

JUSTICE VS THE LAW

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In I Kings 3.16-26 the Bible tells of Solomon's wisdom. Two women claim a child is theirs. Solomon listens, announces he will have the child divided in two, each woman getting half. The true mother rejects this, is awarded the child. Her love saves her child, elevating Solomon's stature as a Judea King, son of David.

As a child, told this story, it seemed wise, easy to understand, just, gave acceptance to the symbolic Roman Goddess Statue Justilla, holding the scales of justice, fairly discerning between good and evil in any instance.

We all know how the Police Department is connected to Justice. They witness few crimes. Instead the offended calls, gives details of a wrong, a search is made for the offender, and if a major crime is committed, Policeman may or may not give testimony. There is **no** group in any section of the Justice system searching for people to accuse of a crime; a citizen must complain. The role of the Police, Service to the victims of crime, the innocent.

In the Old West Justice was crude. Often swift.

Then not that long ago in Colorado, a group robs a bank, witnessed by many. The thieves are caught the same day. A trial is held, a jury of locals who may have even seen the crime, become a jury, decide on guilt or innocence, render a verdict, the sentence implemented immediately. In the decision of death to the villain, the execution was often within 24 hours, witnessed by the community.

In Aurora, Colorado, James Eagan Holmes attended the midnight showing of the movie, THE DARK KIGHT. Twenty minutes into the film, Holmes left his front row seat, departed the theatre's back door, returned about 12:30 am wearing a mask and protective clothing, carrying gas canisters and guns. He discharged the canisters of smoke or gas, began shooting indiscriminately with 12 gauge shotgun, changed to a Semi-automatic with a 100 round magazine, which malfunctioned after a few rounds, then continued firing a Glock 40 cal hand gun.

In about the time it required to read this, twelve died and seventy were casualties.

Holmes was apprehended at 12:45 am, outside the theater, next to his car. On interrogation he stated he had booby-trapped his residence which Officers disarmed. There is no indication Holmes claimed to be innocent of these acts.

The theatre of the Old West Justice has been replaced.

Today we are introduced to the Theater of the Absurd with crimes like that of Jim Holmes. In three years here has been no trial, yet legal opinions of every possible outcome have been quoted in the media.

This might seem elementary.

A jury should be asked, Did Holmes commit these murders, attempted murders?

If found guilty , that jury should be discharged.

Jurors are instructed to choose between good and evil;
it is unlikely that any have the training to determine sanity.

Then the court should determine if Holmes was Innocent because of Insanity.

Impose a penalty.

Justice delayed is justice denied.

This case, other delays in court, make a mockery of Justice, those responsible for administering the same.

To hint it more absurdity, this enriches only lawyers, taxes everyone else.

Did wisdom die with Solomon?