

the minute that you have two men on the island, you immediately have a situation in which the problem of govt. is ~~is~~ bound to become important, and one or both of them are bound to become interested in it.

Once you have two human beings anywhere, the question of govt. is one that has to be answered. If you have two men in a partnership, there is a question of govt. I don't care how fine the men are, I don't care how splendid their attitude is, if they are in a partnership very long, it is necessary that something of govt. enter into the question of their relationship. Now I think that perhaps we can understand this matter of govt. a little better if we divide the subject into three phases. You might say that there are three aspects of govt. And the first and the third are so very different ~~but~~ that in a way it is too bad that the same word is used for them. And yet they do belong together, in a very vital sense.

Now the first of those senses of govt. is govt. is something which protects individuals from the wickedness of other individuals. There have been those who have said that the best govt. is that which governs least. And those who have talked this way have had in mind that most of the purpose of the govt. was to fulfill this first phase. Now this first phase is one which is absolute~~ly~~ essential. If you have the two men on a desert island, you have to have some means of consideration what is going to happen if one of these men decides that he is going to destroy what the other builds up, or what the other does. Or if one of them decides that he is going to take the fruit of the other's labors without paying him anything for it. You are apt to get a situation where you ~~are~~ are on two ends of the island, each watching for the other coming, to jump upon him and kill him. If they are going to be in relation with each other, at all, you have to have some understanding of the basic principles of the moral law, that as to their attitude toward it, or some way of protecting ~~the~~ one of them from the wickedness of the other. To protect people from that which is wrong, which is wicked, which is contrary to God's moral ~~law~~ law as done by other ~~people~~ people. ~~Now~~ If you don't have govt. in this sense, ~~perhaps~~ a group of people just doesn't exist very long. It is