

and in some sense identical, but the law of nature was independent of the individual all he could do was to recognize and obey it. Mere human conventions and statutes were only deserving of respect as long as they were in harmony with natural law.

(Read opening chapters of Maine's Ancient Law)
 Every student ought to read it from beginning to end.

The motto of the Stoics came to be "To live according to nature".

Say the Stoics, all men participate in God i.e. have a spark of divine Reason. i.e. they taught the brotherhood of man.

Note the effect of this on slavery, etc.

As all men had reason there was some kinship and impulse toward social life, but towards society as distinct from the state. This separation begins here.

Plato & Aristotle confused them. These ideas led not to strong civic feeling, but to cosmopolitanism, humanitarianism. Concerns other men as brothers as much as fellow citizens.

Among Stoics there was a legend of a Golden Age, legend from Hesiod. They begin to take it seriously as the time when laws of nature were entirely observed. Something like Fall of man in the Garden of Eden. The law of nature comes to be regarded as a lost code.

We may conclude that on the whole Stoicism has helped along the world. The bad result was weakened his citizenship. Good results! It gave a dignity