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Restitution, Regulation, and Redistribution Study Guide

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1. What is the reasoning behind the concept of restitution? If there is a debt, to whom is it paid? ANSWERS: God, Individual, Society, Nature.

2. What does the author mean when he claims that "the growing judicial practice of assigning liability where there has been no fault threatens to spread the medical 'malpractice' dilemma into every area of our civil law?" What is this dilemma? EXAMPLE: Transition from fellow servant rule to workers' compensation. Concept of social justice.

3. When the concepts of individual liberty and restitution weaken, why are they replaced by regulation and redistribution? ANSWER: Sovereignty is an inescapable concept—in effect, "nature abhors a vacuum." If man is not under law, he will strive to live apart from it or above it.


5. Why does the author call redistribution laws "nest-feathering laws?" How do these differ from taxes imposed for direct services received by the public? What qualifies this as plunder? ANSWER: use of force against an unwilling contributor.