



Law Dictionary

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NATURAL LAW law "which so necessarily agrees with the nature and state of man, that without observing its maxims, the peace and happiness of society can never be preserved. . . . [K]nowledge of [natural laws] may be attained merely (by) the light of reason, from the facts of their essential agreeableness with the constitution of human nature." 11 Ark. 519, 527. Natural law exists regardless of whether it is enacted as positive law, although there may be instances where natural law cannot be judicially enforced. See also positivism.

NATURAL LAW THEORY in jurisprudence, the view that the nature and value of any legal order is best understood by studying how the positive law of that legal order agrees or contrasts with natural law. See d'Entreves, *Natural Law* (1951).

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