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Our world is currently under the rule of law. It is a system of coercion for the commercial benefit of 'rulers' and those who would be agents on their behalf. This has gone on for a long time. We have been trained in subservience to external authority and have ceded our birthright of free will out of fear. I don't blame us. The 'powerful' are a daunting bunch of psychopaths. The 'legal' system is an incomprehensible series of written rules that can used to excuse anything those who would rule desire. That fact is hidden behind the veil of 'justice,' which is observable on occasion or there would be no illusion of legitimacy at all.

Of course we are also expected to believe "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." As soon as we resort to representation in the legal arena we have agreed that we are incompetent to understand the world in which we live and dependent upon others to tell us what to do. It is fraud on a grand scale perpetrated by those who gain materially and egotistically at our expense.

To anyone practicing critical thinking it is evident that lawyers making laws, practicing laws and judging laws is a classic monopoly. Time to break that up. So lets imagine how people would adjudicate disputes if we lived in a world of Love. The first change toward that reality will be a shift in the guidelines our actions follow. The control of external rules will be replaced by the practice of following of our internal guidance system, the conscience. That is codified externally as The Golden Rule. That is simple and comprehensible to everyone.

That will be the heart of the Lawful System. With self-rule (self-discipline) firmly entrenched in each person's heart there will be no need for endless rules and professional interpreters of them. Of course, there will be disputes, conflicts and harm caused by people that needs to be addressed. Mostly disputes and conflicts will be resolved by mediation. Individuals of great personal balance and a great deal of human experience will be those who help harmonize those discords.

In circumstances where real personal harm has occurred and resolution seems beyond the scope of restitution there will still need to be a jury system. The simple solution is to return the precepts of Common Law. Instead of the adversarial winner/loser system we have today the objective of a court would be to arrive at the truth. A jury of one's peers might best accomplish this task. The jury would be the active agents in the court. They would have the right ask questions and be responsible for deciding the disposition of the cases. Judges and Counselors of Law would still be needed to provide a knowledge base of justice. Laws would be created by precedence and considered guidelines rather than absolutes. One of the great powers of the jury will be to judge the laws themselves as well as their application in each particular case.

That is roughly how I imagine a lawful world might be organized. It all emanates from the opening of the individual heart. Our connection to Divinity is the creative source of justice. It is a quality of Love.