Ethical Egoism



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"During the time that men live without a common power to keep them all in awe, they are in that condition called war and such a war as is every man is against another man, and consequently, nothing can be unjust. The ideas of right and wrong justice and injustice have no place. In such condition, there is no place for industry; because the fruit thereof is uncertain: and consequently no Culture of the earth... no knowledge of the face of the earth; no account of time; no arts; no letters'. And so, as a result, our lives will be solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

(Leviathan, Ch. 14)