

they can direct us and say, this is what I want you to do, this is ~~what~~ where I want you to go ~~this~~ this is the terrible objective I want you to carry out. But he is saying that in any country which ~~exists~~ continues to exist for any length of time, a large part of the activity of the rulership must be ~~is~~ directed to ~~putting~~ putting down wickedness and keeping individuals from ~~not~~ harming other individuals and that this is an activity which God hath permitted to rulers. And it is the first aspect of govt. and one which is very vital. And for the sake of which govt. is absolutely necessary in this wicked age. Absolutely necessary. It is the first aspect of govt.

(question) Govt., in this aspect would not be necessary if all people were fully sanctified. In this aspect, it is a necessary evil. But in the second aspect it is necessary but not a necessary evil. The second aspect is that of making rules and of enforcing them, whereby individuals can each enjoy their freedom without destroying the freedom ~~of~~ of another. And this is not a matter of people's wickedness, of things which are wrong in themselves, but simply of cooperation and of working together. This, I would say, is not a necessary evil, but a necessary thing. And, of course, it depends on the complexity of a civilization ~~of~~ tion. In a very primitive civilization, comparatively little of this is necessary, but some is even then. In a civilization such as ours, a great deal is necessary, but we feel that if you can keep it down to what is necessary, ~~your~~ your country is better off, than if you let this regulation go on beyond what is necessary. We feel that that which stifles individual initiative and hinders free enterprise, and makes a man have to get 100 different permits ~~before~~ before he can start off on a new venture, instead of ~~only~~ only the few which are necessary, and therefore ~~lead~~ lead many not to undertake it, is injurious to the progress of the nation. And if that is so of a nation, ~~it~~ it is so of every other kind of an organization. Number two is necessary, but it is a necessary good. But it becomes an evil and not necessary when it is carried beyond the point which is desired. ~~And~~

And as for the ~~third~~ third aspect of govt., it is so different from these first two that it really is unfortunate that it should be used, the same word