

Do We Really Need More Laws?

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I think that we are drowning in laws. Laws usually bring more and more control of our life. If we lived according to universal principles and realized that we are more than material bodies, maybe most laws would be superfluous. The Golden Rule, "Do unto other as you would have them do unto you," would eliminate the need for a lot of laws if we followed it. Since we are a materialistic society, the rule many humans live by is to get yours before everyone else gets theirs, or he who dies with the most toys wins. We are competitive, and too often people are judged by their monetary achievements in life.

I have been reading a book by Dr. Thomas Cowan. He is a medical doctor who practices in the San Francisco area. In his most recent book, which is about cancer, he explains that the war on cancer has failed because it is based on an incorrect assumption. At the end of the book he uses the story of Sleeping Beauty as an allegory of present day society. He postulates that like Sleeping Beauty, most of society is asleep. Sleeping Beauty represents a state of harmony, peace, and justice. However, she has been put under a spell and is controlled by the wicked witch. The wicked witch in his allegory represents the materialistic aspect of society. Under this spell we have built great structures, huge cities, dams, planes and ships. We have explored the oceans and the heavens. We are capable of unimaginable things.

Science has depicted the human body as like a machine. We may appear to be smart, but are we wise? If we had wisdom would we have wars, pedophilia, human trafficking, or poverty? The spell is cast by corrupt legislators, control by corporations, and manipulation by the media. We have been led to believe that more stuff, more laws, and the supposed security of materialism will keep us well and safe. We try to turn the material energies of life into money and in doing so we destroy the resources of the earth. Dr. Cowan says we must change the story we live by and quit living the story of Sleeping Beauty. We must awaken to the spell that has been cast on us and realize our true nature. The Handsome Prince in the story bestows love to awaken the Princess. This restores balance and harmony and peace to the kingdom. In the insanity of our culture we need some miracles to bring about a needed change. I don't think more laws are going to do it.