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The Purpose of God's Laws



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> Your faithfulness continues through all generations;
> you established the earth, and it endures.
> Your laws endure to this day,
> for all things serve you.
> (Psalm 119:90–91)

The force that controls the universe is not purely physical. It cannot be expressed fully in the concepts of mathematical physics. These are true to a point, but they do not contain the whole truth. The so-called "laws" of the universe do not result merely from the random interplay of inanimate forces. The ultimate reality behind the universe is a Person: God. The very word *law* is meaningless without a lawgiver – one who enacts and enforces the law. The laws that man discerns in the universe are the visible expression of the faithfulness of the invisible Creator.

Not only do these laws originate from God; they also serve God. God did not simply set the universe in motion, and then retire to the position of a detached spectator. He has eternal purposes that continue to be worked out in the ongoing course of the universe. What a wonderful revelation! Everything in the universe is continually obeying God's laws and serving His purposes.

Writing to the church at Corinth, Paul takes this revelation one step further: "For all things are for your sakes" (2 Corinthians 4:15 nasb). Not merely does the whole universe obey the laws of God; not merely do these laws all serve God's purposes; but – most wonderful of all – the purposes thus being worked out center in God's people. They are all designed and operated to bring about the highest possible good for those who are the objects of God's redeeming love and care.

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