

## **Gaming Nature; Gaming the People; Gaming the Law; Gaming God**

Being light to others is about trust, about fidelity to truth, conscience, and other-concern. Trust is the basis of personal integrity and purposeful interpersonal relationships. The failure of trust is fatal. The malaise of cultural distrust speaks to the failure of trust.

Quite obviously, the adversary theory of law as politically engaged in State and Federal Government fails the trust test—the political stalemate of the Houses of Congress frustrates democracy. Elected officials, distrustful of each other, jerk the “Demos” around and bankrupt “the system.”

What is the “adversary” political presumption about? It’s about conflicted Party ideology and one-up-man-ship. Conflicted ideologies rest on ambivalent theories about whose interest is to be served, and how to serve it. On the one side, the theory is strongly in favor of individualistic profit interests; on the other, it favors common interests, to which individual interest is necessarily beholden.

Individualistic (corporate) interest is fiercely politicized by the use of corporate profits to grease the wheels of political machinery. Favours are generously allowed which facilitate corporations to exploit and profit on nature’s resources. Legislators conveniently “graduate” from the halls of Congress to Corporate Board Rooms.

Wanton waste and pollution of resources are suffocating economies and collapsing eco-systems; even so corporations deny the demise of nature and their complicity in the crime. The implosion of natural web-ecologies and corporate collapses expose the lie of “free” market economy.

How has the game of corporate exploitation gotten out of hand? By the gaming of laws that help corporations collude and exploit nature with impunity. The “neat little idea” of giving corporations legal standing equivalent to a person gives umbrage to people to collude with impunity and exploit in ways impossible for individuals. Individuals are effectively taken out of the game, except to have their pockets picked.

The gaming of law enables the gaming of nature, the gaming of people. Who are the game players? legal and corporate professionals, lawyers, Congress and corporate officers. It isn’t by accident that the adversary theory of law makes gaming the rule, not the exception, for it is lawyers who make the laws and who exact implementation of the law on people by judicial process. Integrity is about servicing the public interest in every aspect of corporate and judicial process. The collapses of global economies and ecologies, gross abuses of corporate overreach, are making it clear that human survival is at risk, and a new page on human behavior has to be written.

The gross collusion of institutions of law, governance and religion in exploiting nature’s resources inequitably, is an abuse the public can no longer countenance. If we believe in divine immanence, divine instance, we have to know that when nature is gamed, God is gamed; when people are gamed, God is gamed; when laws are gamed, God is gamed. Standing self against God is idolatry, a game that is better avoided.

Perhaps the world’s starkest symbol of the “God-game” is the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican. The de’ Medici Pope Leo X authorized sale of indulgences in Germany to build the Basilica (1514); people were given promissory notes to cash in at the Pearly Gate.

How's Peter going to explain? Leo X is the pope who excommunicated Martin Luther the German Dominican Monk, for protesting. *[In more recent time Hitler arranged to collect church taxes to go directly to Rome; not to pay the tax carried the penalty of automatic excommunication].*

To pretend "in God's name" and impose emotions of guilt and fear on the people is to "game God." How corrupt is "the system"? Resorting to "gaming the game" is an indicator. Legislative authorization of public gambling and collection of taxes on gambling revenues is telling. "Gaming the game" admits fiscal failure; and, yet again, the disenfranchised are further marginalized.

The socially stabilizing "**new and better anchor**" for the Ship of State is one that keeps the ship from listing in poisonous waters. The charism of Christian Humanism (INTENTIONAL SYMBIOSIS), exemplified and taught by Jesus and advocated by mystics of all faiths, is the "**Brother/ Sister Presumption of love**", in place of the "**adversary presumption of law.**"

See: **SOCIAL HAVOC and the Adversary Presumption**

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