Excerpts from **The Leviathan** by Thomas Hobbes

*"The final cause, end, or design of men (who naturally love liberty, and dominion over others) is the introduction of that restraint upon themselves, in which we see them live in Commonwealths….[for] their own preservation, and of a more contented life thereby; that is to say, of getting themselves out from that miserable condition of war..."*

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*"…And covenants, (promises) without the sword, are but words and of no strength to secure a man at all."*

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*“The only way to build such a common power, as may be able to defend them from the invasion of foreigners, and the injuries of one another, and thereby to secure them in such sort as that by their own industry and by the fruits of the earth they may nourish themselves and live contentedly, is to confer all their power and strength upon one man, or upon one assembly of men, that may reduce all their wills, unto one will…. and their judgments to his judgments."*

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