

That in general justice implicates virtue  
(value a measure of need desire demand;  
the good the mean between two extremities)

just distribution in particular  
the just exchange of goods of equal value  
expressed like justice between equal parties

by an arithmetic mean; exchange of like  
for unlike, justice between unequals,  
by a geometric mean; just exchange

of unlikes among unlikes  
best expressed in pythagorean terms:  
*contrapassus* reciprocity

involving both arithmetic identities  
and geometric inequalities  
in notions of usury and just price

expressed by harmonic means — to each his share  
based on freeborn status said democrats  
on wealth and birth said oligarchs

on excellence noble character  
*arete* maintained aristocrats  
the just lots long since assigned by the fates.



Aristotle based price on need, demand,  
what the market will bear and buyer beware,  
Albertus on need materials and labor.

*Justice is a habit of mind* said Cicero  
*which gives every man his desert*  
*while preserving the common advantage.*

In the *Justinian Code* justice is  
*the constant and perpetual will*  
*attributing to each his rightful due.*

Aiding the needy and submitting to God  
said Augustine. *Rectitude of will*  
*which has been observed for its own sake*

said Anselm. *That through which* said Hugh of St. Victor  
*the community is held together*  
*and which does not deny each his measure.*

That which allots each his due said Bernard of Clairvaux  
and which rewards a righteous will. *The*  
*preserving virtue of human society*

*and the common life* said the *Moralium*  
William of Coches may have written in a step  
toward joining just price to justice as ethical virtue.