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Ab abusu ad usum non valet consequentia

Translation: "A conclusion about the use of a thing from its abuse is invalid"

Application: The abuse of legal language does not justify its continued misuse. Just because courts misuse legal terms does not make that misuse valid.

Biblical Parallel: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness" - Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts claim that widespread abuse of constitutional rights justifies further abuse.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: This maxim directly supports our position that systematic legal fraud cannot be justified by its widespread practice.

Ab assuetis non fit injuria

Translation: "No harm is done by things to which one has long consented"

Application: Long-standing consent to government actions does not make those actions lawful if they were originally unlawful.

Biblical Parallel: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" - Romans 12:2 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Used to justify unconstitutional practices that have become "traditional."

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The people's ignorance of fraud does not constitute consent to fraud.

Abbreviationum ille numerus et sensus accipiendus est ut concessio non sit inanis

Translation: "Such number and sense must be given to abbreviations that the grant may not be void"

Application: Legal documents must be interpreted to give them meaning, not to void them through technicalities.

Biblical Parallel: "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" - 2 Corinthians 3:6 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts use technicalities to void constitutional protections while enforcing government claims.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional rights must be interpreted to preserve their protective purpose, not to void them.

Absentem accipere debemus eum qui non est eo loco in quo petitur


Translation: "We must consider absent a person who is not at the place where he is sought"

Application: A person cannot be held liable for actions in places where they were not present.


Biblical Parallel: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" - Deuteronomy 19:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts assume jurisdiction over people regardless of their actual presence or consent.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Jurisdiction requires actual presence or valid consent, not legal fiction.

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Baratriam committit qui propter pecuniam justitiam baractat

Translation: "A person is guilty of barratry who sells justice for money"

Application: Judges who profit from their decisions commit barratry.

Biblical Parallel: "And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" - John 2:16 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: The entire court system operates as a revenue-generating business.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The profit motive in courts destroys the possibility of impartial justice.

Boni judicis est causas litium dirimere

Translation: "It is the role of a good judge to remove the causes of litigation"

Application: Judges should seek justice and resolution, not perpetuate conflict for profit.

Biblical Parallel: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" - Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts profit from prolonged litigation and create procedures that increase conflict.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: True judges seek to end disputes, not profit from them.

Boni iudicis est iudicium sine dilatione mandare executioni


Translation: "It is the role of a good judge to deliver judgment without delay for execution"

Application: Justice delayed is justice denied.


Biblical Parallel: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" - Ecclesiastes 8:11 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts deliberately delay proceedings to generate more fees and costs.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Deliberate delay is a form of justice denial and fraud.

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Clam delinquens magis punitur quam palam

Translation: "Someone who does wrong in secret is punished more severely than someone who acts openly"

Application: Secret fraud is worse than open wrongdoing because it involves deception.

Biblical Parallel: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad" - Luke 8:17 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government operates in secret while demanding transparency from citizens.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The legal system's secret procedures violate this fundamental principle of justice.

Consensus facit legem

Translation: "Consent makes the law"

Application: Law derives its authority from the consent of the governed.

Biblical Parallel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" - Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims authority without consent of the governed.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: All legitimate government authority must be based on informed consent of the people.

Contemporanea expositio est optima et fortissima in lege

Translation: "Contemporary exposition is the best and strongest in law"

Application: Legal terms should be understood as they were when written, not as redefined by modern courts.

Biblical Parallel: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" - Proverbs 22:28 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts constantly reinterpret constitutional language to mean the opposite of its original meaning.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional language must retain its original meaning to preserve its protective purpose.

Constructio legis non facit injuriam


Translation: "The construction of the law does not work an injury"

Application: Legal interpretation should not harm those it is meant to protect.


Biblical Parallel: "The law is good, if a man use it lawfully" - 1 Timothy 1:8 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts interpret laws to harm the people they were meant to protect.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Any interpretation that harms the people violates the purpose of constitutional law.

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Damnum sentit dominus

Translation: "The owner bears the loss"

Application: The person who owns property bears the risk of its loss or damage.

Biblical Parallel: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" - Matthew 6:21 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims ownership of private property through taxation and regulation.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: True ownership includes both benefits and responsibilities, which government taxation violates.

Deceptis, non decipientibus, jura subveniunt

Translation: "The laws help those who are deceived, not those who deceive"

Application: The law should protect victims of fraud, not enable fraudsters.

Biblical Parallel: "Woe unto them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds!" - Micah 2:1 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts protect government deception while punishing those who expose it.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: This maxim establishes our authority to protect the people from legal system fraud.

Delegatus non potest delegare

Translation: "A delegate cannot delegate"

Application: Government officials cannot delegate powers they do not possess.

Biblical Parallel: "No man can serve two masters" - Matthew 6:24 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government agencies delegate authority to private corporations and foreign entities.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Delegation of non-existent authority is void and fraudulent.

De facto jus oritur


Translation: "From the fact arises the law; the law arises from the fact"

Application: Law should be based on actual facts, not legal fictions.


Biblical Parallel: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:32 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts base decisions on legal fictions rather than actual facts.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Legal fictions cannot override factual reality in legitimate legal proceedings.

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Ejus est nolle qui potest velle

Translation: "He who can consent can refuse"

Application: The power to consent necessarily includes the power to refuse consent.

Biblical Parallel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" - Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims people cannot refuse to consent to its authority.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Forced consent is not consent at all, but coercion.

Exceptio probat regulam de rebus non exceptis

Translation: "The exception proves the rule concerning things not excepted"

Application: When specific exceptions are made, it confirms the general rule applies to everything else.

Biblical Parallel: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" - Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government creates endless exceptions to constitutional limitations.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional exceptions must be strictly limited to preserve the general rule.

Ex dolo malo non oritur actio

Translation: "No action arises from fraud"

Application: Legal proceedings based on fraud are void and cannot create valid legal rights.


Biblical Parallel: "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape" - Proverbs 19:5 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts allow fraudulent proceedings to create binding judgments.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: All proceedings based on fraud must be declared void ab initio.

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Fiat justitia, ruat caelum

Translation: "Let justice be done, though the heavens fall"

Application: Justice must be pursued regardless of consequences.

Biblical Parallel: "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne" - Psalm 89:14 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts compromise justice for political expedience.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: True justice cannot be compromised for any reason, including government convenience.

Fraus omnia vitiat

Translation: "Fraud vitiates everything"

Application: Fraud destroys the validity of any transaction or proceeding.

Biblical Parallel: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" - 1 Corinthians 5:6 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts ignore fraud when it serves government interests.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: This is the foundational principle for declaring all fraudulent legal proceedings void ab initio.

Fraus latet in generalibus


Translation: "Fraud lies hidden in generalities"

Application: Vague language often conceals fraudulent intent.


Biblical Parallel: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" - Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government uses vague language to conceal the true scope of its powers.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Vague laws that conceal government power are fraudulent and void.

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Generale dictum generaliter est interpretandum

Translation: "A general statement must be interpreted generally"

Application: General legal principles should be applied broadly, not narrowly construed

to avoid their effect.

Biblical Parallel: "The law is good, if a man use it lawfully" - 1 Timothy 1:8 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts narrowly interpret constitutional protections while broadly interpreting government powers.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional rights must be interpreted broadly to preserve their protective purpose.

Generale nihil certi implicat

Translation: "A general expression implies nothing certain"

Application: Vague general statements cannot create specific legal obligations.

Biblical Parallel: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" - Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government uses vague statutes to claim unlimited authority.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Vague laws violate due process and are void for uncertainty.

Generalia specialibus non derogant

Translation: "General things do not detract from special things"

Application: General laws cannot override specific constitutional protections.

Biblical Parallel: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" - Proverbs 22:28 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: General statutes are used to override specific constitutional rights.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional specifics always trump general statutory language.

Glossa viperina est quae corrodit viscera textus

Translation: "A viperous gloss is one that gnaws at the heart of the text"

Application: Legal interpretations that destroy the meaning of the original text are corrupt.


Biblical Parallel: "Adding unto the word which I command you, and ye shall not diminish ought from it" - Deuteronomy 4:2 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts interpret constitutional text to mean the opposite of its plain language.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Interpretations that destroy constitutional meaning are viperous and void.

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Habemus optimum testem, confitentem reum

Translation: "We have the best witness, a confessing accused"

Application: A confession is the strongest form of evidence.

Biblical Parallel: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" - 1 John 1:9 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts coerce confessions through plea bargaining and intimidation.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Coerced confessions violate the principle of voluntary admission.

Haeredem Deus facit, non homo

Translation: "God, not man, makes the heir"

Application: Natural inheritance rights come from divine law, not human law.

Biblical Parallel: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof" - Psalm 24:1 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims the right to tax inheritance and control succession.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Natural inheritance rights predate and supersede government claims.

Haereditas nunquam ascendit

Translation: "Inheritance never ascends"

Application: Property naturally passes down through generations, not up to government.

Biblical Parallel: "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children" - Proverbs 13:22 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims inheritance through taxation and escheat.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government has no natural right to inherit private property.

 **PETITION SUPPORT:** Protect inheritance rights: <https://chng.it/VGSXZk2PZD>

Ibi semper debet fieri triatio ubi juratores meliorem possunt habere notitiam

Translation: "A trial should always be held where the jurors can have the best information"

Application: Trials must be conducted where the facts can be properly determined.

Biblical Parallel: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" - Deuteronomy 19:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts move trials away from local communities to prevent proper fact-finding.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Local juries with knowledge of local conditions provide the best justice.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest

Translation: "That is certain which can be made certain"

Application: Legal uncertainty can be resolved through proper interpretation and evidence.

Biblical Parallel: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:32 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts deliberately maintain uncertainty to expand their discretionary power.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Legal certainty is essential for justice and must be actively pursued.

Idem est facere et nolle prohibere cum possis

Translation: "It is the same to do a thing and to refuse to prevent it when you can"


Application: Those with the power to prevent wrongdoing are responsible if they allow it to continue.

Biblical Parallel: "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" - James 4:17 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government officials allow corruption while claiming they are not responsible.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government officials who allow legal system fraud are complicit in that fraud.

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Judex aequitatem semper spectare debet

Translation: "A judge should always have regard for equity"

Application: Judges must consider fairness and justice, not just technical legal rules.

Biblical Parallel: "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" - Amos 5:24 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Judges focus on technicalities to avoid delivering justice.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Technical compliance without equity is not true justice.

Judex damnatur cum nocens absolvitur

Translation: "The judge is condemned when the guilty party is acquitted"

Application: Judges who allow the guilty to escape justice are themselves guilty.

Biblical Parallel: "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord" - Proverbs 17:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Judges routinely allow government officials to escape accountability.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Judges who protect government corruption are themselves corrupt.

Judex est lex loquens

Translation: "The judge is the speaking law"

Application: Judges should be the voice of the law, not their personal opinions.

Biblical Parallel: "For he is the minister of God to thee for good" - Romans 13:4 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Judges substitute their personal views for the law.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Judges who speak their own will instead of the law violate their oath.

Judex non potest esse testis in propria causa

Translation: "A judge cannot be a witness in his own case"

Application: Judges cannot have personal interests in the cases they decide.


Biblical Parallel: "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment" - Leviticus 19:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Judges routinely have financial interests in the outcomes of their cases.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Judicial conflicts of interest void the proceedings.


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Latet dolus in generalibus

Translation: "Fraud hides in generalities"

Application: Vague language is often used to conceal fraudulent intent.

Biblical Parallel: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" - Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government uses vague statutes to hide the true extent of its power.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Vague laws that hide government authority are fraudulent and void.

Lata culpa dolo aequiparatur

Translation: "Gross negligence is equivalent to fraud"

Application: Extreme carelessness is treated the same as intentional wrongdoing.

Biblical Parallel: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" - 1 Timothy 5:8 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government officials claim ignorance to avoid responsibility for systematic violations.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Willful ignorance of constitutional violations is equivalent to intentional violation.

Leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant

Translation: "Later laws abrogate earlier contrary ones"

Application: New laws override conflicting older laws.

Biblical Parallel: "Behold, I make all things new" - Revelation 21:5 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims new statutes can override constitutional protections.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: No statute can override constitutional protections, regardless of when it was passed.

Lex est norma recti


Translation: "The law is the standard of right"

Application: Law should establish the standard of what is right and just.


Biblical Parallel: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" - Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Modern law often establishes standards that violate natural justice.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Law that violates natural justice is not true law.

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Malum in se

Translation: "Wrong in itself"

Application: Some acts are inherently wrong regardless of what human law says.

Biblical Parallel: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" - Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims it can make anything legal by passing a statute.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Natural law determines what is truly right and wrong, not government decree.

Malum prohibitum

Translation: "Wrong because prohibited"

Application: Some acts are wrong only because they are prohibited by law.

Biblical Parallel: "Where no law is, there is no transgression" - Romans 4:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government creates endless prohibitions to control behavior.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Prohibitions without moral foundation lack legitimate authority.

Maxime paci sunt contraria, vis et injuria

Translation: "Violence and injustice are especially contrary to peace"

Application: True peace requires the absence of both violence and injustice.


Biblical Parallel: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" - Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government uses violence to enforce unjust laws while claiming to maintain peace.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government violence in service of injustice destroys true peace.

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Nasciturus pro jam nato habetur, quotiens de commodis ejus agitur

Translation: "An unborn child is considered as already born, whenever it is a question of its benefit"

Application: The law protects the rights of unborn children when it benefits them.

Biblical Parallel: "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee" - Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government denies the personhood of unborn children to justify abortion.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Natural law recognizes the rights of unborn children.

Nemo debet esse judex in propria causa

Translation: "No one ought to be a judge in his own cause"

Application: People cannot fairly judge matters in which they have a personal interest.

Biblical Parallel: "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment" - Leviticus 19:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government judges its own actions and always finds them lawful.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government cannot legitimately judge the extent of its own authority.

Nemo plus juris ad alium transferre potest quam ipse habet

Translation: "No one can transfer to another more right than he himself has"

Application: You cannot give someone authority you do not possess.

Biblical Parallel: "Freely ye have received, freely give" - Matthew 10:8 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: People claim to delegate to government powers they never possessed.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government cannot possess powers that individuals never had to delegate.

Nemo tenetur seipsum accusare

Translation: "No one is bound to accuse himself"

Application: People have the right to remain silent about their own alleged wrongdoing.


Biblical Parallel: "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" - 2 Corinthians 13:1 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government forces self-incrimination through tax returns and regulatory compliance.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Forced self-incrimination violates natural justice.

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Omnia praesumuntur legitime facta donec probetur in contrarium

Translation: "All things are presumed to be done legitimately until proved to the contrary"

Application: There is a presumption of innocence and legitimacy until proven otherwise.

Biblical Parallel: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" - John 7:24 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government presumes guilt and requires citizens to prove their innocence.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The presumption of innocence is fundamental to justice.

Optima est lex quae minimum relinquit arbitrio iudicis


Translation: "That law is best which leaves least to the discretion of the judge"

Application: Clear laws that limit judicial discretion provide the most justice.


Biblical Parallel: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" - Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Vague laws give judges unlimited discretion to impose their will.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Vague laws that maximize judicial discretion are tools of tyranny.

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Pacta sunt servanda

Translation: "Agreements must be kept"

Application: Contracts and agreements create binding obligations.

Biblical Parallel: "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it" - Ecclesiastes 5:4 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government breaks its constitutional contract with the people while demanding they honor theirs.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The Constitution is a contract that government must honor.

Par delictum

Translation: "Equal fault"

Application: When both parties are equally at fault, neither can claim against the other.

Biblical Parallel: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" - Matthew 7:3 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims authority over citizens while committing worse violations.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government cannot punish citizens for violations it commits itself.

Potior est conditio defendentis

Translation: "The defendant's position is the stronger"

Application: In cases of doubt, the defendant should prevail.


Biblical Parallel: "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going" - Proverbs 14:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts presume government claims are valid and require citizens to prove them wrong.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Citizens should be favored over government in cases of doubt.

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Qui facit per alium facit per se

Translation: "He who acts through another acts himself"

Application: People are responsible for the actions of their agents.

Biblical Parallel: "The master of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him" - Matthew 24:50 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government officials claim they are not responsible for the actions of their subordinates.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government officials are responsible for all actions taken under their authority.

Qui prior est tempore potior est jure

Translation: "He who is earlier in time is stronger in right"

Application: Earlier rights take precedence over later claims.

Biblical Parallel: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" - Proverbs 22:28 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims its recent statutes override ancient constitutional rights.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional rights predate and supersede all statutory claims.

Quid pro quo

Translation: "Something for something"

Application: Valid contracts require mutual consideration.


Biblical Parallel: "Give, and it shall be given unto you" - Luke 6:38 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government demands obedience without providing the protection it promises.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government that fails to protect has no right to demand obedience.

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Ratio decidendi

Translation: "The reason for the decision"

Application: Legal decisions must be based on sound reasoning, not arbitrary will.

Biblical Parallel: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" - Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts issue decisions without explaining their reasoning.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Decisions without sound reasoning are arbitrary and void.

Ratio legis est anima legis

Translation: "The reason of the law is the soul of the law"

Application: The purpose behind a law is more important than its literal words.

Biblical Parallel: "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" - 2 Corinthians 3:6 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts ignore the protective purpose of constitutional provisions.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional provisions must be interpreted according to their protective purpose.

Res ipsa loquitur

Translation: "The thing speaks for itself"

Application: Some facts are so obvious they require no additional proof.

Biblical Parallel: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are


clearly seen" - Romans 1:20 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts ignore obvious evidence of government wrongdoing.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Systematic government violations are so obvious they speak for themselves.

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Salus populi suprema lex esto

Translation: "Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law"

Application: The good of the people should be the highest consideration in law.

Biblical Parallel: "And he shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment" - Psalm 72:2 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims its own welfare is more important than the people's welfare.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government exists to serve the people, not the other way around.

Summum jus, summa injuria

Translation: "The highest law, the highest injustice"

Application: Strict application of law without regard to justice can create injustice.

Biblical Parallel: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" - Mark 2:27 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts apply technical rules to avoid delivering justice.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Law without justice is not true law.

Sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedas

Translation: "Use your own property so as not to injure another's"


Application: Property rights are limited by the duty not to harm others.

Biblical Parallel: "Love thy neighbour as thyself" - Matthew 22:39 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government uses its claimed property rights to harm the people.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government has no right to use its power to harm the people.

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Tabula in naufragio

Translation: "A plank in a shipwreck"

Application: In desperate circumstances, any available remedy should be used.

Biblical Parallel: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" - Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government denies people any remedy for its violations.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: When government fails, people must use any available constitutional remedy.

Tempus regit actum

Translation: "Time governs the act"

Application: The law in effect at the time of an act determines its validity.

Biblical Parallel: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" - Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government applies new laws retroactively to punish past acts.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Retroactive application of law violates fundamental justice.

Testis unus, testis nullus

Translation: "One witness is no witness"


Application: Important matters require multiple witnesses for proof.

Biblical Parallel: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" - Deuteronomy 19:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts accept single government witnesses as sufficient proof.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Government claims require multiple independent witnesses.

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Ubi eadem ratio, ibi idem jus

Translation: "Where the same reason exists, there is the same law"

Application: Similar situations should be governed by the same legal principles.

Biblical Parallel: "God is no respecter of persons" - Acts 10:34 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government applies different standards to itself than to citizens.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: The same law must apply equally to government and citizens.

Ubi jus ibi remedium

Translation: "Where there is a right, there is a remedy"

Application: Every legal right must have a corresponding legal remedy.

Biblical Parallel: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find" - Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Courts deny remedies for constitutional violations.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Constitutional rights without remedies are meaningless.

Ultra vires

Translation: "Beyond the powers"

Application: Actions taken beyond one's legal authority are void.


Biblical Parallel: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers" - Romans 13:1 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government routinely acts beyond its constitutional authority.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: All government actions beyond constitutional authority are void.

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Veritas

Translation: "Truth"

Application: Truth is the foundation of all justice.

Biblical Parallel: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" - John 8:32 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government suppresses truth to maintain its power.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Truth is the enemy of tyranny and the foundation of freedom.

Veritas temporis filia

Translation: "Truth is the daughter of time"

Application: Truth will eventually be revealed, even if it takes time.

Biblical Parallel: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest" - Luke 8:17 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government hopes its crimes will be forgotten with time.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: Time will reveal all government deceptions and crimes.

Volenti non fit injuria

Translation: "No injury is done to one who consents"

Application: People cannot claim injury from things they voluntarily accepted.


Biblical Parallel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" - Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Modern Corruption: Government claims people consent to things they never agreed to.

Plebeian Tribunal Commentary: True consent requires full knowledge and free choice.


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