

Already for the Greeks, the standard for measuring all specific "laws" (νόμοι) is the "unwritten law" (νόμος ἄγραφος), the "common law" (κοινὸς νόμος), or, as it can also be called—in effect, confusing the distinction between "φύσις" and what exists "φύσει," on the one hand, and "νόμος" and what exists "νόμῳ," on the other—the "law of nature," or the "natural law" (νόμος φύσεως).