

# The Frozen Weblog 1

amusements gathered from the Internet and set on paper by  
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Dear Dr. Laura,

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's law. I have learned a great deal from you, and I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind him that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate. I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the specific laws and how to best follow them.

When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord (Lev. 1:9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. How should I deal with this?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as it suggests in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness (Lev. 15:19-24). The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

Lev. 25:44 states that I may buy slaves from the nations that are around us. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans but not Canadians. Please clarify.

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 10:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

Lev. 20:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

—source unknown

The entire opinion in the case of *Fisher v. Lowe*, 122 Mich. App. 418 (1983):

We thought that we would never see  
A suit to compensate a tree.  
A suit whose claim in tort is prest  
Upon a mangled tree's behest;  
A tree whose battered trunk was prest  
Against a Chevy's crumpled crest;  
A tree that faces each new day  
With bark and limb in disarray,  
A tree that may forever bear  
A lasting need for tender care.  
Flora lovers though we three,  
We must uphold the court's decree.

John Leonard is writing even better than before, or perhaps I am just noticing. Here's a marvelous bit from his review of *Experience*, Martin Amis's autobiography and memoir of his writer father, Kingsley:

But Kingsley, Unlucky Jim: as if in the manner of "Time's Arrow," Martin's backward novel, we see him in reverse, from the red chair in which he sat at the end, capable only of typing, over and over, the single word "seagull"; back through smoky solutions to the doubling of his weight, the destruction of his liver and the woman-hating novels he couldn't help writing after Elizabeth Jane Howard left him with a goodbye suggestion of Alcoholics Anonymous; back to the knighthood he especially prized because he had kinky dreams about the queen, whom he called Corky; back before the right-wing ranting in favor of the war in Vietnam and against the "terrorist" Nelson Mandela and going on about Americans and Jews; back, back, to the father he was to Martin before the boozing and the adulteries, to the friend he was to Philip Larkin before he got married and rich; all the way back to his own unsatisfactory father, to whom he would say, too late, in a poem: "I'm sorry you had to die / To make me sorry / You're not here now."

Attention all passengers.

The delay we are experiencing  
is not the eternal delay.

The red signal ahead  
is not the eternal red signal.

The train just behind this one is the eternally real.

The doors you are holding open have their origin in this particular train.

Free from the closing doors, you realize the mystery.

Caught in the closing doors, you see only the manifestations.

Yet mystery and manifestations arise from the same source:

A train going out of service at DeKalb.

Darkness within darkness.

The gateway to all understanding.

Please use all available doors.

—Avram Grumer

**General Jack D. Ripper lives (from a NY Times account of a 60s mass murderer):**

In a letter Mr. Smith sent to a *Times* reporter from prison in January, he brushed off questions about illness and wrote, "Lessons? The sole thing I have learned worth the telling is the ironclad necessity of retaining control over one's essential bodily fluids." He blamed "sexual self-stimulation" for his crime and noted that he had tried to amputate his penis while in prison using the pull-tab from a can of diet soda.

**Actual poetry (reported on the Copy-Editing list):**

We have lost our little Hanner in a very painful manner,  
And we often asked, How can her harsh sufferings be borne?

When her death was first reported, her aunt got up and snorted

With the grief that she supported, for it made her forlorn.  
She was such a little seraph that her father, who is sheriff,  
Really doesn't seem to care if he ne'er smiles in life again.  
She has gone, we hope, to heaven, at the early age of seven

(Funeral starts off at eleven), where she'll nevermore have pain  
—Julia Moore, the Sweet Singer of Michigan

**A single quote from the endlessly delightful *Onion*:**

To hike, put one foot in front of the other, propelling yourself forward at a steady, workmanlike pace. After repeating this action thousands of times, you will theoretically begin to experience "fun."

**Why We Oppose Votes For Men**

1. Because a man's place is in the army.
2. Because no really manly man wants to settle any question otherwise than by fighting about it.
3. Because if men should adopt peaceable methods, women will no longer look up to them.
4. Because men will lose their charm if they step out of their natural sphere and interest themselves in other matters than feats of arms, uniforms and drums.
5. Because men are too emotional to vote. Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them particularly unfit for the task of government.

---Alice Duer Miller, 1915

**Punctuation (from the Copy-Editing List)**

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy. Will you let me be yours?

Gloria

**Or**

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours, Gloria

We apologize for the Princess Diana Page One headline DI GOES SEX MAD that is still on the stands in some locations. This issue was locked up last week before her death and went on sale Friday, Aug. 29, 1997. It is currently being replaced as quickly as we are able with a special 72-page tribute issue: A FAREWELL TO THE PRINCESS WE ALL LOVED . . . DI: HER FINAL HOURS—  
*National Enquirer*

Boulevard Diner, eleven-forty. I down a hot cup of java. It's too quiet. As a gun barrel whacks my noggin, I realize Dixie set me up—Andrew Chaikin (using each letter in the Scrabble box precisely once)

Dear Fellow Scientist:

This letter has been around the world at least seven times. It has been to many major conferences. Now it has come to you. It will bring you good fortune. This is true even if you don't believe it. But you must follow these instructions: include in your next journal article the citations below. remove the first citation from the list and add a citation to your journal article at the bottom. make ten copies and send them to colleagues. Within one year, you will be cited up to 10,000 times! This will amaze your fellow faculty, assure your promotion, and improve your sex life. In addition, you will bring joy to many colleagues. Do not break the reference loop, but send this letter on today. Dr. H. received this letter and within a year after passing it on she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Prof. M. threw this letter away and was denied tenure. In Japan, Dr. I. received this letter and put it aside. His article for *Trans. on Nephrology* was rejected. He found the letter and passed it on, and his article was published that year in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In the Midwest, Prof. K. failed to pass on the letter, and in a budget cutback his entire department was eliminated. This could happen to you if you break the chain of citations.

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