

# RESTRICTION

## *Discipline, Law, Order and Rules*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 3948 The law is reason from passion.  
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 3949 Law: an ordinance of reason for the common good,  
made by him who has care of the community.  
Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
- 3950 Order is Heavens' first law.  
Pope (1688-1744)
- 3951 The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon  
human experience for the benefit of the public.  
Johnson (1709-1784)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 3952 Written laws are like spiders' webs, and will like them only  
entangle and hold the poor and weak, while the rich and  
powerful will easily break through them.  
Anacharsis (fl. B.C. 600)
- 3953 The prince is not above the laws,  
but the laws above the prince.  
Pliny the Younger (62-113 A.D.)
- 3954 As laws are necessary that good manners may be preserved,  
so there is need of good manners that laws may be  
maintained.  
Machiavelli (1469-1527)
- 3955 A stern discipline pervades all nature,  
which is a little cruel that it may be very kind.  
Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)
- 3956 The English laws punish vice;  
the Chinese laws do more, they reward virtue.  
Goldsmith (1728-1774)
- 3957 It is criminal to steal a purse.  
It is daring to steal a fortune.  
It is a mark of greatness to steal a crown.  
The blame diminishes as the guilt increases.  
Schiller (1759-1805)

- 3958 In civil jurisprudence it too often happens that there is so much law, there is no room for justice, and that the claimant expires of wrong, in the midst of right, as mariners die of thirst in the midst of water.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 3959 When men are pure, laws are useless;  
when men are corrupt, laws are broken.  
Disraeli (1804-1881)
- 3960 If there were no bad people there would be no good lawyers.  
Charles Dickens (1812-1870)
- 3961 Petty laws breed great crimes.  
Ouida (1839-1908)
- 3962 No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)
- 3963 When you break the big laws, you do not get liberty;  
you do not even get anarchy. You get the small laws.  
G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)
- 3964 Laws control the lesser man...  
Right conduct controls the greater one.  
Chinese Proverb

### 3. INSIGHT

- 3965 Nobody has a more sacred obligation to obey the law than those who make the law.  
Sophocles (B.C. 495-406)
- 3966 Laws are silent in the midst of arms.  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 3967 A desire to resist oppression is implanted in the nature of man.  
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)
- 3968 Fishes live in the sea, as men do a-land;  
the great ones eat up the little ones.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 3969 Ignorance of the law excuses no man; not that all men know the law, but because it is an excuse every man will plead, and no man can tell how to confute him.  
John Selden (1584-1654)

- 3970 In law nothing is certain but expense.  
Samuel Butler (1612-1680)
- 3971 Laws in their Original Design are not made to draw Men into Crimes, but to prevent Crimes; Laws are Buoys set upon dangerous Places under Water, to warn Mankind, that such Sands or Rocks are there, and the Language in them is, Come here at your Peril.  
Daniel DeFoe (1660-1731)
- 3972 Law should be like death, which spares no one.  
Montesquieu (1689-1755)
- 3973 All are born to observe order,  
but few are born to establish it.  
Joubert (1754-1824)
- 3974 The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly.  
Lincoln (1809-1865)
- 3975 Our human laws are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, so far as we can read them.  
Froude (1818-1894)
- 3976 The law is the expression of the will of the strongest for the time being, and therefore laws have no fixity, but shift from generation to generation.  
Brooks Adams (1848-1927)
- 3977 Few laws are of universal application. It is of the nature of our law that it has dealt not with man in general, but with him in relationships.  
Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941)
- 3978 The fewer laws there are in a given world, the nearer it is to the will of the Absolute; the more laws there are in a given world, the greater the mechanicalness, the further it is from the will of the Absolute.  
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 3979 Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos.  
Will Durant (1885-1981)

#### 4. POSITIVE

- 3980 Law is a form of order, and good law must necessarily mean good order.  
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)

- 3981 Law is intelligence, whose natural function it is to command right conduct and forbid wrongdoing.  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 3982 No evil propensity of the human heart is so powerful that it may not be subdued by discipline.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 3983 That law may be set down as good which is certain in meaning, just in precept, convenient in execution, agreeable to the form of government, and productive of virtue in those that live under it.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 3984 A state is better governed which has but few laws, and those laws strictly observed.  
Rene Descartes (1596-1650)
- 3985 Mark what unvaried laws preserve each state, Laws wise as Nature, and as fixed as Fate.  
Pope (1688-1744)
- 3986 Order is a lovely nymph, the child of Beauty and Wisdom; her attendants are Comfort, Neatness, and Activity; her abode is the valley of happiness: she is always to be found when sought for, and never appears so lovely as when contrasted with her opponent, Disorder.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 3987 Man must be disciplined, for he is by nature raw and wild.  
Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)
- 3988 Good order is the foundation of all good things.  
Burke (1729-1797)
- 3989 Order is the first requisite of liberty.  
Hegel (1770-1831)
- 3990 Order is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, the security of the state. As the beams to a house, as the bones to the microcosm of man, so is order to all things.  
Robert Southey (1774-1843)
- 3991 Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint.  
Daniel Webster (1782-1852)
- 3992 There is no act more moral between men than that of rule and obedience.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)

3993 All that makes existence valuable to anyone, depends on the enforcement of restraints upon the actions of other people.  
John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)

3994 Just laws are no restraint upon the freedom of the good, for the good man desires nothing which a just law will interfere with.  
Froude (1818-1894)

3995 Order means light and peace, inward liberty and free command over one's self; order is power.  
Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

## 5. NEGATIVE

3996 The more taboos and restrictions there are in the world  
The poorer the people will be....  
The more laws and regulations are made prominent,  
The more thieves and robbers there will be.  
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)

3997 The strictest law sometimes becomes the severest injustice.  
Terence (B.C. 185-159)

3998 When the state is most corrupt, then the laws are most multiplied.  
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)

3999 There is no course of life so weak and sottish as that which is managed by order, method and discipline.  
Montaigne (1533-1592)

4000 There is no worse torture than the torture of laws.  
Bacon (1561-1626)

4001 To go to law, is for two persons to kindle a fire at their own cost to warm others and singe themselves to cinders; and because they cannot agree as to what is truth and equity, they will both agree to unplume themselves, that others may be decorated with their feathers.  
Owen Feltham (1602-1668)

4002 In a thousand pounds of law there is not an ounce of love.  
John Ray (1627-1705)

4003 Laws are generally not understood by three sorts of persons: those that make them, those that execute them, and those that suffer if they break them.  
Halifax (1633-1695)

- 4004 A multitude of laws in a country is like a great number of physicians, a sign of weakness and malady.  
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 4005 No laws are binding on the human subject which assault the body or violate the conscience.  
William Blackstone (1723-1780)
- 4006 He who has no taste for order, will be often wrong in his judgement, and seldom considerate or conscientious in his actions.  
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 4007 Every law is an infraction of liberty.  
Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832)
- 4008 All law has for its object to confirm and exalt into a system the exploitation of the workers by the ruling class.  
Mikhail Bakunin (1814-1876)
- 4009 Those who are too lazy and comfortable to think for themselves and be their own judges obey the laws. Others sense their own laws within them.  
Hermann Hesse (1877-1962)
- 4010 Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.  
William O. Douglas (1898-1980)
- 4011 Going to law is losing a cow for the sake of a cat.  
Chinese Proverb

## 6. ADVICE

- 4012 What is still calm can easily be grasped.  
What is still unmanifest can easily be considered.  
What is still fragile can easily be broken.  
What is still small can easily be scattered.  
Deal with things before they appear.  
Put things in order before disorder arises.  
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 4013 The first virtue, son, if thou wilt learn,  
Is to restrain and keep well thy tongue.  
Geoffrey Chaucer (1340-1400)
- 4014 Set all things in their own peculiar place,  
and know that order is the greatest grace.  
Dryden (1631-1700)

- 4015 Avoid law suits beyond all things; they influence your conscience, impair your health, and dissipate your property.  
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 4016 Every actual state is corrupt. Good men must not obey laws too well.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4017 There is no man that lives who does not need to be drilled, disciplined, and developed into something higher and nobler and better than he is by nature.  
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 4018 If we do not discipline ourselves the world will do it for us.  
William Feather (born 1888)

## 7. POTPOURRI

- 4019 Heaven and earth unite to drip sweet dew.  
Without the command of men, it drips evenly over all.  
As soon as there were regulations and institutions, there were names (differentiation of things).  
As soon as there are names, know that it is time to stop.  
It is by knowing when to stop that one can be free from danger.  
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 4020 Nor is there any law more just, than that he who has plotted death shall perish by his own plot.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 4021 The verdict acquits the raven, but condemns the dove.  
Juvenal (40-125 A.D.)
- 4022 And whether you're an honest man, or whether you're a thief,  
Depends on whose solicitor has given me my brief.  
William S. Gilbert (1836-1911)
- 4023 The heavens themselves, the planets and this centre  
Observe degree, priority and place,  
Insisture, course, proportion, season, form,  
Office and custom, in all line of order.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 4024 It is the bridle and the spur that make a good horse.  
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)

- 4025 Not chaos-like together crushed and bruised,  
But, as the world, harmoniously confused:  
Where order in variety we see,  
And where tho' all things differ, all agree.  
Pope (1688-1744) 8 of 9
- 4026 A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between  
two cats.  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 4027 God works wonders now and then;  
Behold! a Lawyer, an honest Man!  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 4028 The plaintiff and defendant in an action at law, are like  
two men ducking their heads in a bucket, and daring each  
other to remain longest under water.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 4029 That very law which moulds a tear,  
And bids it trickle from the source,  
That law preserves the earth a sphere,  
And guides the planets in their course.  
Samuel Rogers (1763-1855)
- 4030 The law is a pretty bird, and has charming wings.  
It would be quite a bird of paradise  
if it did not carry such a terrible bill.  
Douglas Jerrold (1803-1857)
- 4031 Laws are essential emanations from the self-poised character  
of God; they radiate from the sun to the circling edge of  
creation. Verily, the mighty Lawgiver hath subjected  
himself unto laws.  
Tupper (1810-1889)
- 4032 Litigation - A machine which you go into as a pig and come  
out of as a sausage.  
Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914?)
- 4033 The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well  
as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets,  
and to steal bread.  
Anatole France (1844-1924)
- 4034 The net of law is spread so wide,  
No sinner from its sweep may hide.  
Its meshes are so fine and strong,  
They take in every child of wrong.  
O wondrous web of mystery!  
Big fish alone escape from thee!  
James Jeffrey Roche (1847-1908)

- 4035 Our laws make law impossible; our liberties destroy all freedom; our property is organized robbery; our morality an impudent hypocrisy; our wisdom is administered by inexperienced or mal-experienced dupes; our power wielded by cowards and weaklings; and our honour false in all its points. I am an enemy of the existing order for good reasons.  
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 4036 I know not whether Laws be right,  
Or whether Laws be wrong;  
All that we know who lie in jail  
Is that the wall is strong;  
And that each day is like a year,  
A year whose days are long.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 4037 Laws should be like clothes. They should be made to fit the people they are meant to serve.  
Clarence Darrow (1857-1938)
- 4038 The laws of God, the laws of man  
He may keep that will and can;  
Not I: let God and man decree  
Laws for themselves and not for me.  
A. E. Housman (1859-1936)