle that works. Sir William Blackstone, well-known writer of the law, pointed out many years ago, that a “law” is a settled rule of action. The word “law” usually suggests a desire for order. People experiencing limitation need just that – order in their thinking, emotions, bodies, financial affairs and in all phases in their lives. *(Catherine Ponder, in The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity, p. 5)***

**Lawmakers of Tuscumbia, Alabama, passed an ordinance outlawing more than eight rabbits in any one city block. Then they tried to enforce it. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Religious Science is a correlation of laws of science, opinions of philosophy and revelations of religion applied to human needs and the aspirations of man*. (Dr. Ernest Holmes)***

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**By law, you can’t “ride an ugly horse,” in Londonerry, Nova Scotia. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A law in Burns, Oregon, stipulates you can ride your horse into a saloon only if you pay admission. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**In Breton, Alabama, there is a law on the town’s books against riding down the street in a motorboat. *(Absolute Trivia Website)***

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**When Congress makes a joke, it’s a law, and when they make a law, it’s a joke. *(Will Rogers)***

**Rumanian law frees convicted rapists who marry their victims. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**In areas of the Afghanistan back-country before the Soviets invaded, local law required a husband to give half his weekly salary to his mother-in-law to demonstrate his regard. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Laws are like sausages: it is better not to see them being made. *(Otto von Bismarck)***

**Silly laws that once would have driven you crazy:**

* **Can’t drive while asleep (Birmingham, Alabama)**
* **Can’t drive while reading comics (Norman, Oklahoma)**
* **Can’t drive motorboat on street (Brewton, Alabama)**
* **Can’t clean car while driving (Springfield, Ohio)**
* **Can’t make love on parked motorcycle (London). *(World Features Syndicate)***

**Sons-of-Murphy Laws:**

1. **O’Reilly’s Law: No matter what goes wrong, there’s always someone who knew it would.**
2. **Kilpatrick’s Law: Interchangeable parts aren’t.**
3. **Shanahan’s Law: The length of the meeting is the square of the number of people present.**
4. **Brennan’s Law: Paper is always strongest at the perforations.**
5. **Dooley’s Law: If something happens to you, it has previously happened to all your friends*. (John Dawson, in Amarillo Globe News)***

**New Jersey law prohibitts noisy soup slurping. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught. *(Honore de Balzac)***

**Law of France prohibits a butcher from stocking hamburger. If the customer wants ground meat, the butcher has to grind it on the spot. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Old English law required a suicide to be buried near a crossroads at midnight without religious rites. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Legal scholars estimate there are 35 million laws to enforce the Ten Commandments. And many more that don’t. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Before humans understood the laws of aerodynamics, no one would have thought an airplane weighing many tons could fly. Now, through the proper application of this law, people not only travel the globe, but also fly into space. Similarly, once we understand the spiritual laws of creation, we may apply them to free ourselves from limiting beliefs and ideas. *(Unity Daily Word magazine, March 3, 2012)***

**It is illegal to walk a camel down Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs, California, between 4 and 6 p.m. *(***[***www.dumblaws.com***](http://www.dumblaws.com/)***)***

**Zoot suits are prohibited by law in Los Angeles. *(***[***www.dumblaws.com***](http://www.dumblaws.com/)***)***

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