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The Thomas M. Cooley Lectures

Twenty-fourth Series

BIOLOGY, ETHICS AND LAW: CAN THEY HELP EACH OTHER?

ROBERT S. MORISON

Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Science and Society
Cornell University

4:15 P.M.
April 7 and 8, 1975

and

4:15 P.M.
April 9, 1975
(Symposium)

HUTCHINS HALL, ROOM 100 — ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
THE THOMAS M. COOLEY LECTURES

THOMAS M. COOLEY was one of the leading figures in nineteenth-century American law and legal scholarship. He was a member of the first law faculty at The University of Michigan, which was assembled in 1859, and was appointed Dean of the Law Department in 1871. From 1864 to 1885 judicial service as a member of the Supreme Court of Michigan was added to his academic duties. Cooley is perhaps most frequently remembered today for his remarkably influential treatises, especially his works on Torts and Constitutional Limitations. In 1887 he was appointed first Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Grover Cleveland.

The Thomas M. Cooley Lectureship was established by the faculty of The University of Michigan Law School in order to stimulate research and to communicate its results in the form of public lectures. The Lectureship is supported by the William W. Cook Endowment for Legal Research.

THE LECTURER

ROBERT S. MORISON, the first nonlawyer to deliver the Cooley lectures, has anticipated the lawyers in coming to grips with some of the most troubling problems now arising to challenge legal thinkers. What is death, and who is entitled to say when it has occurred or when it should occur? When does human life begin, and how and when may human subjects be experimented on, altered, or otherwise manipulated? What do science, philosophy, and law have to say to one another about such questions? A physician by training and a biomedical ethician by inclination, Dr. Morison is peculiarly well-equipped for dealing with these fundamental issues.

Dr. Morison was born in Milwaukee in 1906. After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, he obtained a B.A. in 1930 and an M.D. in 1933, both from Harvard. He also holds honorary degrees from Loyola University of Chicago and from the University of Rochester.

Upon graduation from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Morison remained there until 1944 to teach physiology and anatomy. Thereafter, he was associated with the Rockefeller Foundation for twenty years, eventually becoming director for Medical and Natural Sciences. In 1964 Dr. Morison went to Cornell as a professor of biology and director of the Division of Biological Sciences. Since 1970 he has been Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Science and Society.

Dr. Morison is the author of Scientist (1964) and the editor of The Contemporary University: U.S.A. (1966).
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LECTURE I
Monday, April 7 — 4:15 p.m.
Past Attempts

LECTURE II
Tuesday, April 8 — 4:15 p.m.
Present Prospects

SYMPOSIUM
Wednesday, April 9 — 4:15 p.m.

THE LECTURER will be joined by:

ROBERT A. BURT
Professor of Law
University of Michigan

WILLIAM K. FRANKENA
Ray Wood Sellars Professor of Philosophy
University of Michigan

YALE KAMISAR
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University of Michigan

Moderator: ALFRED F. CONARD
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