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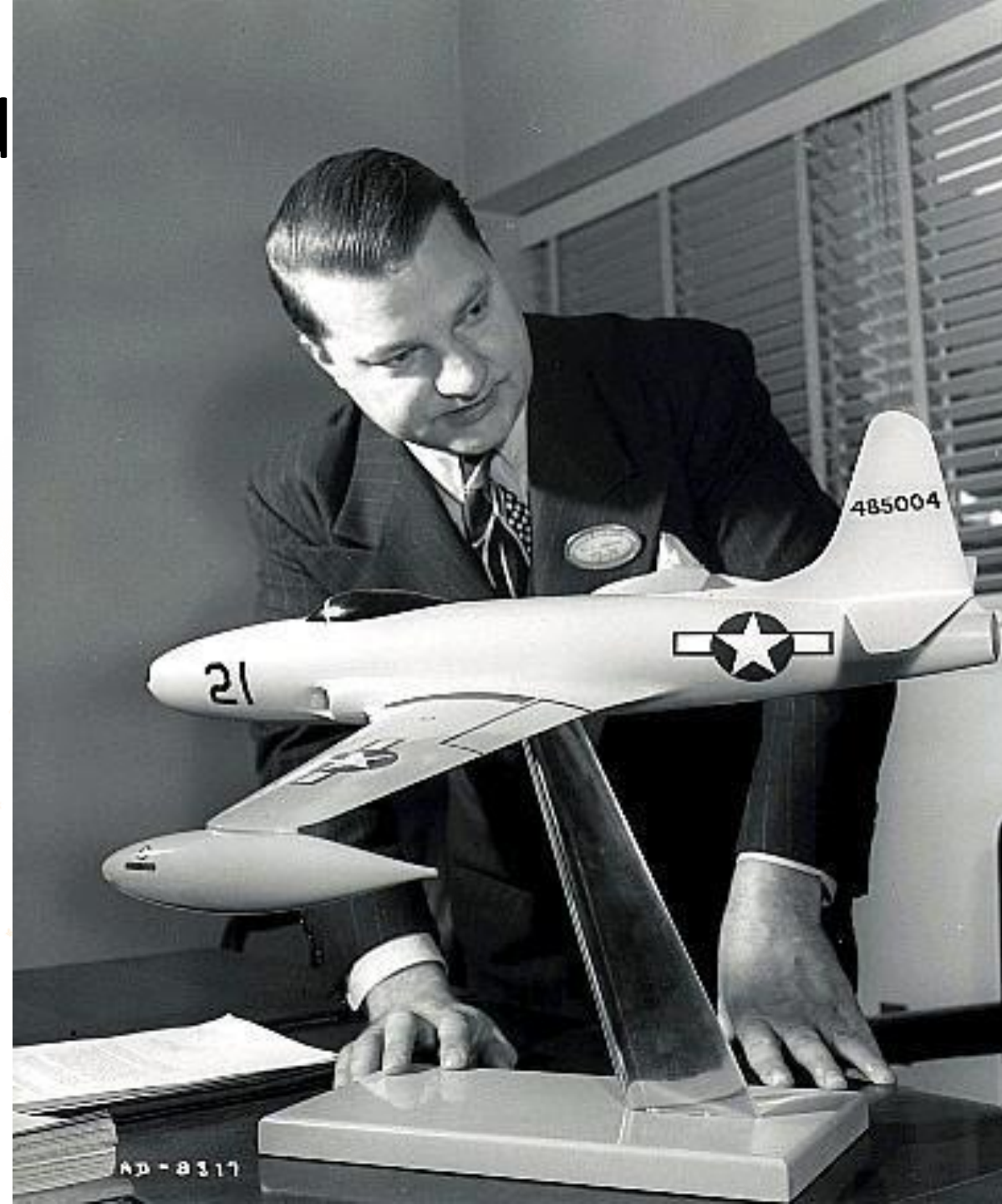
“A Theological Question About the Law”

MATTHEW 22:34-40



- American engineer that lived in the 20th century
- Employed by Lockheed Martin in their aircraft division
- Believed their process for building airplanes was too complicated

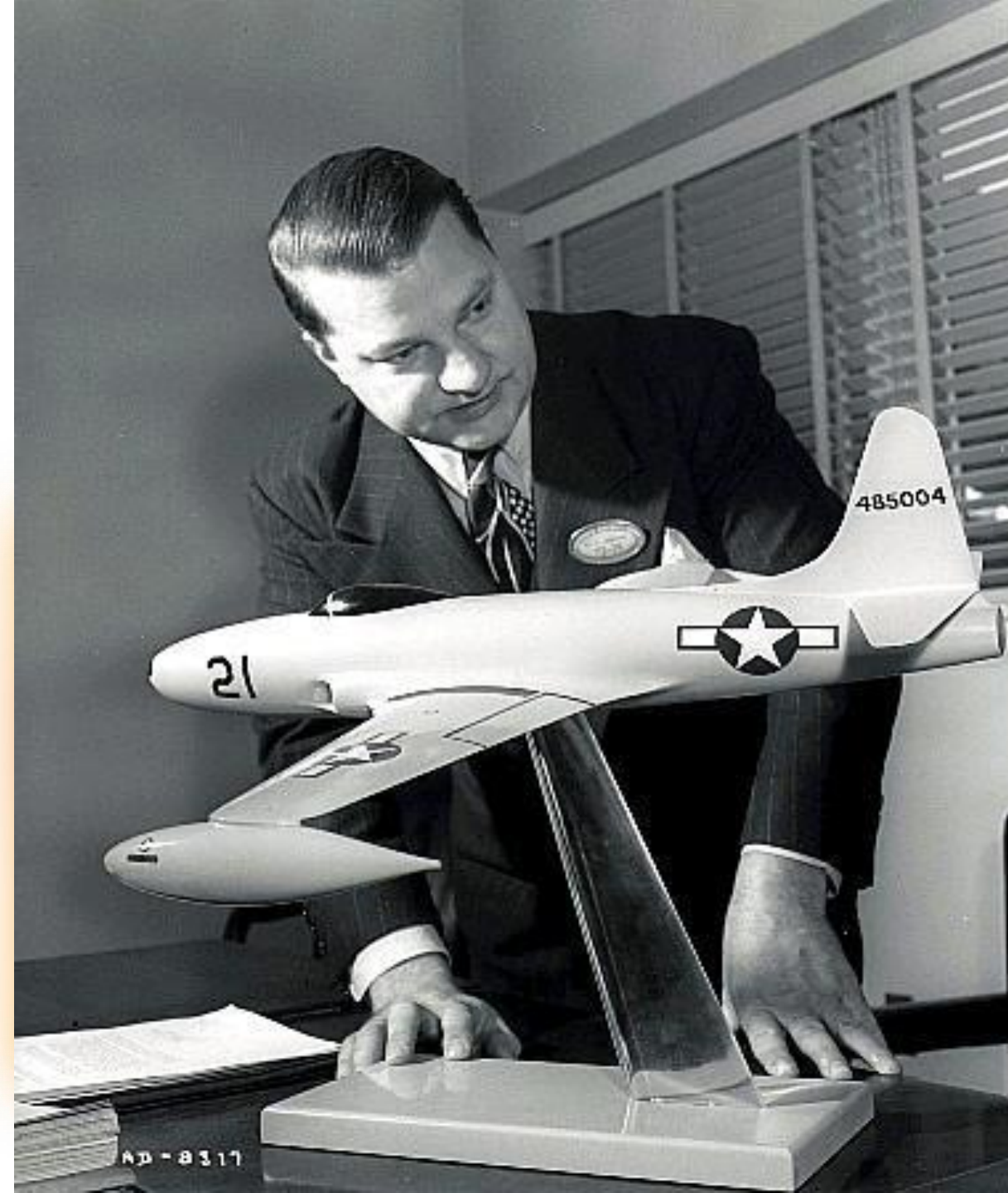
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- Introduced the K.I.S.S. acronym

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- *“Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?”* (Matt. 19:3).
- *“Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?”* (Matt. 19:7)
- *“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”* (Matt. 21:23)
- *“Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”* (Matt. 22:17)
- *“In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be?”* (Matt. 22:27)

Tough Questions Asked of Jesus



KEY POINT:

If you love God, you will love your neighbor. And if you love your neighbor, you are loving God.



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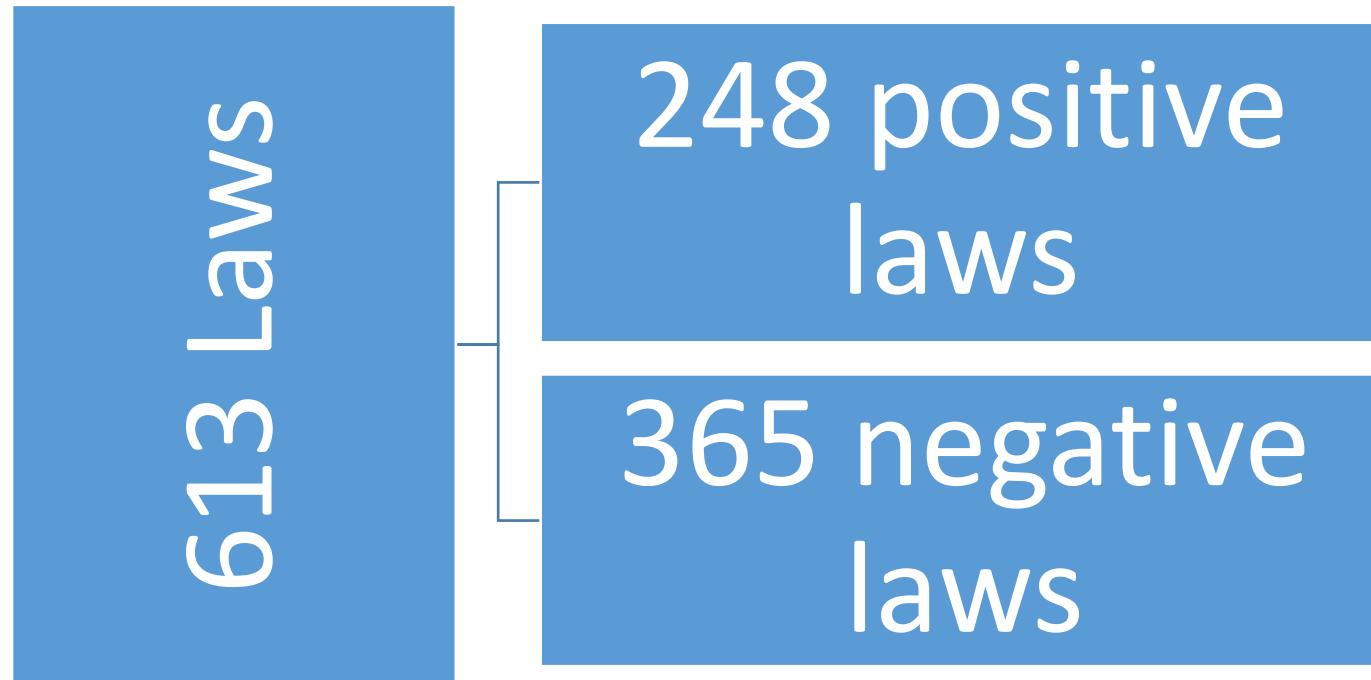


- A specially trained Pharisee
- An expert in the Mosaic Law and the legal matters in society
- Maybe a scribe who recorded and made copies of God's revelation for others

Who Was This Lawyer?



Jewish Belief About the Mosaic Laws



- The law about fringes on garments
- The laws about cleansing
- The 3rd Commandment – Do not take God's name in vain.
- The 6th Commandment – Do not commit murder.

**Debate About Which Law Was
the Greatest**



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- II. Jesus gives a **PRECISE** answer (vs. 37-39).

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*⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And
these words that I command you today shall be on
your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your
children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your
house, and when you walk by the way,...*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



... and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



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3. *Phileo* – This is often called brotherly love. It is the type of love that is often shown between two friends.

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4. *Agapao* – The word used here; a sacrificial love; uninfluenced love

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Love has “nothing to do with the kind of love that depends on the recognition of a valuable quality in its object; agape does not recognize value, but creates it... The man who is loved by God has no value in himself; what gives him value is precisely the fact that God loves him.”

Matthew Elliott, *Faithful Feelings*



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.*

John 3:16



“[Love is] a selfless and enduring commitment of the will to care about and benefit another person by righteous, truthful, and compassionate thoughts, words and action.”

Stuart Scott,
The Exemplary Husband



²³ ... “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.”

John 14:23-24



but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1 John 2:5



⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I Corinthians 13:4-7



- one's heart is to love with one's core duties and affections.
- one's soul is to give every emotion to God.
- one's mind is the idea of working vigorously in our thoughts and intellect to think on God.

To Love With...



“The person who calls himself a Christian, who says he loves God, yet does not seek his company and delight in it, can’t be a true lover of God. His own flesh has deceived him. If he doesn’t daily give his heart to God and receive God’s...



Kris Lundgaard,
The Enemy Within



“...heart in return, if he doesn’t
daily renew his hatred of his
own sin and his delight in God’s
mercy, he has no relationship
to God.”



Kris Lundgaard,
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“Therefore, loving God cannot be defined as loving our neighbor. They are different. Loving God is first. Loving our neighbor is second. The first is primary and depends on no greater obedience. The second is secondary and...

John Piper, *What God Demands from the World*



“...depends on loving God.
They are not separated, for
true love of God will always
bring about love for people.
But they are different. This
means that the behaviors of
love toward others are...

**John Piper, *What God
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“...not the essential meaning of loving God. They are the overflow or fruit of loving God. Loving God is not the way we treat others. It is a compelling admiration and delight in God.”

John Piper, *What God Demands from the World*



But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

I John 3:17



No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

I John 4:12



¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with...

I John 4:16-21



... punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

I John 4:16-21



“...As you long for food when you are hungry, so long to feed your neighbor when he is hungry. As you long for nice clothes for yourself, so long for nice clothes for your neighbor. As you work for a comfortable place to live,...

John Piper, “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”



“...so desire a comfortable place to live for your neighbor. As you seek to be safe and secure from calamity and violence, so seek comfort and security for your neighbor. As you seek friends for yourself, so be...

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“...a friend to your neighbor.

As you want your life to count and be significant, so desire that same significance for your neighbor. As you work to make good grades yourself, so work to help your neighbor make good...

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“...grades. As you like to be welcomed into strange company, so welcome your neighbor into strange company. As you would that men would do to you, do so to them.”

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“We already have a fervent, dedicated, genuine, and sincere love for ourselves. With sinners, this love is almost always excessive. Now, says Jesus, extend the same amount of love toward your neighbor: Love him ‘as yourself.’ The argument is...

Jay Adams, *The Biblical View of Self-Esteem*



“...precisely the same as the argument that Paul makes for a husband loving his wife ‘just as’ he already loves his own body... How is that to be done? In the same fervent, nourishing, and cherishing attitude with which a man cares for himself...

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“... (not necessarily by doing the same things to his wife that he does to himself).”

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- III. Jesus **PROVIDES** the implication of this truth (vs. 40).

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“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12



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³² And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:32-34

