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They are considered to me humble, moral, and law abiding, but their compliance with all three is dependent upon fear.

The human species is born fallen and totally depraved. A person comes into this world completely dependent upon others for survival which demands order and authority. The sinful nature is functional at physical birth and if left uncontrolled and unrestrained, the person will develop into a totally self-serving individual with no consideration for any authority other than himself.

Thus, God assigns parents who are under obligation to train and teach the child in the areas of authority orientation, humility, morality, and citizenship. If this does not occur, or if the child rejects this instruction, then he contributes to the disorder, the decline, and the contortion of his culture's Zeitgeist.

In an effort to secure the maintenance of order in society, human government passes laws which restrict the function of its citizens' sinful natures. In order to guard against noncompliance, laws are drawn which penalty and punishment clauses. The hope is that everyone will obey the law but that would be an unrealistic expectation.

Everyone's sinful nature is active and there must be a way to deter its unfettered function within a society. The punishment and penalty clauses are thus designed as the source of that deterrence. When violations are detected and prosecuted, the penalty and punishment clauses must be administered to the guilty.

In a just society, every citizen must fall equally under the law and, for those who disobey it, the administration of the penalty and punishment clauses must also be performed equally. There can never be the assumption that there will be no crime, or that crime can be successfully prevented, or that the people are basically good and thus punishment is degrading. And further, there can never be the assumption that those over whom you have authority all function under genuine humility and establishment integrity and therefore do not need penalty or punishment clauses.