A Harmonious Balance of Positivism and Natural Law to Build a High-Quality Ruler

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According to Natural law, rights come from God and are inherent in the being. Further, it recognizes the connection between the law and morality. Positive law, on the other hand, believes that the rights are granted by the government, society or other men and therefore can be taken back by them as well. Positive law is the basis for the concept of social justice which attempts to subvert natural law and create artificial equality through regulations or force. This goes against the very essence of human nature. In other words, laws created by men are always secondary to natural law which emanates from human nature itself. The leader of the country is the father of the bride. The ruler must conduct himself with patience and fortitude on all occasions. In prosperity and in adversity, in victory and defeat, he must conduct himself with dignity with no emotions and must practice non-violence to the greatest possible extent.

But today, one of the burning issues is, rulers take any crooked or doubtful means to achieve his/her ends. The ruler's straight forwardness and rectitude that often requires firmness should be tempered with gentleness. His gentleness will keep his firmness from being over-harsh or even cruel, while his firmness will keep gentleness from turning into weakness. A harmonious balance of these two qualities is essential not only for a ruler but for leaders as well. The research is carried out based on the following hypothesis: an agreement between natural law and positivism will help to build a humane ruler. This research is doctrinal in nature and desk based. There needs to be a clearly prescribed way of making laws, and a clearly prescribed source. The morality frequently has the level of clarity that is required to base the formation of law on them. The law needs a stable foundation to be grounded upon, and morals certainly be able to provide this with positivism. To build a ruler who is bound to reason and for justice, it is extremely essential to have

an agreement between Positivism and Natural Law theories as an adjustment to the time circumstances.

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