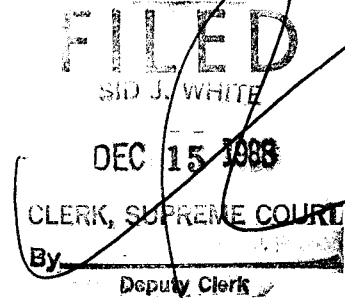


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Dear Editor:

The whole Interest on Trust Account (IOTA) controversy among lawyers has brought up some arguments that Jesus tried to settle almost two thousand years ago. If you will open your eyes and your mind and read the Bible as an account of the search of the Jewish people for happiness, then it becomes clear that after trying numerous paths from cutting the throats of birds and animals, to killing the entire populations of enemy towns, to strict observance of a massive set of commandments known as THE LAW, the Jewish people came to the sayings of Jesus which, when boiled down to their essentials, say: If you want to be happy, you must care.

It therefore came as a surprise to me in a discussion with other lawyers to be attacked bitterly for supporting IOTA. Essentially these lawyers were saying: Greed is good. The path to happiness is avarice. To them it's wrong for me to take the case of a woman who is raising several children, and whose husband has become prosperous, and now delights in getting drunk with the boys and coming home to verbally and physically abuse her. The police tell her that they will not help her unless she starts a divorce, and she has no money to hire a lawyer.

The other lawyers in the discussion say: "She got herself into that mess. Why should you help her? Why should the Florida Bar Foundation take the interest on my trust account to help her?" Let us admit that the lady is not very bright, but if everyone was as intelligent and well educated as lawyers, there would be no demand for our services.

I only know that I and a lot of other lawyers agree with Jesus, that there is only one path to happiness, and that is through caring. If The Florida Bar collectively turns its back on the idea that lawyers, having received much in the way of brains and ability, if they want to be happy, must give some of what they have received back, then The Florida Bar, in my opinion, will have

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missed the whole meaning of life. I do not believe that The Florida Bar will collectively be so foolish.

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