

## **Rule of the Road**

“Rule of the Road” is an essay by one of the greatest International essayist A.G. Gardiner who wrote mostly under a pseudonym “Alpha of the Plough”. The essay is preceded by “ All About A Dog” as the two together convey the great message that laws are and should always be constituted for the welfare , wellbeing and convenience of the general public. Laws need to be observed and followed in spirit rather than letter. However, some laws should be and can be winked at when need arises.

Laws are categorized as one’s to be observed and followed at all costs. Rule of the road needs to be and should at all costs be followed strictly to ensure every body’s safety; to avoid chaos and confusion. Breach of this rule is sure to result in loss of life, terrific inconvenience to all and all resulting derailing entire Social fabric. There are other laws like one’s choice of dressing at home, ones hobbies and the like, one can and does enjoy a lot of freedom in this regard.

The essay bears upon its reader that he/she should consider others convenience superior to his/her own. Everybody has right to live according to his/her will and one is free in most of the matters of life but everyone should remember that his/her freedom ends where another person’s freedom starts that is why it is said that “you are free to walk down a street revolving your stick but your freedom ends where another person’s nose begins”. In short it lays base, the fact that there is nothing like “absolute freedom” and that everyone should be contented with curtailment of liberty in order to enjoy a happy, safe, fear free social life which ushers in greater liberty though indirectly.

In Albert Comos words “ you cannot be happy when all around you are sad”, you cannot even smile when you are surrounded by gloomy and sullen faces. Our joys and sorrows are determined not only by our personal conditions but mostly by the content of joy and sorrow experienced by people around us. Thus when people around us are free in their private affairs, we also can have a similar amount of freedom and that is possible only when we follow laws of the society in every walk of life; when we conduct ourselves according to the norms set by our societies.