The Law is The Law

Now, I’m here today to talk you about The Law. And whilst I want to stick to the letter of the law where possible, I don’t wish to lay down law.

I certainly don’t want to take the law into my own hands, because, as we all know, I’m not above the law.

I once had a brush with law, it was a toothbrush –and as I said to the judge, possession is nine tenths of the law, but what I did was strictly speaking, against the law, however, I don’t wish to go into that right now. As I said to my wife at the time, I’m coming home, I’ve done my time and I’ve got to know what is and isn’t mine.

Where was I? Oh, yes. The Law. Now if you are outside the law, then in the eyes of the law, you are an outlaw. Conversely, if you don’t break the law, then you are in the law, but you are not necessarily an inlaw. Unless, by the law of averages, you happen to be lawfully married, in which case, your partners parents will be inlaws, so long as they are law abiding, and if they aren’t, well then of course, they are inlaw-outlaws, unlike Maid Marion’s parents who became outlaw-inlaws.

Now we often see in operation in the world around us, the law of the jungle – or the survival of the fittest as it is sometimes known. We also see the law of diminishing returns – for instance, eating one cream bun whilst you are on a diet won’t do you any harm, whereas eating a hundred cream buns will. At which point the law of diminishing returns becomes known as the survival of the fattest.

Which just goes to show that the exception proves the rule, and that unlike the rule of law – a rule of thumb can be rather vague, but can work as a general rule, so long as you don’t let the heart rule the head but lay the ground rules first – which are entirely different to ground cinnamon, which does stick to the roof of your mouth, unlike cinnamon stick, which doesn’t – which proves that you should always stick to the rules – especially when cooking.

When it comes to rules, somebody once said it’s one law for the rich and one law for poor and another law for Richard Branson. But maybe I’m stretching the rules and that in this instance, there are no hard and fast rules.

Of course, the most important law, as Jesus said, is the law of love – Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour. Yes, when it comes right down it, if you want to stay on the right side of the law, then all you need is love, yes, love is all you need.

Or as the Beatles put it – it’s been a hard day’s night, and I’ve been working like a dog, it’s been a hard days’ night, I should be sleeping like a log – so, goodnight.