

# *The essence of the state is its laws.*

<sup>4</sup> The state is not any kind of “superior being”. Those certainly would be strange superior beings, which throughout world history have committed such an unbelievable amount of idiocy and violation. Those collectives which are legal power factors in a civilized state consist of very imperfect individuals who have limited insight, a conventional conception of right, idiosyncrasies, preconceived opinions, conflicting interests; in whom the will to unity is but faintly developed. Ignorance of life does not become knowledge by being multiplied by however great a number, or by being given titles or decorations. The state is a very imperfect institution. The essence of the state is its (page 10) laws. No state reaches higher than its laws. As yet, no state has lived up to the name of cultural state. Until this will be the case, all attempts at constructing an ideal society must fail. Every such attempt only results in unnecessary suffering for a considerable portion of the members of the state. Change is not the same as development. The will to unity is destroyed through abuse of power.

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