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Occasionally, the *Pacific Law Journal* has the opportunity to break from the standard fare of articles and comments to present our readers with the thoughts of outstanding legal minds in a form which does not fit our regular format. The Editors of the *Pacific Law Journal* are pleased to publish in this issue the following address by Professor Murray Schwartz.

This address offers some unique insights on the social forces which affect the dynamics of the legal process. It is often said that we live in a country of laws and not of men, yet the state of the law at any particular time is necessarily a reflection of the state of the society which is governed by that law. It may be argued that one of the functions of the law is to control the course of social change by checking behavior which deviates greatly from the norm. Conversely, as the norm changes, the law must change in relative fashion. This symbiotic relationship is the focus of the reflections by Professor Schwartz.

Agreement or disagreement with the conclusions and perceptions of Professor Schwartz is a matter of individual choice. But the choosing of sides is part of the inseparable relationship between the law and social change. The following address provides a unique combination of telephoto and wide angle lenses through which to view the law and society.

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