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Dear Cousin Phil:

     I find your letter fascinating and challenging.
Whereas the dreams of mathematics are not independent, in
my view, I now see why law is such a difficult subject:
its dreams are conflicting. To the extent one is recog-
nized, another is deprived of vitality.

     Here is my list: doubtless no two lawyers
would agree:

1.   The dream of justice.

    (Neutral principles applied in an even-
    handed way without regard to parties.)

2.   The dream of equity.

    (Decisions based on all of the particular
    facts of the case which, although not ad-
    hering strictly to rules, satisfy some
    higher sense of justice.)

3.   The dream of compassion.

    (The allowance of an extra measure of
    grace reflecting a recognition of human
    frailty.)

4. The dream of efficiency.

    (The proscriptions of the law effectively
    influence and guide human behavior.)

I look forward to reading your article.

                    Regards,

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