



Spirit and Law

I believe that we are waking up as a culture (at least in Seattle). More people are choosing to live from a spiritual consciousness rather than from their ego agendas. We are developing finer sensibilities. Such sensibilities nurture the evolution of the legal system. It's time for lawyers to start talking about love and Spirit, God and soul.

Why? Because when you plan a divorce, file a lawsuit, or enter a business partnership, Spirit is part of the equation. Because Spirit is present, Spirit must be addressed.

Consider the following when conducting your legal affairs: Would God approve of your decision? Are your actions good for your soul? Are you humbly receptive to the divine plan or being pigheaded? These are fair questions for a lawyer to ask. The questions are certainly as fair as the standard, "How do you want me to handle this matter?"

As a lawyer, I want to address these deeper issues. I want to ask, "Will your soul be nurtured or damaged by the legal document you are asking me to prepare?" "Does your higher self approve?" How refreshing to suggest, "Go home and pray about this settlement offer before you respond."

I don't want to sever my love and humanity from my work. I value being a lawyer because of the daily opportunities I have to shower my clients with kindness. I hug them when they feel badly. I sit as silent witness to hearts cracking and souls opening. I service my clients by servicing their souls. This type of compassion does not need to be severed just because I'm also giving some legal advice.

Clients deserve this consideration from their lawyer. It is where the law is headed. As we master functional (as opposed to dysfunctional) relationships in our personal lives, it is time we master healthy relationship. And advocating healthy resolutions as part of one's legal counsel makes good evolutionary sense. It's time the law reacquainted itself with the principle of "heart."