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Vocation of Law in God's Global Mission  
to Bring Justice and Wholeness

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## A little bit about me . . . .

I was the busy (North) American lawyer dad with small children.



**Insert crazy God interruption story [here]!**



**I got Jonah'ed!**



**All I know is that we are going!**



## Uganda Christian University, Mukono



**A Law School with 900 Students!**

**SO WHAT WILL MY PURPOSE BE?**



JUSTICE!...? . . . . . MAYBE?

**Our God loves justice, right?  
(Psalm 33:5; Isaiah 61:8)**

**And we are called to seek justice,  
right?  
(Isaiah 1:17)**

# 3 Biblical Justice Typologies

- The Book of Judges
- The Rule of Solomon
- The Gospel of Matthew

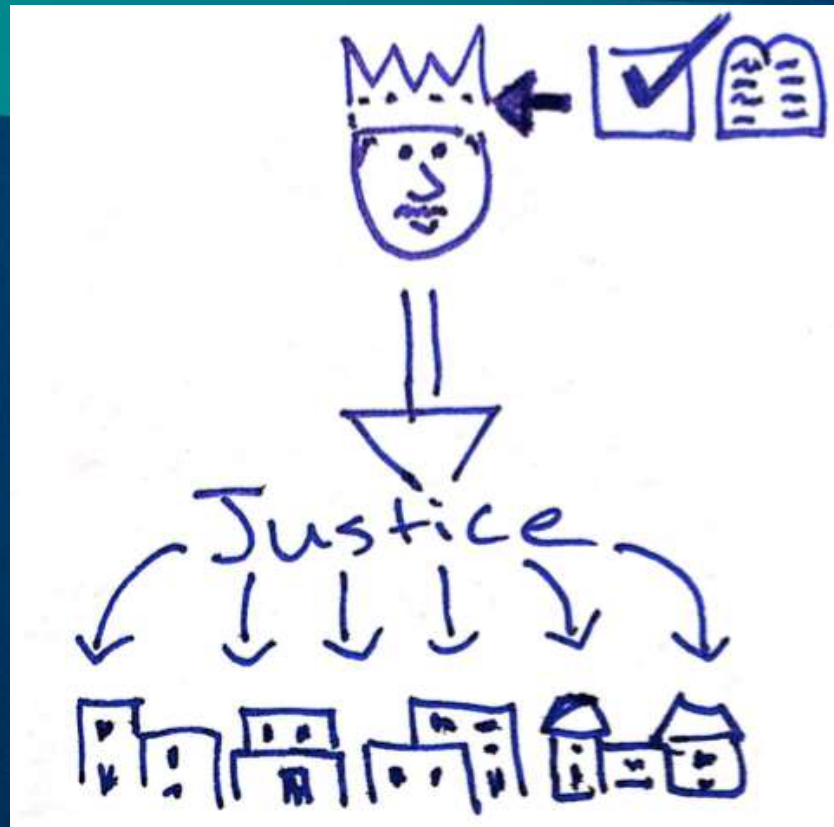
# Judges: The Absence of Justice

- “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.” Judges 21:25



# The Rule of Solomon: Justice through wise leadership

- “Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” 1 Kings 3:9



# Justice Upside Down: Gospel Justice in Matthew

- Gospel Consciousness!
- Justice from below from those who are aware of the eternal Lordship of Jesus, the ridiculous windfall of grace and the importance of all people.





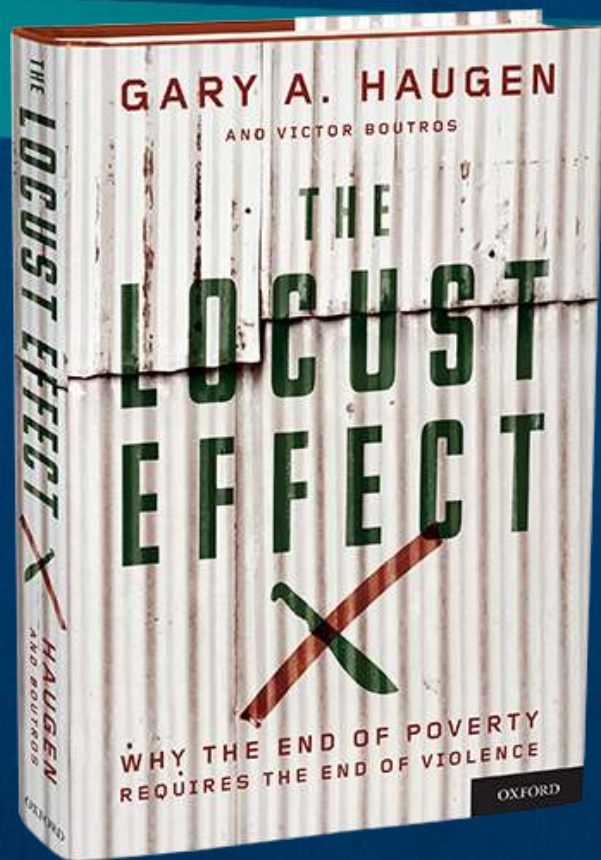
# WHAT ABOUT JUSTICE AND WHOLENESS?

# The Biblical Emphasis on Justice and Wholeness

- The Book of Judges
- The Rule of Solomon
- The Gospel of Matthew
- Justice for the poor and marginalized

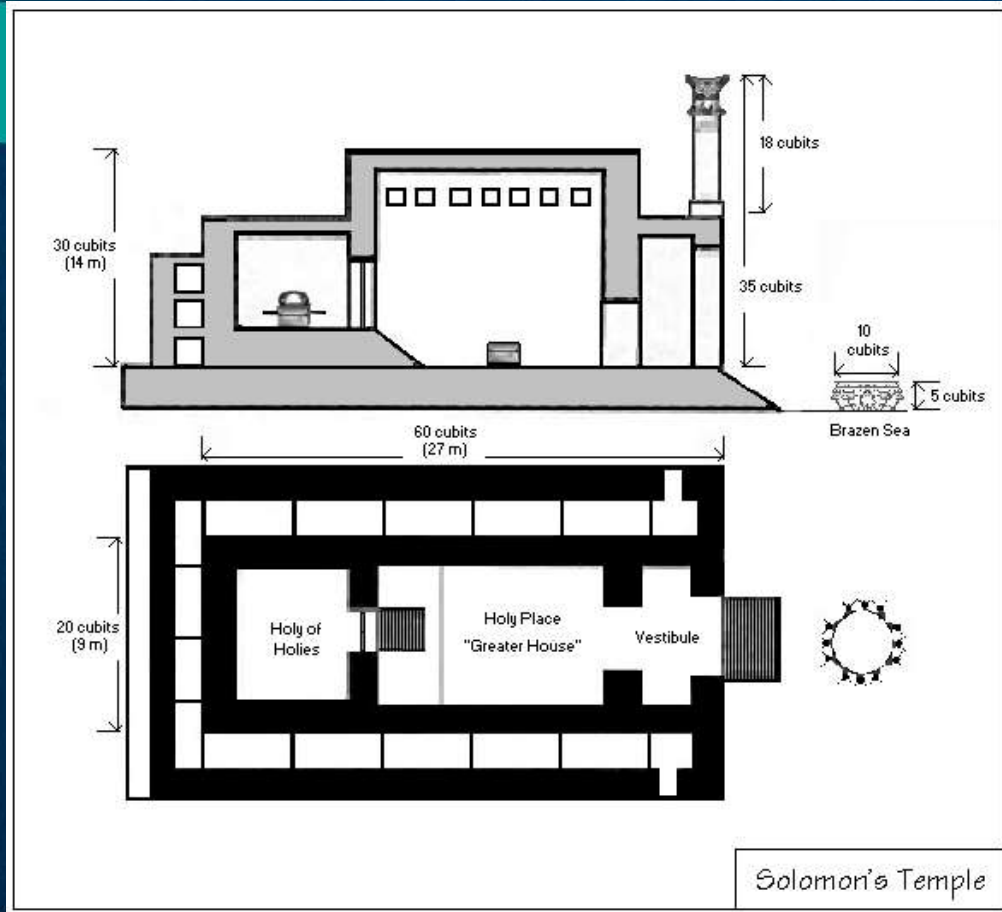
# Judges: The Absence of Justice

- Hobbesian Scenes (nasty, brutish, and short)
- We are well beyond wholeness; we are in complete brokenness.



# The Blessing of Solomon's Rule:

- "Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness." 1 Kings 10:9



The plans of  
Solomon's  
Temple  
from  
[wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com)

Solomon's Temple

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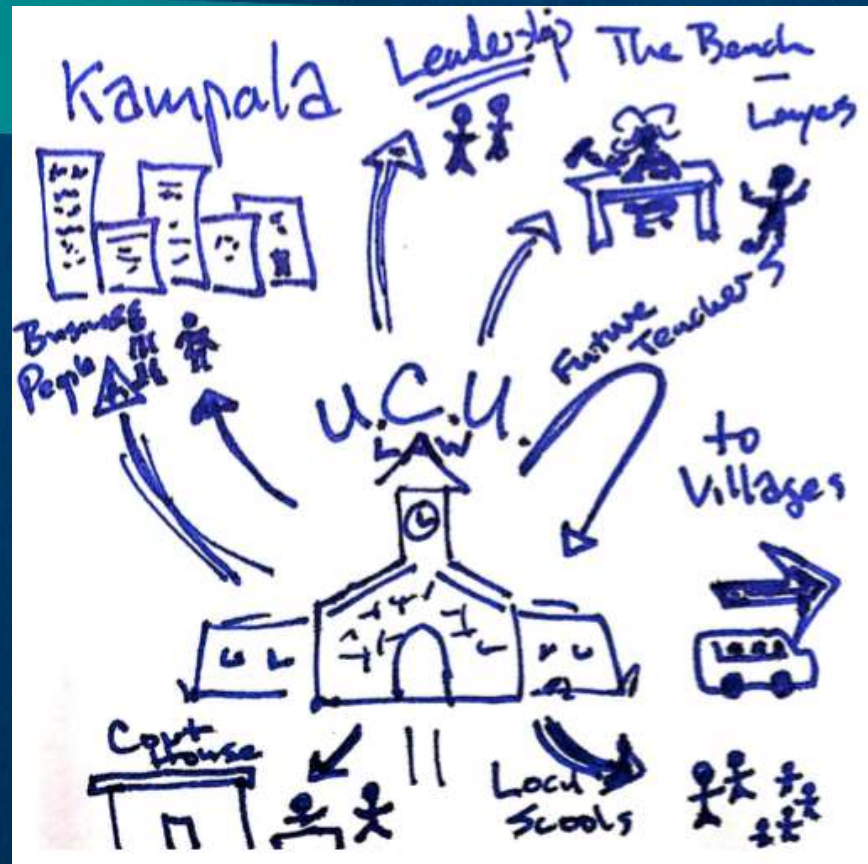
- Reconciliation culture
- Transformative culture
- Matthew 25 culture (Mt 25:31-46)
- Shalom culture (Wolterstorff)



# Justice for the Poor and Marginalized

- Amos
- Isaiah
- Acts 6:1-6

**Law schools in the developing world  
are justice laboratories, justice  
generators and justice nurseries!**



# Justice through service at UCU Law

- Training [justice-river.blogspot.com](http://justice-river.blogspot.com)
- Property dispute mediations (LEMU)
- Victim impact statements (Judiciary)
- School visits
- Will writing (IJM)
- Court house help desk? (Judiciary)



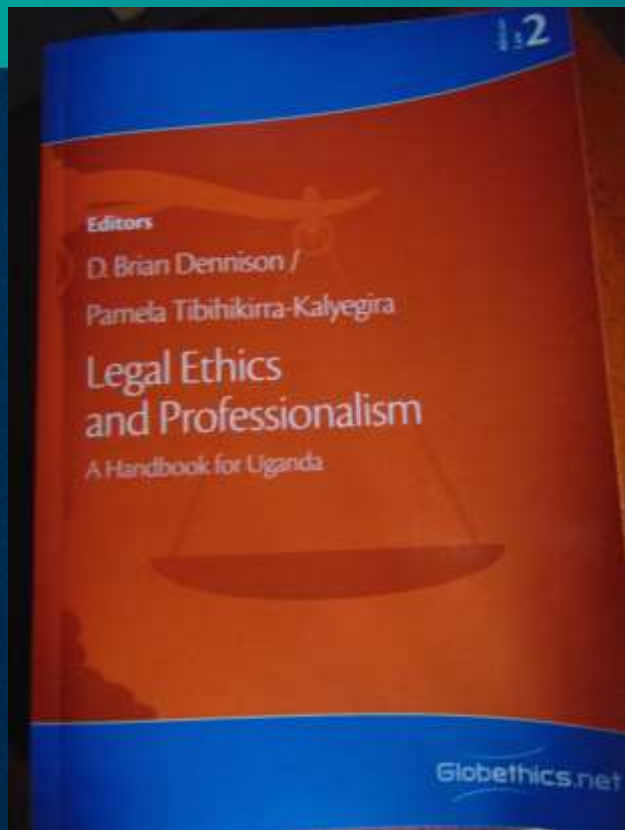






## Christian Consciousness and Tipping Points





## Legal Ethics and Professionalism

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# The Witness of Justice

- The Clapham Sect
- Abolitionists in the US
- The Civil Rights Movement
- Uganda in the 21st Century?

**Let's make Jesus part of the  
story of bringing justice to the  
majority world!**

**Think about the possibilities of  
Christian Universities as vehicles  
for bringing God's Justice to the  
majority world!**

# Christian University Possibilities

- Mass Communications
- Medicine and Nursing
- Child Development
- Business
- Agriculture
- Theology
- and on and on and on . . . . .

**The fields are ripe for Christ-centered  
justice work in the majority world!**



# Justice Fields

- In Higher Education
- In Village Settings
- In Juvenile Justice
- In Research
- Institution Building
- Justice Delivery

# Jim Gash: A Case Study of Christian Justice Impact

- Institutional
- Structural
- Creative
- Relational



# Time for Questions?