

# Truth & the Law

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And the Boxing  
Ring



Jarndyce **versus** Jarndyce

Regina **versus** Phineas Finn

Jess Willard **versus** Jack Dempsey

and

Karl Popper **versus** Ludwig  
Wittgenstein

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(without pokers)

1. Setting up the contest
2. Rules of engagement
3. How to be top

# 1. Setting up the Contest

Law: initial enquiry (crimes);  
judicial enquiry (concerns)

= ?

Philosophical topic survey  
(Aristotle, Stanford  
Encyclopaedia)

Boxing: matches arranged

But Challenge to the Champion  
=?

Philosopher's challenge to  
accepted view

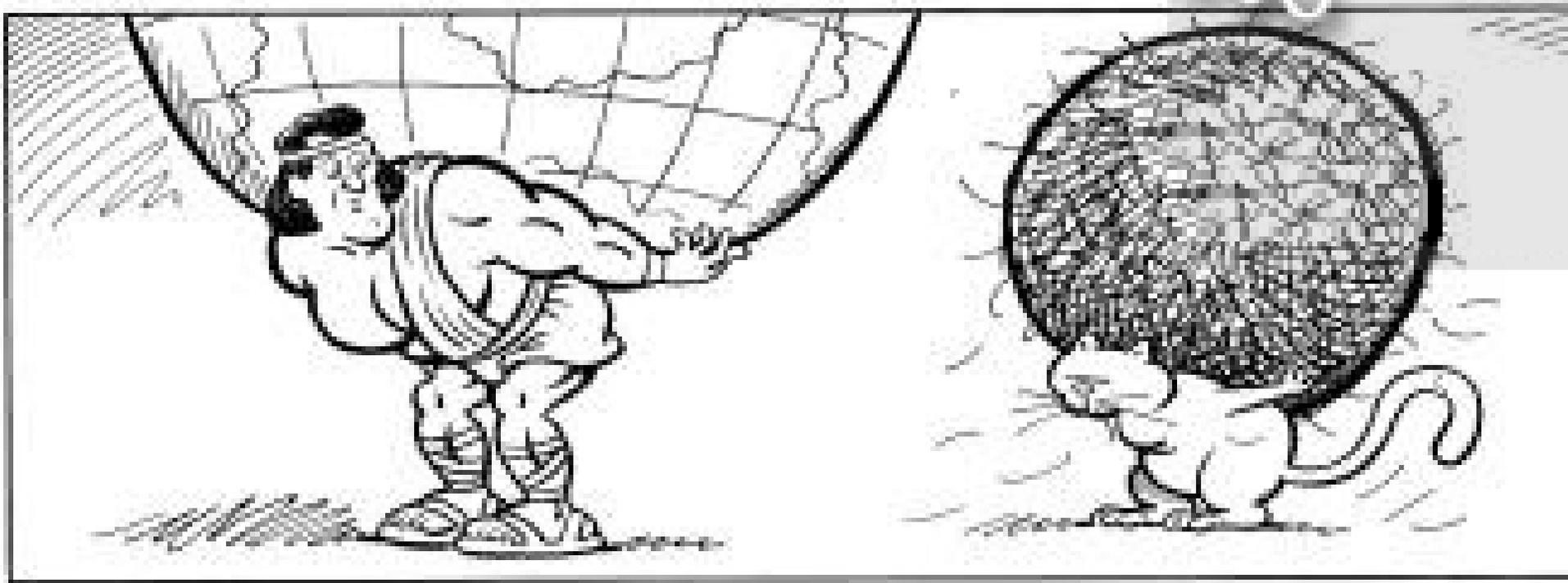
(Ryle *Concept of Mind?*)

# 2 Rules of engagement

Law: judicial enquiry  
open to all

Philosophical topic survey –  
include ordinary views?  
eg Folk Psychology  
(Hume, Reid:  
Common sense v Reason?)

# Burdens of Proof



Law: presumption of Innocence

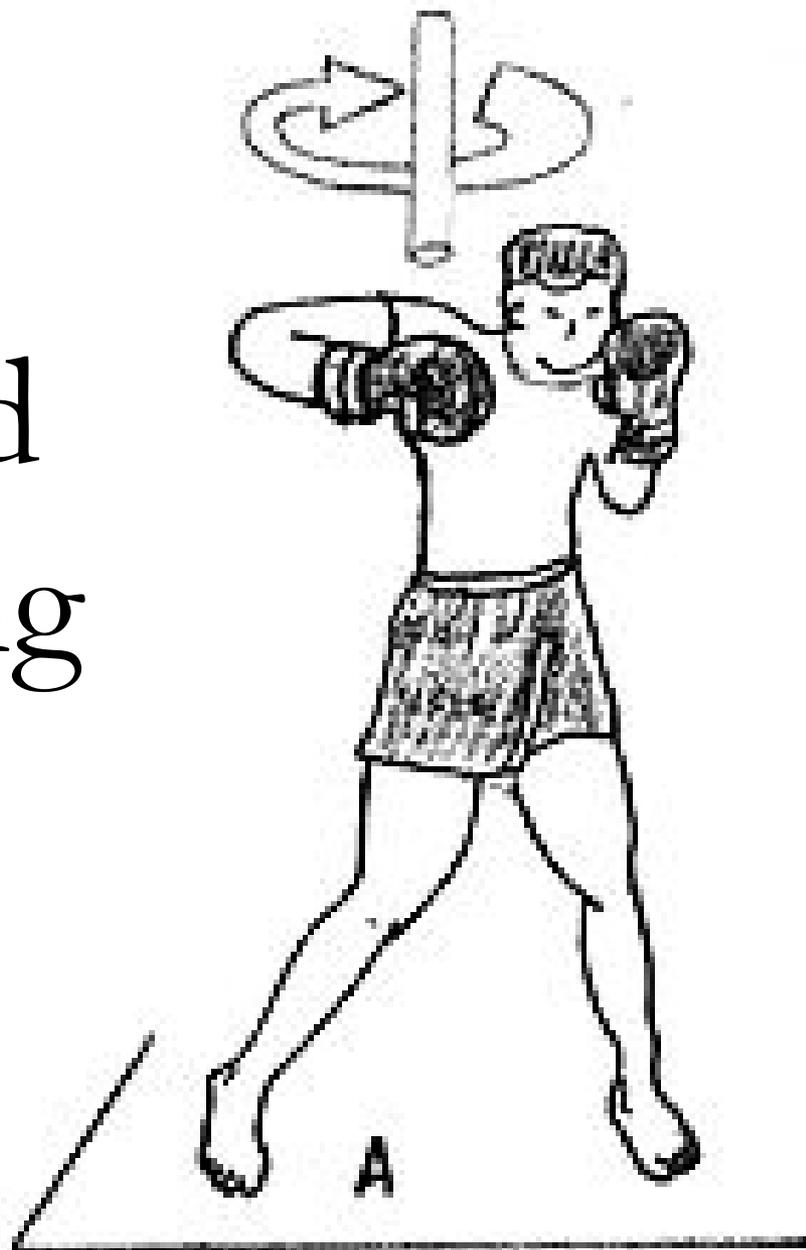
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Principle of Charity

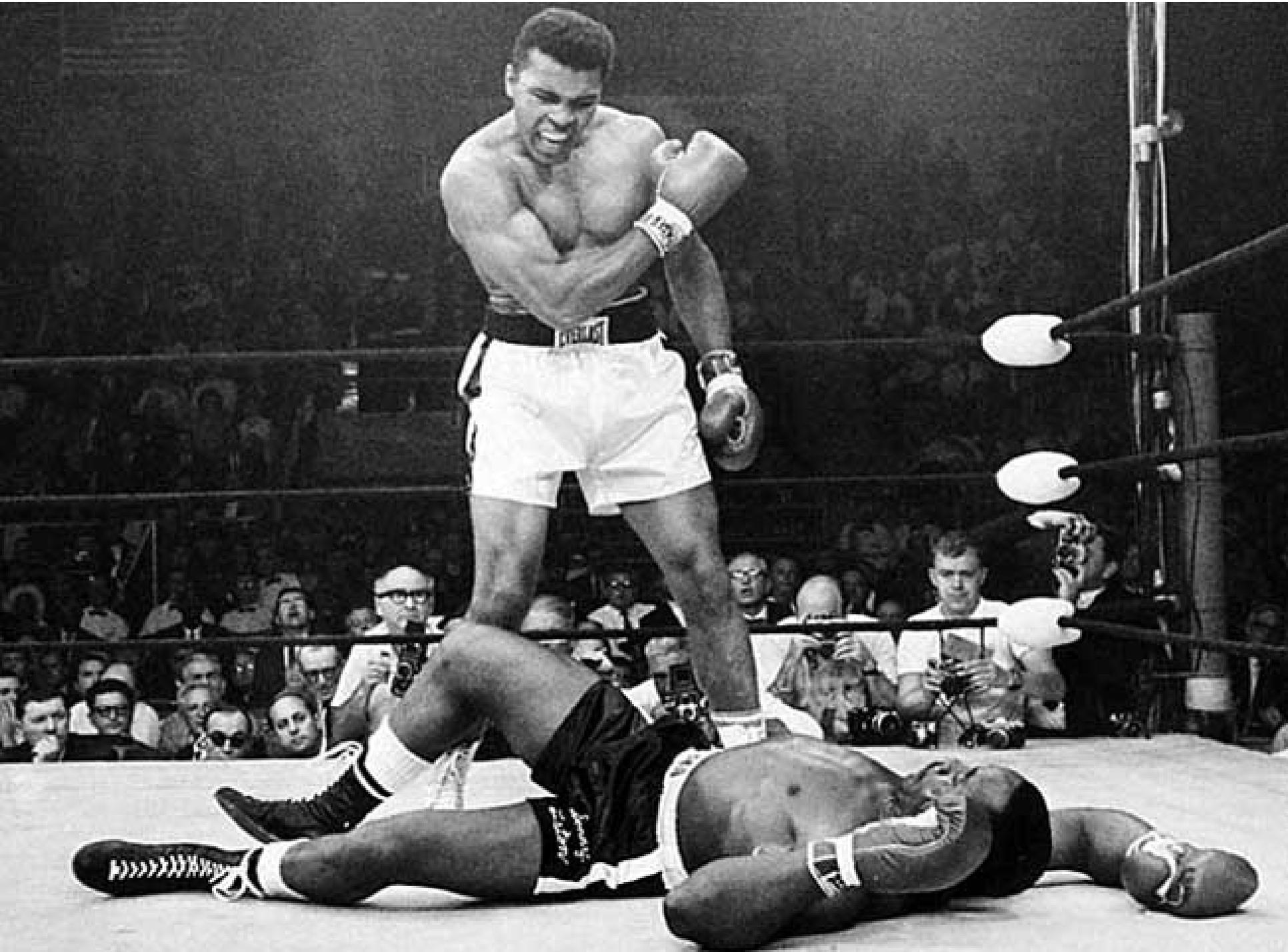


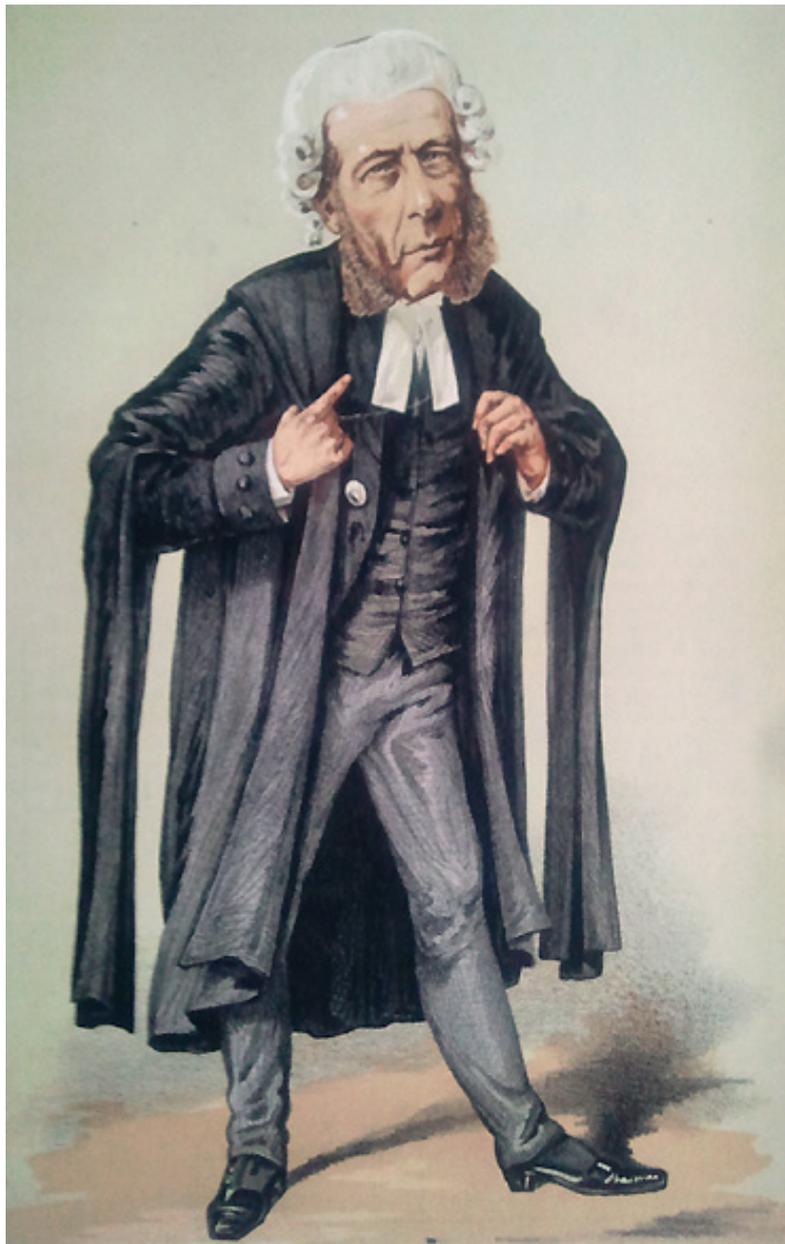
# 3. Winning

Hand  
waving



Nul  
Points!







Conclusion

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**Law wins**  
- on points

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Law wins

But philosophers  
need to win too