

# The First Grace: Rediscovering Natural Law in a Post-Christian World

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The law has always been a mystery for me since I took one law school course in college as a trivial lark and respite from all the scientific pre-medical studies. I quickly realized that with another grade like that I would never get into medical school. Fifty years later, the law was still an uncomprehending mystery to me which I call a “psychotic epiphenomenon” for society because it is totally incomprehensible to the common man. Now this book came along, and I think I have a better understanding of the law than ever before.

First, it is rewarding to realize that the Ten Commandments are a Natural Law expression forming the underlying basis for much of positive law we take for granted.

Second, I learned that the US Supreme Court has really killed America bringing to mind my own book *The Death of America* written in 1974 as one of the first anthologies of pro-life writings (Basically, I declared that *Roe v. Wade* cancelled the

Declaration of Independence thereby killing America). Hittinger confirms the same in more detailed fashion describing the fallacious special pleadings of the Supreme Court’s self-created illegitimacy. For example, when laws are overturned by Supreme Court Justices defining the universe their way, equality demands that laws can be overturned by anybody who has defined the universe his way.

Also invalidating public opinion on the basis of a person’s sincere (and therefore, religious!) beliefs requires, if credibility and consistency are to be maintained, the same invalidating of the Supreme Court Justices’ sincere (and therefore, “religious”) beliefs. This would *also* seem especially true if everyone’s own concept of the meaning of existence of the universe and of the mystery of human life, as decreed by the Supreme Court, is to be given equal weight and liberty. Today the Court has declared about making laws that (1) religion-as-reasonable is not allowed; (2) moral convictions are not allowed; (3) non-secular motives are not allowed; (4) hurt feelings are not allowed; (5) complaints of injury or discrimination are not allowed; (6) being “bothered and not left alone” is not allowed; (7) inequitable protection is not allowed; (8) but the meaning of the universe may be defined personally and sincerely by anybody; (9) except the Supreme Court which has the unbounded authority to speak for all for all time because the preceding eight principles do not apply to the U.S.

Supreme Court justices. What was just described is what I call the Wacko Unreasonable Religion of the U.S. Supreme Court, and it is absolutely unconstitutional because, at least, it is in violation of the Establishment Clause (and the United

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States Supreme Court tyrants ought to practice what they preach). Furthermore, this “religion” of the Supreme Court renders it superior to legislators because the judges do not have to review as judges of laws but are now makers of laws on the basis of their own beliefs. Basically, the United States Supreme Court Justices have hijacked America and they constitute an illegitimate, imperial, oligarchy without checks and balances. They most assuredly could not pass Senator Shuriner’s ruling that disqualified a Roman Catholic candidate for the U.S. Supreme Court because of his “very; very deeply held beliefs.” When one understands this, as elaborated by Hittinger, it is obvious that one should no longer bother to vote because one’s elected representatives cannot really pass a deliberated law determined to be for the common good if the law does not meet the “very very deeply held beliefs” of the U.S. Supreme Court Justices and their nine principles, *supra*. The death of America has occurred, since and consistent with *Roe v. Wade* the Court is illegitimate and the government of checks and balances for the Common Good has been overthrown. The U.S. Supreme Court is unworthy of loyalty because it has overthrown the democratic government replacing it with itself—an oligarchy of arrogant sophists in need of intense self-analysis about their metaphysical ignorance.

Third, Hittinger analyzes the use of lethal force in reference to abortion and health care professionals’ assisting suicide. This is a powerful analysis which is a new concept for those of us in the Right-to-Life wars since the beginning. Hittinger states:

Society that makes everything else public but leaves the execution of lethal force to private parties is not a political

society... Although health professionals are often “impartial third parties” they are not official legislators, judges, or executives. These third parties do not make laws regarding homicide, they have no political authority to resolve disputes between two parties; and they have no executive powers to take away life, liberty or property... The patient who commands the physician to aid in his death is not only commanding the state to delegate to a physician the state’s right to use lethal force, but also is asserting that the right be exercised without the ordinary constraints that the state must observe in using lethal force ... The use of lethal force is Janus faced. In one direction, it can be justified only in the light of moral rules and measures. The person being attacked or killed must deserve to be so harmed. In another direction, it can be justified only on the judgment of public authority. The state’s monopoly on lethal force cannot be an option for individuals. This power is a necessary condition or the existence of political society. In principle, it cannot be delegated or transferred to private parties.

Finally, the sociological and cultural impact of the Illustrious Rogue Court (nee U.S. Supreme Court) are clearly illuminated

by Hittinger. After reading Hittinger, I conclude that the Court’s pagan religion is properly called “mediatechnolatr” where “things” replace people or people themselves act like subhuman “things.” Technomedialogical myths have created a despotism of suggestible, gullible, “me too” robotile, mindless, celebrity crazed, dehumanized mediakooks without a sense of anything except take what you can now and forever as you define your universe and to hell with the Common Good. Examples of the ultimate mediatechnokooks are women with their vibrators, men with their porno, everyone with their contraceptive gadgets, anyone with his virtual reality toy, and finally terrorists with their destructive, satanic implements. Because of the Supreme Court rulings, the overthrow of the Constitution, and the Supreme Court’s own illegitimate religion, the Common Good has been replaced by non-being with people secondary, as human (sic) relationships now embrace “things” instead of other humans.

The book tells about the law and why humans are less and less human. And, it is time to overthrow the contemptible U.S. Supreme Court, because, thanks to it, deliberated laws for the Common Good no longer rule the people.