

Y2 Lesson 20

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p339: Jean-Jacques Rousseau – Social Contract

All page numbers below are from History of Philosophy unless otherwise indicated.

His explanation of social authority fanned the flames of the French Revolution. He believed that 'man was born free, but he is everywhere in chains.' Listed for his viewpoint on natural rights to life, liberty, and property.

Place:

p59:

Date:

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Robespierre

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The new religion of the Supreme Being

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Wisdom was triumphant

I think this is talking about the FR, which HOP does not cover.

Less than 2 months later Robespierre would be executed

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The festival

Not in HOP.

Rousseau

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Questions to consider:

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This story is in three parts:

- Early life of Rousseau
- Works that made him famous
- **The Social Contract**

p340: Early Life of Rousseau

Birth of Rousseau

<i>His Mother</i>	<i>His Father</i>
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Lived with a pastor when his father deserted him

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Rousseau runs away ... wanders ...

Nature:

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Freedom:

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Emotion:

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Romanticism: Not in HOP

In Confessions. Politics and economics

Not in HOP.

Personal experience

Not in HOP

Kant says...

Not in HOP.

1731 – Rousseau goes to Paris

p59: HOP says he was in Chambery at this time, which is far from Paris

The enlightenment

Voltaire: p59,60:

Montaigne (NOT Montesquieu!): p59:

"The Scientific approach" to

1 – p77:

2 – Not in HOP

3 – Not in HOP

4 – Not in HOP

1743 – Back in Paris

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Common Law wife: Not in HOP.

Five children – he abandons them...

Not in HOP.

Rousseau's belief regarding personal misery

<i>Not the result of...</i>	<i>But the result of...</i>
Add your own comment.	p68:

p341: The Works of Rousseau

Sidebar:

- *How would the ideas of Rousseau produce a problem in France?* p95-6:

An experience that would change Rousseau's life

Not in HOP.

The first discourse – [What is his view of man] Rousseau challenges the current philosophy "Moral goodness is infinitely more important..."

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The second discourse. Napoleon and Burke both believed that the second discourse was the cause of the French Revolution.

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Man and the State of Nature

- *Hobbes:*
- *Locke:*
- *Rousseau*
 - *The true beginning of man...*
 - p67:
 - p88:
 - *'Total freedom':*
 - p91:
 - *'Man lived as the beast'*
 - *Pity:* p67:
 - *Development:* Not in HOP
 - *True happiness:*
 - p73:
 - *Self-love:*
 - p75:

- p76:
 - *The effect (NOT affect!) of agriculture...: p68:*
 - *Private property leads to...: p68:*

This discourse is a condemnation...

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Voltaire's viewpoint on this book

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Rousseau about religion

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The final break

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p342: The Social Contract – Principles of...

Sidebar:

- *A person's view of man affects his whole thought system. Contrast Rousseau's view of man with that given in the Bible. Add your own comment.*

Born a citizen of a free state

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"Man was born free and he is everywhere in chains..."

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BTW, above quote is bad. Should be: "Man is born free; and everywhere he is in chains."

Human beings and the State of Nature

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Alternative views

1 – Not in HOP.

2 – Not in HOP.

3 – Not in HOP.

4 – Not in HOP.

The solution – the most controversial passage of social contract

"The total alienation..."

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From: <http://www.philosophyetc.net/2004/03/rousseau-and-general-will.html>

Contrast the thoughts of Rousseau with those of John Locke...

Add your own comment.

The father of totalitarianism

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Rousseau explains another safeguard in his social pact...

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p343: The General Will

Sidebar:

- *To what or to whom do Christians attribute 'infallibility and all powerful'? How is this different than Rousseau? Add your own comment.*
- *How do we discover the General Will? Add your own comment.*
- *What do Christians turn to in order to find Truth or God's will? Add your own comment.*

- *To find the basic answers to life the people of the Enlightenment turn to... Add your own comment.*
- *The people of the Reformation turn to... Add your own comment.*

What is the General Will?

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Problem: How does the individual not be terrorized by the whole?

Add your own comment.

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Does this sound like living based on absolutes or relativism?

Add your own comment.

Rousseau's social theory focuses upon the whole society collectively to the expense of the individual. How did America work though this problem?

Add your own comment.

The General will

Is it possible that the General Will can be found by an elite group of people? What about the French Revolution?

Add your own comment.

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"Political Economy" A Theory of the state and the protection of the individual

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Over 10 years after writing the Social Contract Rousseau write "Self Justification"...

I think "Self Justification" is not the right name; it should be "Confessions".

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Defenders of Rousseau explain...

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Totalitarian perspectives

1 – Not in HOP

2 – Not in HOP

3 – Not in HOP

Add your own comment.

p344: The Formation of the State

Sidebar:

Is Rousseau advocating Christianity? Add your own comment.

- *Are the ideas of Rousseau consistent with the Bible? If not, how do they differ? Add your own comment.*
- *The state cannot tolerate what kind of religion? Add your own comment.*
- *Why is that a problem? Add your own comment.*

A serious gap

Not in HOP.

Given...

Not in HOP.

How do the members...

Not in HOP.

Rousseau attempts to solve the dilemma – 'The Law Giver'

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In Sparta – Not in HOP except to say he idealized it (p64).

(Does this sound somewhat like America today?)

HOP did not give us enough to answer.

What did Rousseau like about Sparta?

Not in HOP.

How will a newly formed people have...

<i>Wisdom?</i>	<i>Direction?</i>
Not in HOP	Not in HOP

"The people will be taught what they are to believe or want"

Scary. But not in HOP.

What about this statement? Is this freedom or manipulation?

Add your own comment..

Two proposals that tend toward totalitarian thinking:

1 – Censors...

- *The Tribunal decides...:* Not in HOP.
- *The enforcement was through...:* Not in HOP

2 – Religion...

Separation of state and religion. Does this sound like Hobbes? A division of commitment between state and Christ. What is Rousseau's view of Christianity?

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What does Rousseau want to establish? What dangers do you see in this viewpoint?

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p345: Public Authorities Respond

1762 Rousseau seeks refuge

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1766 – David Hume

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Rousseau's last years

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Rousseau's last book

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Communion with nature: Not in HOP.

Self-pity – Bitterness: Not in HOP.

"Happiness is a...": Warm sock in the drawer. Of course, this is not in HOP, either.

May 30, 1778: Voltaire dies.

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July 2, 1778: Rousseau dies.

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During the French Revolution the writings of Rousseau flourished

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Edmund Burke's thoughts

Not in HOP

Robespierre believed...

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Nothing was to take precedent over the General Will of the people!

Scary.

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Various views

1 – Not in HOP

2 – Not in HOP

3 – Not in HOP

p348: Writing Assignment

See info on this page.

What did Edmund Burke predict would result from the French Revolution?

Add your own comment.

What did Thomas Paine predict would result from the French Revolution?

Add your own comment.

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<i>God</i>	Add your own comment.	Add your own comment.
<i>Man</i>	Add your own comment.	Add your own comment.
<i>Government</i>	Add your own comment.	Add your own comment.