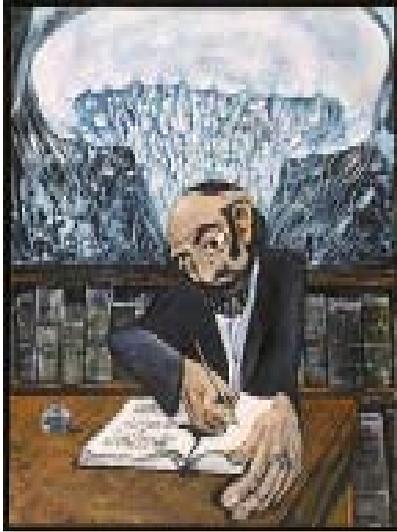


Ask Bartleby



Dear Reader,

Kudos to member Ben Stout for receiving the 2007 Environmental Stewardship Award from the North American Benthological Society (NABS), and to Dan Frizzi for his 2003 publication, “*Honoring Our Father—A Bicentennial Salute to Colonel John Hamm Sullivan.*”

In the absence of a query this issue, I leave you with more choice thoughts on the law, this time from the intrepid Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935).

“The Life of the law has not been logic, it has been experience.” *The Common Law* (1881); “As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time at the peril of being judged not to have lived.” *Memorial Day Address* (1884); “Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum.” *Speeches, Class of '61*, (1913); “Every idea is an incitement.” *Gitlow v. N.Y.* 268 U.S.652, 673 (1925); “The power to tax is not the power to destroy.” *Panhandle Oil Co. v. Knox* 277 U.S. 223 (1928); “For my part, I think it a less evil that some criminals should escape than that the government should play an ignoble part...” *Olmstead v. U.S.* 277 U.S. 438, 470 (1928).

Yours Sincerely,
Bartleby, the Scrivener

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composed these words, waiting until the wind changes, and the bow of Odysseus's ship may again steer home.”

He read the lines in haste, with excitement. Then a nervous thought struck his mind. He knew the “official line” on Nietzsche's philosophy in the U.S.S.R. He considered that the Stassi would no doubt confiscate his newly found treasure before he could even have

a chance to figure out its value, its meaning.

But where could he turn? Without help, he would not be able to gauge the significance of the writing. He thought back to the lectures he attended at The University of Leipzig several years earlier. “Who was the scholar who had instructed the class? With whom he had discussed Nietzsche? What was his name? Scherer? Stein? No, Schmitt. Yes, Schmidt, Georg Schmitt.

I will track down Georg Schmidt. I will share my secret with him. He will advise me what to do with the manuscript. Until I can get some answers. Yes, Georg Schmidt!”

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