

The Laws We Live By

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Preface

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Biblical quotes are in *italics* and are taken from a 1933 Bible edition translated by George M. Lamsa and published by the A.J. Holman Company of Philadelphia. This translation is based on Peshitta manuscripts written in Aramaic, the spoken language of the common people during the time of Christ. In many instances it also appears to correct what may be mistakes in the Greek text. For example, in Matthew 19:24, the text “Again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle”, the word ‘camel’ is replaced with the word ‘rope’. These two words are written the same in Aramaic. This and other differences hint at the possibility of the original New Testament manuscripts being first written in Aramaic and later translated to Greek. The Lamsa translation includes both the Old and New Testaments.

For study proposes, the reader may wish to compare the Lamsa text with the more readily available King James version.

As Biblical quotes occasionally appear in-line with Mr. Whipple’s text, and sometimes no reference is given, it may be difficult to determine whether something is a Biblical quote or not. Therefore the use of *italics* is employed as an aid in separating them from the text. References to some quotes were not added as they would tend to distract the reader.

Another Bible translation, the Numeric Bible is referred to as proof of the Bible’s divine origin. It is the result of a mathematical approach to editing and correcting the earliest known Greek New testament manuscripts and then translating them into English. This work was done by Bible Scholar Ivan Panin and a first edition was published in 1914. Quotes are from a second edition, reprinted in 1945 by the Book Society of Canada. Processing the Greek manuscripts through a numeric algorithm produced two significant points of interest. First, it corrected minor discrepancies and errors in the original Greek and second, it proved the Bible could not have been written without the inspiration of a higher power. The translation process and application of the numeric algorithm is described in some detail in the appendix of the second edition.

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The Ten Commandments of Moses. **Exodus 20:3-17**

1. *You shall have no other gods except me.*
2. *You shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a zealous God, visiting the offenses of the fathers upon their children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me; And showing mercy to thousands of generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*
3. *You shall not take a false oath in the name of the Lord your God; for the Lord will not declare him innocent who takes an oath in his name falsely.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all your work; But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the sojourner who dwells in your town. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the seas, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.*
6. *You shall not kill.*
7. *You shall not commit adultery.*
8. *You shall not steal.*
9. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
10. *You shall not covet your neighbors house, you shall not covet your neighbors wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's.*

Official, Superficial and Artificial Law

All laws may be roughly classified according to their nature under three broad general headings. For want of better names we call them, official laws, artificial laws, and superficial laws.

Superficial laws are those made by beings merely for their own convenience, or the general welfare of the group, representing the restrictions placed upon individuals. These favor the entire group and do not in any way partake of the nature of fixed unchangeable laws, or those opposed to them.

For example, the laws directing motor vehicle traffic, people passing on the right side, speed limits, stop signals, driver's vehicular license, fishing and game laws, building ordinances, and most of the great mass of city, state, and national laws are merely superficial laws. These are used as conveniences according to the whims or desires of the powers passing them, but in no way transgress fixed or natural laws. The prohibition law was a good example of this kind

Artificial laws are not true laws in any real sense of the word. They are those laws which are in opposition to the natural or fixed laws. Many of these artificial laws are provided for by the powers making them, under the supposition that they are merely superficial laws. But as a matter of actual fact most of these artificial laws are made to thwart fixed and natural laws and to make secure other artificial laws. Most of them are supposed to be official laws but they are not.

One striking example of artificial law is to be found in our interest laws. Interest is unnatural and there is a fixed natural law against all interest. Ruling or law making groups have passed laws allowing interest, establishing banks, providing national, state and municipal bonds. Indebtedness of many kinds draw interest, and many, many laws, all artificial, are passed for the sole purpose of making this artificial interest law more secure. Yet being artificial and unnatural those laws all harm man. They help make it possible for one group of people to rob, enslave and even murder other groups, according to law, but in reality according to artificial law.

Official law is the natural, fixed law of the universe. It was established by God in the beginning of our natural universe, These laws remain the same forever, no change in any condition of man or anything else affects them at all. Many of these have been learned and people profit as a result. In this class we place many if not most, of what we call scientific laws. However, there are many laws governing things which the great majority of people do not know or ever give any attention to, let alone recognizing them as natural laws.

Many of these are related to the organic world, such as assimilation, nervous action and reaction, brain power and faculties, growth, renewal, decay, and numberless others, known by some but unknown to most of humanity. There are chemical, logical, social, hydrostatic, electrical and many other laws, almost without

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end. These are universally recognized as fixed and unchangeable laws, and any law which is contrary to them is recognized as artificial, incorrect or unlawful.

Aside from this body of recognized official laws are other laws, equally as fixed and unchangeable and natural as those which are universally recognized. Many of these have become known to man through the direct power of God their Maker.

The official laws, or more correctly the natural laws, governing man's relation to the natural world or God, to himself, his family, small groups, and large groups, were not left to man to discover or invent at his pleasure. They were fixed by God in the beginning, just as all other natural laws are fixed by God, and were given to man directly and definitely.

During the first period of man's existence on the earth he knew and benefited by the observance of these laws, the same as he benefited by the observance of the much greater body of natural laws relating to the physical world. But there came a time when man, asserting that he had a right to personal liberty, and that he need not obey unless he chose, overstepped the bounds of this natural law God had given him, and lawlessness entered the human family. This point in the observance of natural law has been called 'The Fall of Man.'

Thus began a new period in the life of man. When he slipped rapidly away from the perfect conditions under which he had been placed by God, here on the earth. It became necessary for God to repeat these laws many times as the ages have passed. Notwithstanding this fact men have ignored many of them, and made artificial laws contrary to them.

Every transgression of official, fixed, or natural law, carries with it a punishment, reaction, harmful effect, or what might be called, an effect opposite to that which attends its observance. For an example of this effect, take the burning of wood. Fire applied to wood produces heat and destroys the wood. In a stove it may be confined, but at large in a forest it may be very destructive. Yet the law operates the same always, whether the fire be large or small, and whether we like it or not.

Take also the fixed law that man must love his neighbor and his enemy. The lack of observance of this law has been the cause of fighting, warfare, and all manner of suffering since the fall of man, and will continue as long as the law is not obeyed. Take also the fixed law that men should serve God only and not have other masters over them, or not be masters over others. This has given rise to much of the human suffering, government despotism, slavery, monopoly of God's natural gifts to man, and countless other wrongs. Men are partially able to avoid the evil effects of this breaking of God's laws for a period of time, or what appears to be avoiding the evil, but it is only accumulating with those members of human society who cannot help receiving the blow. Periodically these accumulated burdens and unadjusted wrongs become so heavy for a nation, or other large group, that the wrong can no longer go unpunished.

This is illustrated by the tension when inflating a toy rubber balloon which finally becomes so great that the balloon bursts. The tension is too great to be

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longer supported. The evil effects of these periods show their effects in various ways; hard times, depressions, rebellions, wars, famines, pestilence, migrations and other ways. A partial readjustment is made, great numbers die, the worst effects are relieved, and society again goes forward accumulating evils for another settlement.

There is one, and only one cure; and that is for mankind throughout the entire world, to return to strict observance of God's natural and official laws. What are these laws that are not being obeyed as they should be?

Free and Equal

.All truth and all official laws agree with all other natural laws and there is no conflict between them. Superficial laws should all agree with official laws and no artificial laws should ever be enacted or enforced

When the constitution of the United states was drafted it was based upon a false premise. It says in substance that all men are created free and equal, and endowed by God with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. No man has ever been created free, from the first man down to the present day. All are born subjects, or servants, or under obligations, not only to God, but to the government under which they live.

Neither are people created equal except in a few minor particulars. God never created men equal, but gave some greater powers than He did others. No intelligent person today would think for a single moment that we are born equal in this present day of extreme poverty and great riches.

We are given life by God, but it is not free, and is ours to use only in strict accordance to God's laws; otherwise we lose that life, and rightly too, for it is in accordance with the operation of His natural law. We are given but a very small amount of liberty, and must be very careful what we do with it or the operation of natural law will take it away.

We are servants of God, of our national government, and lesser groups, mostly not of our own making or choosing. We are not allowed by God, with the right to very much freedom, but that is no reason why artificial laws should be made to rob us of what little was given to us. But we were endowed In great fullness with the desire for happiness, and we may pursue it to our hearts content so long as we conform to law and no longer.

In our present condition under the great mass of artificial laws, a large part of the freedom God intends for us to have has been taken away. One of the worst features of the entire situation is that the very powers which tell us their purpose is to safeguard our God given rights and liberties, have made these artificial laws which rob us of many of the most important of these rights, and the laws are enforced against us, with no possible redress.

it is always just and right for man to conform to natural official laws, and to those necessary or desirable superficial laws which are the outgrowth of living in groups, communities and nations. But, it is not right to force a people to obey a single artificial law of any kind, or at any time or under any circumstances whatever.

The world is made up of nations, these nations of various groups, and these groups finally of individuals, We will try to take up this question of law and enforcement in its true order.

First, The Individual

What laws affect each and every one of us the same, to which every individual, rich or poor, high and low, great and small is subject, and are of a nature which will ultimately make or break the liberties of the larger groups.

The first, or most important law in this respect is that governing the individuals relation to God, the Creator and final Judge of all things. God has very definitely given to man full instructions regarding this relationship. It is accessible to man and is as binding as any other of God's laws. We will explain this personal relationship in more detail, In another place (see, The Individual Law). It is sufficient to say here that the first thing necessary for world happiness, peace and prosperity is for every individual to become right with God.

This is necessary because those who will not observe the first, simplest, primary natural laws of God, in the very nature of things, will be liable, if not certain, to do just as they choose about obeying any or all of His other laws. Also, it is not safe to entrust such an individual with any responsibility respecting the group with which he is in any way connected. He is not apt to insist on strict law obedience, nor to rightly safeguard other's rights. He should be allowed no authority whatever, excepting in regard to his own individual actions. This is necessary to safeguard the group and the nation.

When each individual becomes right with God we will have a people who are righteous and law abiding. This lays the foundation for the observance of the next group of natural laws regarding the individuals relations to the various groups. However, without righteous individuals, no higher laws are effective.

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The Five Point Law

The natural official laws of God defining the Individual's place in society, and those portions of his liberty which are always withheld from him, for the benefit of the entire group, have been summed up in five great laws as follows;

You Shall Not Kill

No man has a right to deprive another man of the life that God has given him according to the operation of natural law. This very first and most important law in this group safeguards the sacredness of human life. Some superficial law might be enforced against an individual who will not obey the official laws, and who thereby menaces the rights of others. By enforcement he is rendered harmless to his fellow men. But under no circumstances over which anyone has control, should a man be deprived of his life, either directly or by execution, murder, or indirectly by means of fighting in a war. Human life should be left in the hands of God, entirely.

You Shall Not Commit Adultery

After the safety of one's own life is that of his family, without which mankind would soon cease to exist. God has established a natural or official law that one man and one woman shall be joined together, and the two so properly joined spiritually become one flesh, one perfect personality or one complete creative unit. Their persons should be safe from violation from anyone outside, and all violations of this law carry just and natural punishment as do all other official laws.

The wholesale violation of this law has spread disease and suffering all over the world, and this condition will never be righted until each man shall have his own wife and each woman shall have her own husband. That union should be for life, the only cause for dissolution being when the companion taken for life breaks this law. The punishment for the infraction of this law is to live without a mate the rest of their lives.

The large number of artificial laws, which rob most people of the fruits of most of their labor, have made living expenses so high that many young people hesitate to marry because of their doubtful income. The existence of this great body of unmarried adults has caused wholesale breaking of the natural laws of purity. In order for laws affecting larger groups to be effective, this law must be obeyed.

You Shall Not Steal

The next in order after the security of human life and the family relationship is private property which should be made and held secure to the individual as long as he shall live. No one has a right to steal, either directly by stealth or force, or indirectly through trickery, misrepresentation, artificial laws, or any other means. People are entitled to their own property.

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By property is meant that which an individual has produced through his own efforts or work or existence, either directly or indirectly. For example, he may directly produce a house or place of abode or tool or weapon for defense or machine to aid him in his struggle for existence. Indirectly he may produce value through the increase in usefulness of many things made valuable because of the existence of the group of which he is a member, such as land, mineral deposits, water and water rights, and numerous other reasons.

Production belongs to the producer, and should be made secure to him at all times. He should not be robbed of it either by the individual or by the group, either openly or through the operation of artificial laws.

You Shall Not Bear False Witness

A person should be truthful at all times. He may have his own life, that of his family, and his own property secure, but he owes an obligation to the larger group.

In regard to knowledge he may possess and impart to others, upon the accuracy of which depends the security of other's rights, lives, property or reputation, he is under obligation to tell the truth in all respects, that their action, based at least in part on his statements may be correct.

As the group grows larger more actions must be decided upon from information gathered from members of the group. This information is of vast importance. Upon it is based most of the great body of superficial law necessary for the government of a large group or nation.

For these laws to be just they must be based on correct information and this in turn makes it obligatory on all to tell the truth at all times. The breaking of this law carries its own punishment or reaction or evil effect, not only upon the individual, but often upon many innocent people as well.

Honor Your Father and Mother

One version of this law adds the statement "that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you" This is the law of longevity of a people, both of the individual and the group of which he is a member. What does it mean to 'honor your father and your mother'?

God has, through the operation of official laws, placed parents at the head of the family in all matters relating to the laws affecting its members. To honor them is to learn these laws from them, follow their instructions regarding their observance, and carry forward their teaching. Failure to observe the teaching of parents, setting aside the facts learned by trial and experience, and substituting the code of personal liberty in all things has cost youth their health, their livelihood, and finally their very lives.

It is not often people lose their lives directly, but rather through impaired health, lost opportunity, lack of cooperation and other disadvantages. Their life is

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shortened and the same holds true for the group and nation, only in a greater measure.

This also carries with it the necessity for all individuals to care for their parents when they arrive at the age in life when they can no longer care for themselves. Elderly people should not be made a charge upon the larger group except when they have no children to care for them. Yet this in no way relieves the larger groups of caring for those who need their care, whether they be young or old, but laws governing their care would of necessity be superficial laws, made in accordance with official law.

The observance of these five laws is necessary for the proper safeguarding of the group in which each individual is placed. . It assures the safety of life, family, property, reputation and longevity, not only of the individual, but of the group and the nation.

The Seven Sections of the Seventh Law

If a man lived alone in this world all the law necessary for him would be found in his correct relationship with God. If he lived in a family and a small group of people, the Five Point Moral Law would be all that would be needed. But man lives in great masses, states and nations, and now the world has grown so small through the use of modern inventions, that the entire world must be considered in any question relating to laws or their observance or enforcement.

The seventh law of God is the portion dealing with the entire population of the world. It has been variously stated at different times but it is the same law. One expression states "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Another is, "Do to others as you would have them do to you". There are many other statements of it, both ancient and modern. But God's great Interpreter to man of these laws, Jesus Christ, gives a true insight into the forgotten features that God originally placed in it. The seventh official law or body of natural law, falls under seven definite headings or parts.

Help The Needy

Under this head falls all those who need any help, such as the poor, sick, helpless, cripple, criminal, orphan, widow, elderly, or any other needy. Jesus says:

Matthew 5:42, *Whoever asks from you, give him; and whoever wishes to borrow from you, do not refuse him.*

Matthew 6:3,4, *But when you give alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing. So that your alms may be done secretly, and your Father who sees in secret, shall himself reward you openly.*

In many other places the same law is shown and explained. God's laws are permanent, and for all time and are definitely stated by Jesus:

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Matthew 5:17,18, *Do not suppose that I have come to weaken the law or the prophets; I have not come to weaken but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, Until heaven and earth pass away, not even a yoth or a dash shall pass away from the law, until all of it is fulfilled.*

They must be obeyed in spirit and in truth, not just in the letter of the law.

Matthew 5:21,22, *You have heard that it was said to those who were before you, You shall not kill, and whoever kills is guilty before the court. But I say to you that whoever becomes angry with his brother for no reason is guilty before the court; ****

For a good exposition of God's idea of a man's character outside of the letter of the law, turn to Matthew::

Matthew 5:3-12,

Blessed are the humble, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be well satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men reproach you and persecute you and speak against you every kind of evil, for my sake, Then be glad and rejoice, for your reward is increased in heaven; for in this very manner they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

When we have the needy taken care of we have gone a long way to solving the great problems of the world.

Avoid Lawyers and Courts

Luke 11:46-52, *But he said, Woe also to you, scribes! for you lay heavy burdens on men, and you yourselves do not touch these burdens even with one of your fingers. Woe*

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to you! for you build the tombs of prophets whom your fathers killed. Therefore you are witnesses, and you approve the works of your fathers; for they killed them, and yet you build their tombs. For this reason, the wisdom of God also said, Behold I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will persecute and kill. That the blood of all the prophets which was shed since the creation of the world may be avenged on the nation; From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who was killed between the temple and the altar; yes I say to you, it will be avenged on this nation. Woe to you, scribes! for you have taken away the keys of knowledge; you did not enter, and those who were entering you hindered.

The great mass of artificial law that has been enacted to enslave and rob mankind, requires a civil court to translate and untangle the many false turns and twists that have been given to it. Lawyers are trained for the purpose of finding the irregular phases of it, the loopholes, technicalities and precedents, by which they finally manage to gather from the common people practically all their earnings and hoard them in great banks and vaults. Under the protection of these same courts, numberless other wrongs are un-remedied by the millions and millions, every hour of every day of their existence.

As far as a civil court is concerned, true justice and right is absolutely dead, and never will be revived while they exist as they are at present. They are the means by which mankind is held down. They are the protectors of the causes of vice, wrong and wickedness. Paul was an interpreter of God's laws and he tells us what our relations should be regarding the civil courts. We would not go far wrong if we followed his interpretation of it.

I Corinthians 6:1-8, *Would any of you, having a lawsuit against his brother, venture to go to trial before the wicked rather than before the saints? Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you not worthy to judge small affairs. Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more then should we judge those that belong to this world. You have worldly affairs to be settled, and yet you have put men of bad reputation in the church on the judgment seat. I say this to you to make you feel ashamed. Is it so, that there is not a single wise man among you who could settle a dispute between brother and brother? Now, therefore, you are already at fault because you go to court one with another. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather let yourselves be defrauded? No, you yourselves do wrong and defraud even your brethren.*

This shows us conclusively that we should use all other means possible to settle our disputes, even though we lose our rights for a time. Love instead of hate, arbitrate when nothing else will do, and by all means put the courts and the lawyers

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out of business by giving them no business to transact. The remedy is simple, but it is very effective. Besides, it is in strict accord with all other natural laws of God.

Jesus Christ has told us what to do in regard to those troubles which usually find their way into court. The following is a small portion of what He says:

Matthew 5:25, *Try to get reconciled with your accuser promptly, while you are going on the road with him; for your accuser might surrender you to the judge and the judge would commit you to the jailer, and you would be cast into prison. Truly I say to you that you would never come out thence until you had paid the last cent.*

Matthew 6:12, *And forgive us our offenses as we have forgiven our offenders.*

Matthew 6:15, *But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive even your faults.*

Matthew 5:34-37, *But I say to you, never swear; neither by Heaven because it is God's throne; neither by the earth because it is a stool under his feet; neither by Jerusalem for it is the city of a great king. Neither shall you swear by your own head, because you cannot create in it a single black or white hair. But let your words be yes, yes and no, no for anything which adds to these is a deception.*

Matthew 5:43,44, *You have heard that it is said, be kind to your friend and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, ****

Matthew 5:38-41, *You have heard that it is said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you that you should not resist evil; but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone wishes to sue you at the court and take away your shirt, let him have your robe also. Whoever compels you to carry a burden a mile, go with him two.*

Matthew 7:1, *Judge not that you may not be judged.*

Matthew 18:15-17, *Now then, if your brother is at fault with you, go and rebuke him alone; if he listens to you, then you have won your brother. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two with you, because at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word is established. And if he will not listen to them, tell the congregation, and if he will not listen to the congregation, then regard him as a tax collector and a heathen.*

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What more can I add. It is one of the most definite laws we have, and its violation is surely being punished with a terrible punishment in this age. Let us return to the strict observance of God's official laws.

Forgive

Matthew 18:21, *Then Peter came up and said to him, My Lord, if my brother is at fault with me, how many times should I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.*

I do not need to add much to this positive statement. Forgive every time your brother asks forgiveness. If we did this there would never be a single cause for fighting or warfare. Peace would reign supreme.

Do Not Worry

Anxiety, worry and concerns over our living and material interests should never be allowed a place in our minds. This weakness of man to break the law of no thought for the morrow has been taken advantage of by insurance sharks, and people induced to part with their means, under the supposition that they are benefiting themselves. In some individual cases this is true, but it is only a gambling chance, and the earnings and wealth that is taken from the people is used to further gouge them, to build fine buildings, to pay handsome salaries, agent's commissions, and other expenses, all absolutely unnecessary. This causes sorrow and grief in the great mass of people caught in this beautiful gilded net. Let us see what Jesus said:

Matthew 6:8, *Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Matthew 6:25, *For this reason I say to you, do not worry for your life, what you will eat and what you will drink, nor for your body, what will you wear. Behold, is not life much more important than food, and the body than clothing?*

Matthew 6:31, *Therefore do not worry or say, What will we eat or what will we drink, or with what will we be clothed. For worldly people seek after these things. Your father in heaven knows that all these things are also necessary to you.*

Matthew 6:34, *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will look after itself. ****

Group Ownership of Natural Resources

All the whole world belongs to God, it is only being used by man, and should never be sold or held by an individual, except with the consent of or for the benefit of the entire group. In other words, no government has a right to allow individuals to own land or other natural resources. It should be controlled by the group for the benefit of the group. No man has a right when dying to say what shall become of his wealth. It automatically belongs to the group through whose cooperation it was produced. Thus, no family could pass on from father to son the vast fortunes and machinery of production which today is enslaving the human race. Hear what God has to say about ownership:

Exodus 23:10, *For six years you shall sow the land and gather in the crops thereof; But the seventh year you shall leave it fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat of the fruits of it; and what is left the wild beasts may eat. You shall do in like manner with your vineyard and with your olive yard.*

Leviticus 25:11-16, *A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself in it. Nor gather the grapes from the undressed vine. For it is the jubilee. It shall be holy to you, you shall eat the produce out of the field. In this year of jubilee you shall return every man to his own possession. And if you sell to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not defraud one another. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor and according to the number of years of the produce he shall sell to you. In proportion to the multitude of years you shall increase the price thereof and in proportion to the fewness of years you shall decrease the price of it; for according to the number of years of produce does he sell to you.*

Leviticus 25:23, *Surely the land shall not be sold outright; for the land is mine; you are strangers and sojourners with me.*

Not only land, but all forms of wealth fall into the same category as far as perpetrating private ownership of it. The land belongs to the government or large group that is exercising God's sovereignty over it, and should never part with it to any individual. The children of Israel had a law under Moses by which they overcame the evil effects of selling the land for a short time, but this law of Moses is not the official law of God, merely a superficial law, fitted to that time and condition. Just what superficial laws would be necessary, at the present time, to make effective this official law of government ownership is another matter entirely.

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Do Not Acquire Great Riches

Matthew 6:19, *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures buried in the ground, a place where rust and moth destroy and thieves break through and steal.*

Jesus, all through His writings has poured out His denunciation of those individuals who gather God's wealth into private storehouses, then tear them down and build larger ones as their robbery gathers in the fortunes.

No man should be allowed to accumulate more than he can earn in one natural lifetime. If he takes pleasure in breaking this law, the community should take an equal pleasure in taking it away from him, according to the working of natural law. This amassing of private wealth has made possible our great trusts and monopolies, whereby the people are systematically robbed in the name of stocks and bonds, profits, interest and other artificial and unnatural laws and makeshifts.

In all cases where great capital or large factories are needed for economical production, the government itself, if operated true to official law, would have the wealth ready and waiting for investment in the interests of the entire group. In no case should private capital be allowed to accumulate in a large amount.

Take no Interest

It is unnatural and against all official laws of God and of the natural world in which we live; to charge or pay interest. If one man has something he does not need, and his neighbor needs it, he should let him have it, but by no means should he ever charge interest for its use, nor rent for the land, nor increase or profit on the sale of necessities or pleasures of life. Interest makes it possible for one individual to enslave another, to rob each other of their true share of production, to create great national debts which in turn lead to wars and suffering.

Exodus 22:25, *If you lend money to any of my people who are the poor among you, you shall not be to him as an usurer, neither shall you take any usury from him.*

Leviticus 25:36-37, *You shall not take a discount of him or usury, *** You shall not lend him your money with a discount nor give him your food with usury.*

Deuteronomy 23:19, *You shall not lend with interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of grain, and the interest of anything that is lent with interest;*

Ezekiel 22:12, *In you have they taken bribes to shed blood; in you have they taken usury and exorbitant gains, and they have deceived their friends by extortion; and you have forgotten me says the Lord God.*

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Interest, rent, profit, and individual ownership of natural resources were one of Israel's worst faults, and one of the first to be corrected upon the restoration of Jerusalem, and the setting up of a responsible government. It must be corrected throughout the entire land, and throughout the world before man will be really free, and enjoy the God given blessings placed here to be found in the pursuit of happiness.

The natural official laws of God must be restored and all artificial law repealed. The superficial laws, that are necessary for our country should all be made to conform to God's natural official laws.

The First Law in Seven Parts

You shall love the Lord thy God, and him only shall you serve. Worship God and obey His laws is another way of stating the same law. It is in seven parts:

Acceptance of His Revealed Word and Law

Faith, Belief, Reliance, Confidence, acceptance of His revealed word and law means faith in God, the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ their son and our Savior, His death for our salvation, the creative and sustaining power of God, and His ultimate reward for man in Heaven. It is not just a mental assent to the bare historical facts, but a true love and affection that makes Him your friend, counselor and aid in all things, and that renders a true heartfelt devotion and worship possible.

Repentance

One must quit his breaking of God's laws, the most important of which have been stated elsewhere, must acknowledge his delinquencies to God and show a willingness to go ahead in God's own way. One must journey with him to the end of life, wherever God's natural official law shall lead him.

He must come to God with a true desire to lead a godly life, with His help and power. Unless one is willing to acknowledge his past lawlessness, and is willing to conform henceforward to official law, he is of no value to God or man. He must enter into it with his whole heart, life, spirit, soul and body. Then, he is acceptable to God and not before.

Confession

He must be willing to face his fellow men and be a living ambassador for his King. He must let it be known to any and all that he stands on the side of God and righteousness, against lawlessness, vice, sin and kindred evil things. He must openly accept the atoning power of Christ, offered freely to all who will confess Him as their Savior. It must be more than an oral confession. It must be an oral acceptance of God as his heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Communion

One must associate with others, who, like oneself, have accepted God as their Father, and Christ as their Savior. They should strengthen one another and gain spiritual strength through communion and worship in the assembly of others. With others a person can help restore God's rest days, Jubilee and annual feasts and atonement days.

Through their association in the church, those matters which cannot be settled otherwise may be lawfully disposed of. Around the common communion table

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believers may eat of the bread and drink of the fruit of the vine, which strengthens them, until that time when we shall meet Him over there, to whose commemoration this memorial is celebrated.

New Birth

No person is fitted for this new life of living under the grace of God's official laws until he has become a new creature. To become a new creature he must be born again. Christ says that he must be born of the water and the Holy Spirit. It is but a single birth, performed in water, symbolizing the burial and resurrection of God's son, and honoring and recognizing the Holy Spirit, whose child we now become, making us a perfect spiritual being. After the new birth we are new creatures. The old person is dead and a new redeemed one takes his place.

Live in Joy and Thanksgiving

After the new birth let us go forward with joy and thanksgiving, living the righteous life, obeying God's laws, and spreading the glad tidings to those still in darkness and sin. The life of the child of God should be happy and joyous. He is heir to the riches of Heaven, he has an eternity of wonderful life ahead of him. No power in Heaven or earth, outside of himself, can ever take it away from him. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in Heaven.

We have as our constant Helper and Comforter, the Holy Spirit Mother, who now cares for us, even more tenderly than an earthly mother cares for her children. God will forgive all sins and transgressions of men, excepting the sin against the Holy Spirit, which is the refusal to be born anew of the Holy Spirit. Those who refuse the Holy Spirit birth will never see God.

Live in The Church

All God's children are members of Christ's body, which is His Church. They are all brethren and joint heirs with Christ of all the wonderful blessings both here on earth and eternally in Heaven after this life is over. The Church now takes the place in their lives formerly filled by law breaking institutions and individuals.

This Church here on earth must recognize only God's revealed natural laws. No set of rules, articles of faith, systems of government, or other man made devices should be allowed a place. All men are equal before God in spiritual rights and attributes and there should be no separate class of clergy and laity, but all should be ministers of God, doing His will and teaching others to do the same.

All Churches on earth, claiming to be Churches of Christ, should lay down all their man made names and doctrines, unite into one strong body, and should present to the law breaking world an example of a large body of people living according to God's natural official laws. When that time comes, sin and suffering will cease to be the obstacles to people's happiness they now are. Then they can enjoy the blessings God has placed here for them to enjoy.

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Conclusion: I have not stated the various sections of this seventh law in minute detail, nor have I quoted scripture in support of it. To any who care to go deeper into the matter, the Bible is an open book, easily read and extremely easy to understand, if you will simply lay aside all preconceived notions and allow God to talk to you as you read, answers can be found.

Forget that men have invented hundreds of different religions which foster artificial laws that rob them of their birthright. Forget all statements of belief or religions you have ever heard, and investigate the subject for yourself. The terrible results of false religions are thick about us on every hand. Let us try once more to restore God's natural official laws and then obey them.

Romans 7:22-24, *For I delight in the Law of God after the inward man; But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and it makes me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members. O Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this mortal body?*