

JUSTICE

Justice is the voice of the law, and is arguably the central voice in any functional society. Without an active and respected legal system, the individual in society has no guarantee of personal safety. He has no one to whom to appeal, when wrong is done to him and he does not live and breathe a responsibility, under the law, to his fellow citizens. Justice is not the law of force, stepping in to make people 'do the good,' rather it is a force of empowerment 'facilitating the doing of the good.'

Where does the law come from, and whose point of view does it reflect? That infinitely disputed question divides those for whom the law is sacred from those for whom the law is essentially a tool for adjusting human relationships. The former, for whom the law expresses religious values, maintain that the grounding of a nation's law reflects the fundamental beliefs that motivate the society. The pragmatist theory of law, on the other hand, will insist that, from the beginning, law reflects, and should reflect, the age's most practical thinking on effective management of human behavior.