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In a talk given at The Veritas Forum at Louisiana State University in March 2006, Jay Budziszewski considers "natural law" – the foundational principles of right and wrong.

*"Thomas Aquinas defined law as a kind of discipline that compels through fear of punishment."*

*"Repressed knowledge is different than genuine ignorance.... The effort to hold down the truth distorts the personality.... There are certain things that we can't not know."*

*"Whether the law compels us to obedience or drives us on to further violation – that depends on the condition of our hearts."*

The talk lasts for about 40 minutes and is followed by a Q&A session also of about 40 minutes.

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