

## US National Standard in Culture

Jarvis Raymond of New  
York Times on  
Work Ethic



## Mission & Calling

**JARVIS RAYMOND:** In this book, police are severely traumatized by the media and politicians that they are treated with indignity.

In the WTO demonstrations, the police were spat upon and beaten. The mayor and the police department mandated the police to allow them to be beaten and have urine thrown on them day after day while the WTO demonstrations were going on.

This is a striking comment, "*I have never asked that question again*" of what is thinking of police's in such brutal conditions as to why they are police. The psychologist thought, I will never ask again of police who sacrifice their lives in their mission of "getting the bad guy."

**MOTHER MARY:** There is no reasoning that the police psychologist seeks to know. The police are responding to their calling, *what reasoning or justification can there be?*

Source: *Stoning the Keepers of the Gate*, Lawrence Blum, 2002

A number of the officers and deputies whom I interviewed for this book described their feelings about police

work. To them, the job of police officer was a calling, They believed that they were meant to perform police work. It was about mission and not money These men and women sacrificed their own well-being for that of the public, for people they did not even know. Police work was their passion and their life's commitment. These are also the men and women who would react aggressively in the field, and were often criticized for their "dinosaur" attitudes during debates about how police work was performed. Woe be unto society if we permit that feeling of mission to be extinguished in police personnel because they pragmatically defended themselves from the experience of "stoning the keepers at the gate."

I once asked an undercover officer why he did the work he did. He had lost, over time, his previous sense of himself, his wife, and his relationship with his police department. He was upset for a moment and tears came to his eyes. He then asked me to think about someone attempting to murder my son. He asked me if I would want someone to come and save my son, even if it meant risking injury or loss of his or her own life. *I have never asked that question again.*

**JARVIS RAYMOND:** This is vastly different than a person who strives to become bourgeoisie and strive for materialism. He cannot find the expression of a spiritual value, to go beyond the materialistic goals. But to find that one were as to be accomplishing a mission of self-actualization, yes, involving self-sacrifice albeit it is heroic as in this story of the police.

**MOTHER MARY:** Time and time again, you hear that they only desire not to lose their lives, living alive as police. They want this work that is not a reason, but a *raison d'être*. It is their calling.

**MOSES:** Rarely do people see the police in this way. They do not yet understand why it is that these who are of this mission would be so denigrated for their service, so



traumatized for doing what is for the good of society in a mission. It is who they are.

**Sergeant York:**

It is who they are to become.

It is who they are to develop as one who uses his head and hands to bring about the end to the bad guy, as they say.

**JARVIS RAYMOND:** In this example, then, what you are seeing is the Christian work-ethic that you might try to understand that many who sought the materialism, as compared to those with the spiritual goal to develop talent, reach a plateau in life and go through a midlife crisis.

**J Paul Getty:** You can see that without the spiritual mission, the materialistic mission is fraught with uncertainty. It is confusing. It is part of the mind-map that goes literally in small steps and not great strides.

It is difficult to make commitments as here is basically no mission at all. J. Edgar Hoover had this mission of “get the bad guy” and this is necessary to see for police and military. That is the why they see to the protection of life and property. Absent a mission, “just getting by” mentality is *mechanical* police work

**J. Edgar Hoover:** The spiritual mission of “getting the bad guy” however is more. It is not actually looking at the difference cases and scenarios as a [sitting on the couch justice department], it is that you are wending your way through the elements of life to find this justice where you are

looking constantly at what is criminal behavior that is something anathema to the Atom.

**NATHAN the Judge:** It is a type of *cancer-watch* if you will. They are looking for what would break the Atom, if prolonged.

**Nancy of Oregon:** Think for a moment from the time of George Washington the city of New York that was mostly middle class. And in the sixties, when heroin was introduced, quickly there became ghettos where this before had never been.

**J. Edgar Hoover:** The police in a New York City are not able to eradicate this evil without *mission*. If they see what is dangerous to the Atom, they will go *against* the trend of toleration, *against* allowing businessman and *against* the black market to have business irrespective of its consequence, to eradicate this seeming confusing mirage that has suddenly appeared in Harlem that is not something ever seen before.

**MOSES:** The ability to see Absolute Evil as in the breaking up of the Atom in New York City whether it is 9/11 or heroin in Harlem is where there is the dividing line between having this calling of the work-ethic in the United States.

**JESUS CHRIST:** And it is best, not to become enamored by the riches such as you see those who considered they have arrived at life's calling by having money and title.

**MOSES:** Rather, understand that you can make backdirect towards yourself. Where you are not using talent in mission, see how one does waste an entire embodiment.