

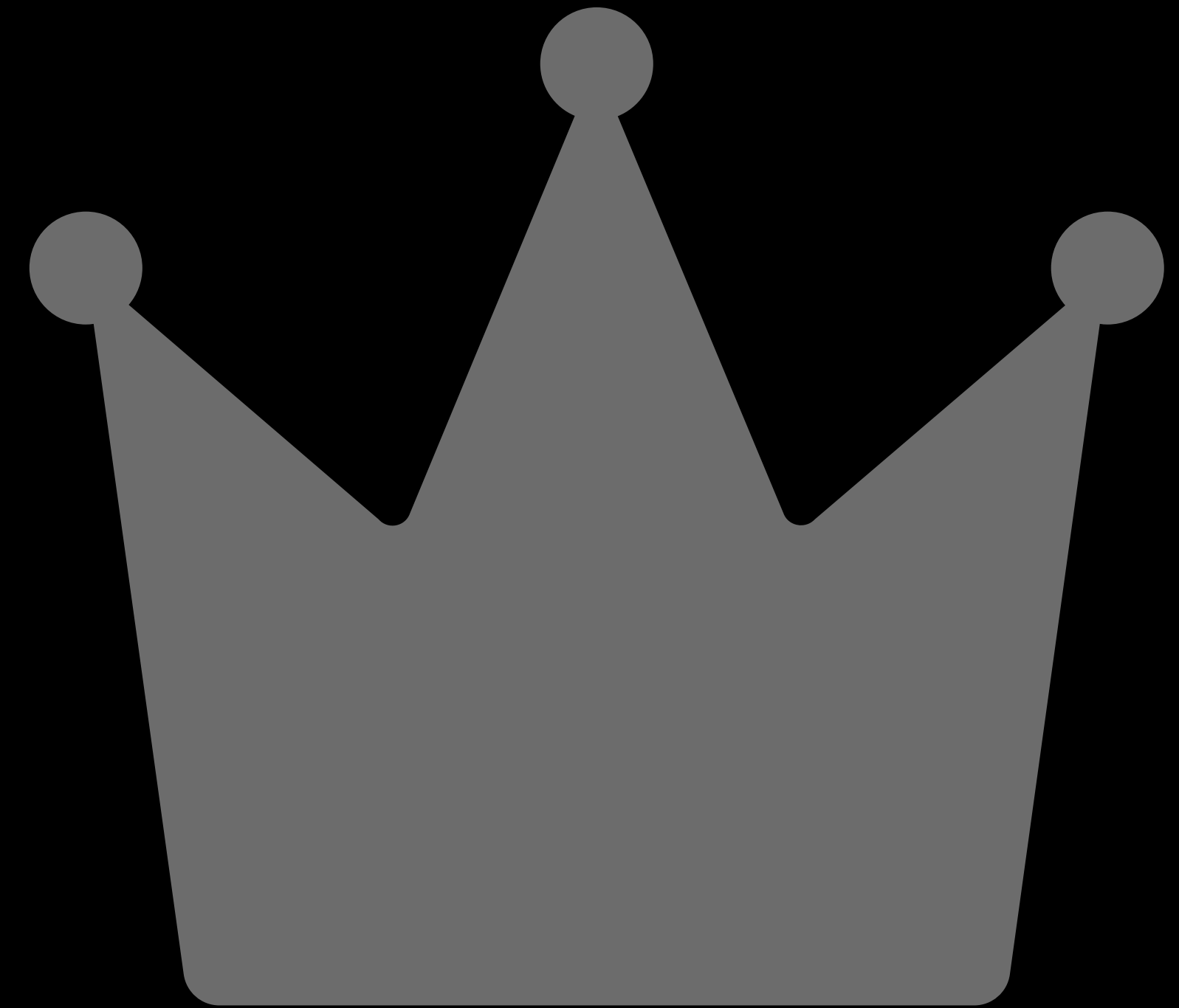


# Government

The Good

The Bad

(And the Ugly)



Government?

**Legalized Force**

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## Romans 13:4

But if you do what is evil, be afraid;

for it does not bear the **sword** for nothing;  
for it is a minister of God, an **avenger** who  
brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

## 1 Peter 2:13-14

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him

to **punish** those who do wrong and to **commend** those who do right.

## 1 Timothy 2:1-2

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—

for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.





## Ecclesiastes 5:8-9

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still.

The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.



## Question 18

**What will be the course of this revolution?**

- (i) Limitation of private property through progressive taxation, heavy inheritance taxes, abolition of inheritance through collateral lines (brothers, nephews, etc.) forced loans, etc.

Draft of a *Communist Confession of Faith*, Frederick Engels

## Question 18

**What will be the course of this revolution?**

(xi) Equal inheritance rights for children born in and out of wedlock.

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(ii) Gradual expropriation of landowners, industrialists, railroad magnates and shipowners, partly through competition by state industry, partly directly through compensation in the form of bonds.

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(iv) Organization of labor or employment of proletarians on publicly owned land, in factories and workshops, with competition among the workers being abolished and with the factory owners, in so far as they still exist, being obliged to pay the same high wages as those paid by the state.

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(v) An equal obligation on all members of society to work until such time as private property has been completely abolished.

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(vi) Centralization of money and credit in the hands of the state through a national bank with state capital, and the suppression of all private banks and bankers.



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(viii) Education of all children, from the moment they can leave their mother's care, in national establishments at national cost.

## Question 21

**What will be the influence of communist society on the family?**

It will transform the relations between the sexes into a purely private matter which concerns only the persons involved and into which society has no occasion to intervene. It can do this since it does away with private property and educates children on a communal basis, and in this way removes the two bases of traditional marriage – the dependence rooted in private property, of the women on the man, and of the children on the parents.

## Question 23

**What will be its attitude to existing religions?**

... communism is the stage of historical development which makes all existing religions superfluous and brings about their disappearance.

