

- we lock doors ∴ know nature of people

Life is nasty, brutish and short.

need powerful leader to restrain natural violence of the people

Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)

"father of atheists"

Shakespeare Queen Elizabeth I

30 year war

- born in Malmesbury, England, son of a vicar, educated at Oxford, tutor to Earl of Devonshire, William Cavendish, travelled much, called the father of modern totalitarianism
- lived in very violent times; met Galileo and Descartes; time of witch burnings; Mary Queen of Scots and Charles I executed

- defended dictatorships (strong monarch)

→ instinctively seek own pleasure at expense of others
→ if violate law, pain > pleasure

In the State of Nature...

- humans will always do what is to their advantage, SO, if no restrictions, will murder
- human nature is completely and exclusively egoistic; happiness is measure by our ability to maintain a continuous flow of gratification;
- if someone does something altruistic, it is still self-serving; our only motivation is to seek pleasure and avoid pain

we want pleasure at expense of others

- state of nature in constant state of war for three reasons...
 - competition for property, food and power
 - diffidence for safety and protection
 - glory for reputation

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democracy → divides political power & unleashes natural ferocity of individual

- people cannot judge on their own cases which makes people partial to themselves and friends; we may carry punishment too far due to ill nature and past vengeances; need a government to rule
 BUT - government is made of ill natured people

- within state of nature we have the right to anything we can get our hands on - total liberty
- law of nature - we are forbidden to do that which is destructive of our life or removes means of preservations (total self-preservation; fear of others)
- seek peace if possible, if not then war (may be in best interest to be peaceful)
- sol'n - need to make agreements that restrict others (and therefore ourselves); we must part with freedom to preserve our property and life

Q World's...
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- only way to keep contract is to give one person power of enforcement
- societies last because of the mutual fear people have of each other, NOT due to mutual goodwill they exhibit towards one another.
- we must give up our rights to a sovereign - monarch;
- even though we now have laws, we still lock our doors because we all know the real nature of humanity

BUT - can the leader be trusted????
 sol'n - if monarch is evil, rebel

BUT → takes worst of human as norm
 → deterrence doesn't affect crime rate.

like William Gold

Feudalism