



The Search for Natural Law

(An etymology of “Jurisprudence”)

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INTRODUCTION

What is Natural Law?

To unravel this mystery we explore the meaning of Jurisprudence and by understanding this complex word gain a clearer view of our American heritage of law, how we came to the problems we now face, and what we can do together to make things better for the future of our children and the world.

Our search for Natural Law begins with understanding Jurisprudence.

I tracked the etymology and traced the history of Jurisprudence from the Roman senate, where the word had its birth, to today’s law schools and the legal literature of our courts, where the venerable old term has too long been ludicrously misused and its potential for the improvement of our systems of law almost universally ignored.

This is no accident, I found. The meaning of Jurisprudence was intentionally hidden from us by humanist philosophers, jurists, textbook writers, and professors of the 20th Century, who replaced the old meaning of Jurisprudence with a new idea, an idea with many names, an idea that seeks to hold the world in its grip and threatens at this present hour by just such deceits as this to establish a global oligarchy of such unprecedented power and control that wise men and women are now resolving to restore the wisdom of Jurisprudence to our land by promoting Public Legal Education so our children will no longer be deceived.

The moguls of modern thinking this past century claimed we no longer need the old idea of Jurisprudence. They said the idea is a barrier to mankind’s progress. Some went so far as to contend right-thinking people should work to divest our land of such unscientific notions.

So, by fiat of scholars and judges and fools the meaning of Jurisprudence, a treasure men once died for, was abandoned for a hundred years or so in the dusty pages of old books.

Today we are turning again to the heritage of our past to understand what the old word once stood for, and by its wisdom we are rediscovering Natural Law and finding hope for a new tomorrow.

Jurisprudence is derived from two Roman roots—*juris* and *prudens*—the Latin words for Justice and Prudence.

Yet, the definition one finds in any modern dictionary is “the science of law”. Something vital has obviously been omitted. There is a peculiar gap between “science of law” and the root words *juris* and *prudens*. The ideas are not even remotely similar!

Why has this word been re-defined? What did it mean before? Who re-defined it? What was their motive? These questions will all be answered as you read on, and as each question is answered you will be learning how to re-establish what’s been purposely stolen from you!