

WORLD FORCES AND THE LAW OF NATIONS

The opportunity was never like this. Law is always there waiting to be discovered. May I remind you that two very different men, St. Augustine and John Ruskin, have left it on record that, at the beginning of their lives, they found tedious the cxix. Psalm—the lawyer's canticle—but that, as they grew old, it became their favourite because each verse seemed to contain all wisdom? I like to think that it enshrines the answer of the American law schools to what I conceive to be a call to a unique duty at the present time.

“Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not offended at it.

“I am as glad of thy word: as one that findeth great spoils.

“As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou hast grounded them for ever.

“I am thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.”

Do all the horrible things that one has lived with these two years forbode evil for the law of nations? No. For lo, “I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.”