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Abstract: In this chapter, the author argues that criminal acts and deviant behaviours are as old as the creation itself. For instance, the disobedience of Adam to God’s instructions right from the time of creation could be seen as gross offence, which was not without its punishment. The fact that deviance is universal and sometimes has positive social functions, according to the functionalist perspective, does not in any way eliminate the need to punish offenders. If societies are to survive and ensure a certain level of peace, harmony and security for all, they must have ways of punishing individuals for the various offences they commit.