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Hobbes: The Social Contract

What if there is no God and there are no rules for morality? Should we live morally? Does morality pay for itself? The idea of a Social Contract as proposed by Thomas Hobbes will shed light on this issue.

Journal:

What if you wake up tomorrow and there are no functioning governments or economies, no police or military, no legitimate reason to follow the law, no mass transportation or food production? In short, total anarchy. What would you do?

The Prisoners Dilemma:

1. Scenario: _____

<u>You</u>	<u>Him</u>
____ Years	____ Years
____ Years	____ Years
____ Years	____ Years
____ Years	____ Years

2. What would you do and why?: _____

3. What is the right answer and why it a problem?: _____

4. What must happen so that both parties benefit?: _____

The 4 Conditions of Human Life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

No place for industry, because the fruit thereof is uncertain: and consequently no culture of the earth; no navigation, nor use of the commodities that may be imported by sea; no commodious building; no instruments of moving and removing, such things that require such force; no knowledge of the face of the earth; no account of time; no arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all, continual fear, and danger of violent death; and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short. (Leviathan, 1651)

What is the state of things called? _____

How do we escape this state? _____.

The state exists to _____.

Morality consists in _____.

How does it work?

1. Cooperation
2. Share resources
3. Dividing labor
4. Not harm one another
5. Keep your agreements

The passions that incline men to peace, are the fear of death; desire of such things as are necessary to commodious living; and hope by their industry to obtain them. And reason suggesteth convenient articles of peace, upon which men may be drawn to agreement. These articles, are they which otherwise are called the Laws of Nature.

4 ways to participate: Act Egoistically or Benevolently

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What is morality?

1. Moral Rules are necessary for social living.
 - No Private Rules apply
 - No Mystery to morality

Why follow them? _____.

Is Morality Objective? _____.

What are the benefits of the Social Contract? _____

What are the problems with the Social Contract? _____
