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The State as a Moral Person and the Role of a Lawyer in a Corrupt State

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When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, dictates that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to assent to other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them by compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise, the State in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that purpose



Fifty-Six Signers to the Declaration – 45% Lawyers:

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Hooper, William

Huntington, Samuel

Lynch Jr., Thomas

McKean, Thomas

Penn, John

Read, George

Ross, George

Sherman, Roger

Smith, James

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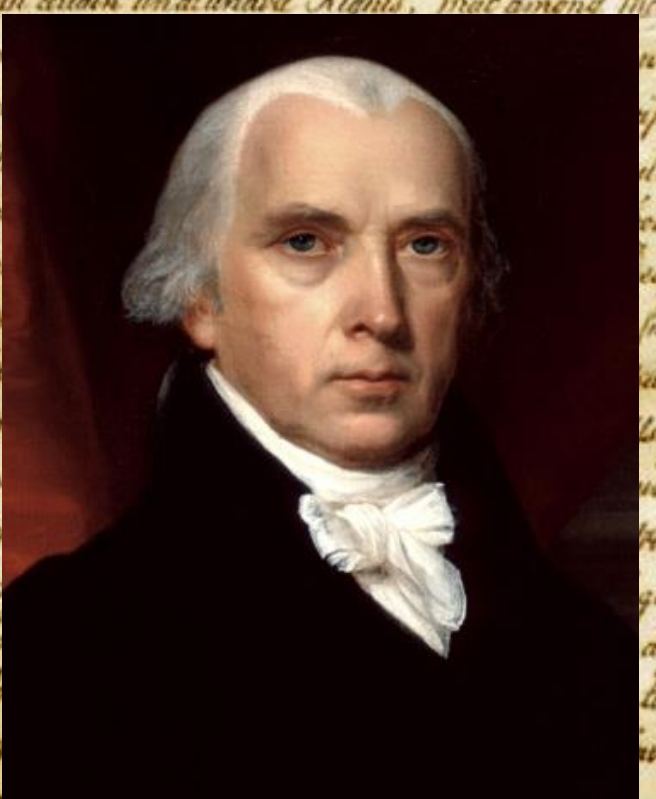
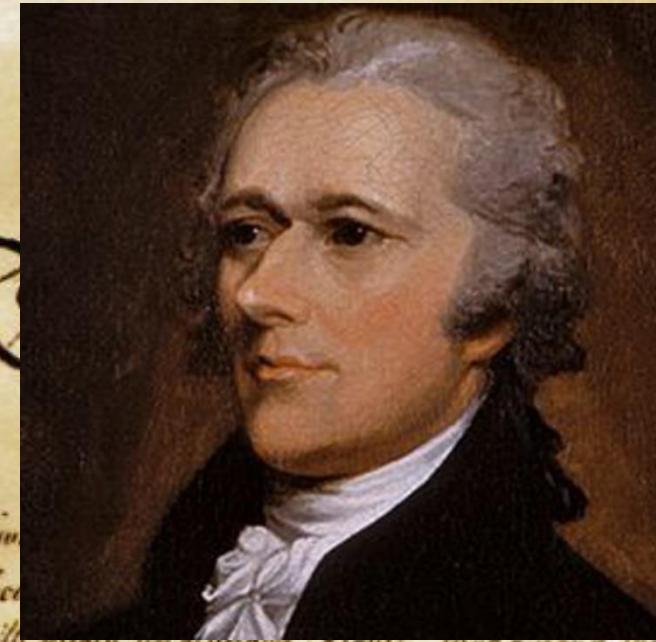
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• While it is a lawyer's duty, when necessary, to challenge the rectitude of official action, it is also a lawyer's duty to uphold legal process.

• Preamble – Model Rules of Professional Conduct

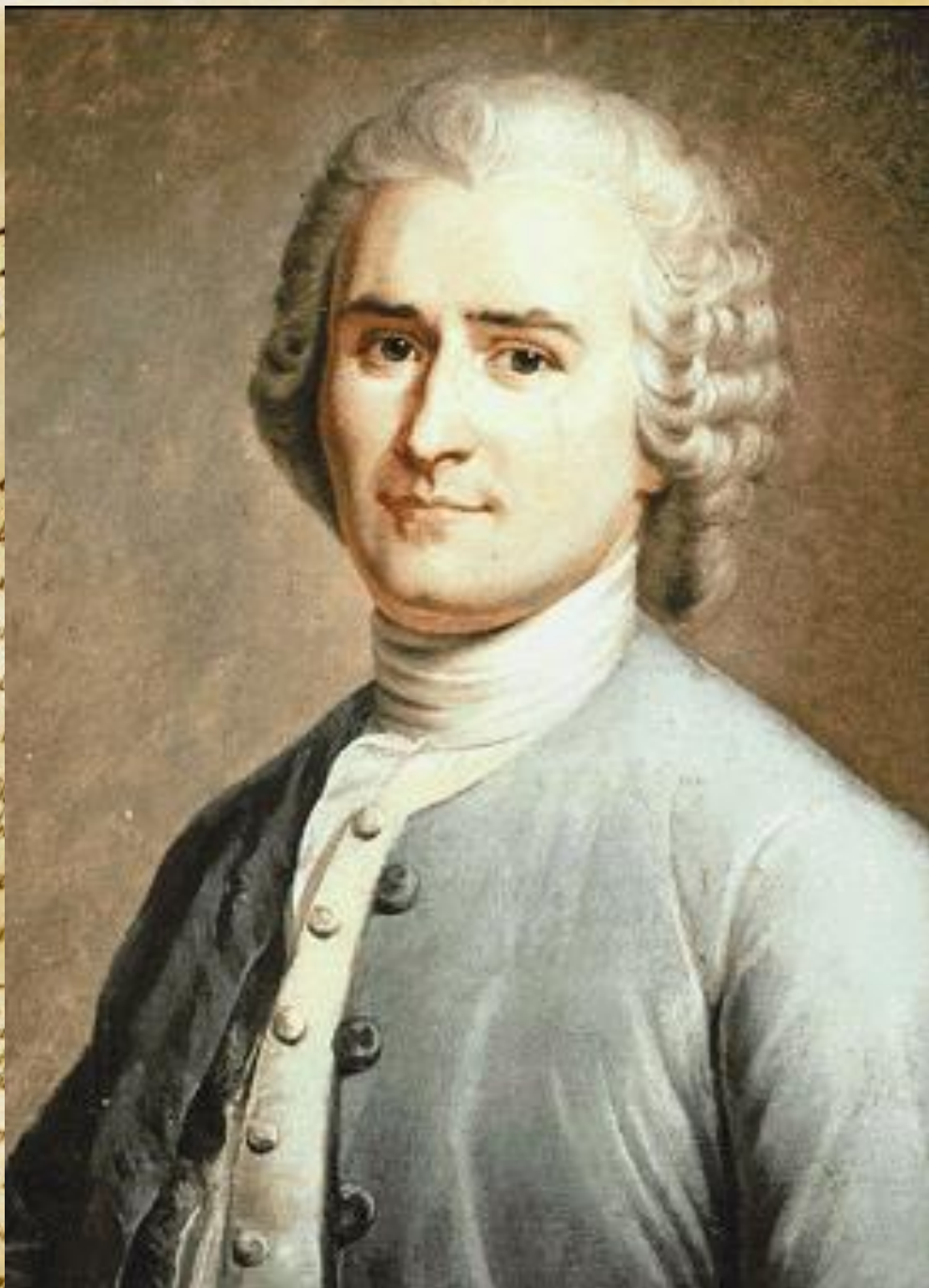


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- Preamble to the Model Rules





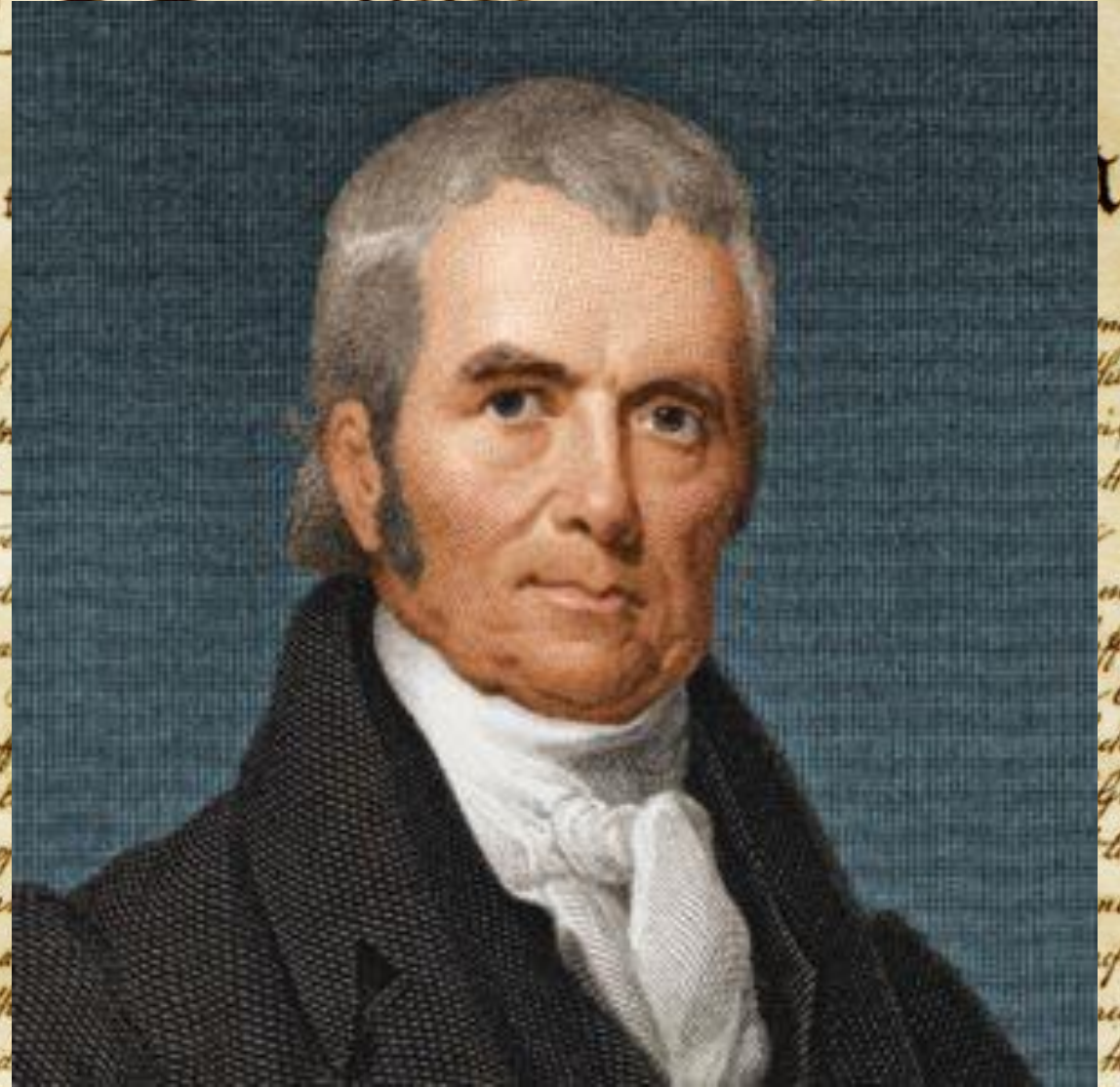
- **“IF the State is a moral person whose life is in the union of its members, and if the most important of its cares is the care for its own preservation, it must have a universal and compelling force, in order to move and dispose each part as may be most advantageous to the whole.”**
- **Rousseau**



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• “The people made the Constitution, and the people can unmake it. It is the creature of their will, and lives only by their will.”

• — John Marshall

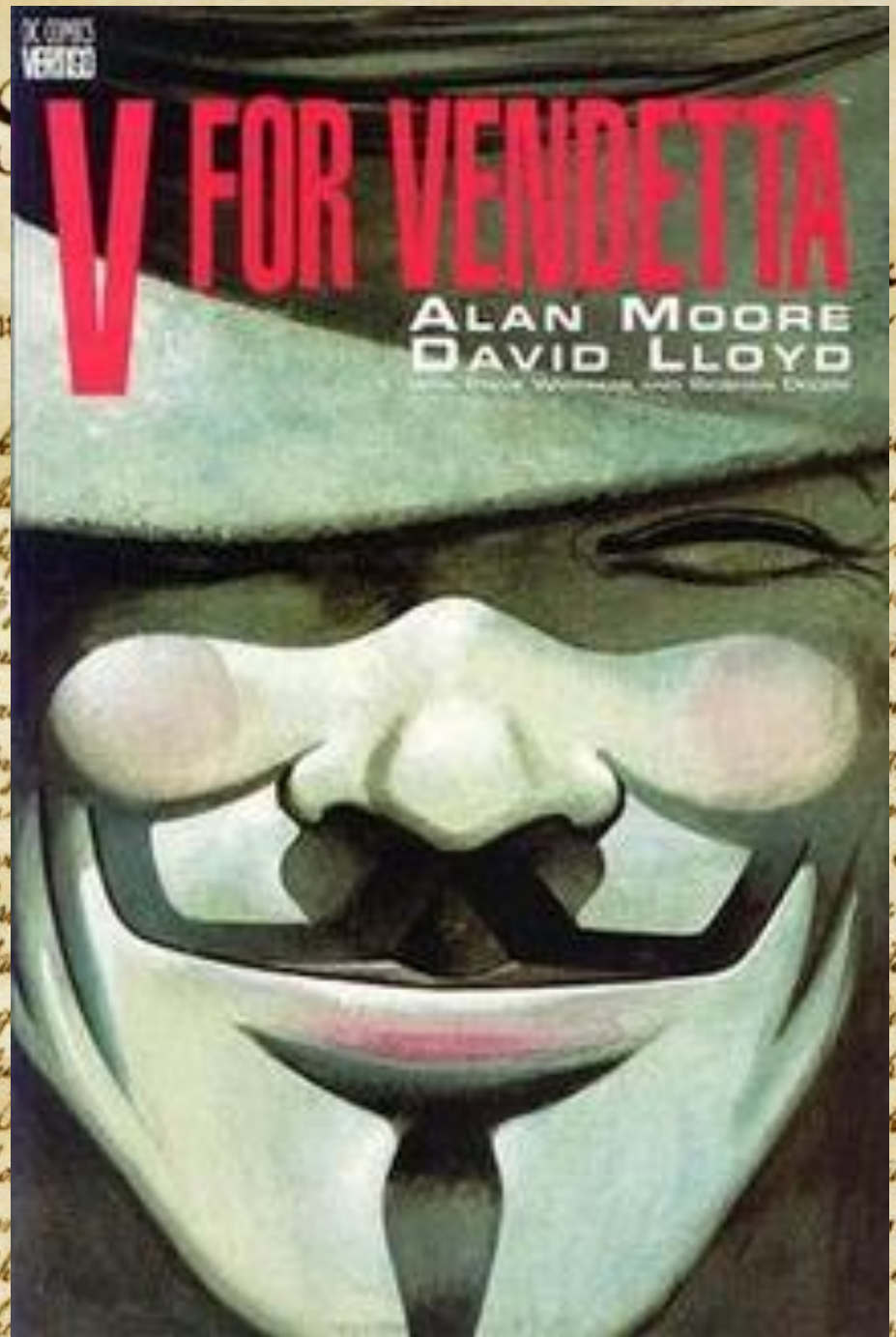


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The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen

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• — Alan Moore, V for Vendetta





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• Declaration of Independence





WAR IS
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SLAVERY
AND IGNORANCE IS
STRENGTH

- “The choice for mankind lies between freedom and happiness and for the great bulk of mankind, happiness is better.”
 - – George Orwell, 1984
- “You were already in a prison. You've been in a prison all your life. Happiness is a prison, Evey. Happiness is the most insidious prison of all.”
 - – Alan Moore, V for Vendetta
- “Oh, most unhappy man,' he cried, 'try to be happy! You have red hair like your sister.’”
 - My red hair, like red flames, shall burn up the world,' said Gregory.”
 - – G.K. Chesterton, The Man Who Was Thursday: A Nightmare



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- “- What do you expect? Think we were sent into the world to have a soft time and what is it? Float on flowery beds of ease? Think Man was just made to be happy?
- - Well, we know not just in the Bible alone, but it stands to reason a man who doesn't buckle down and do his duty, even if it does bore him sometimes, is nothing but a... well, he's simply a weakling. . . . If a man is bored by his wife, do you seriously mean he has a right to chuck her and take a sneak, or even kill himself?
- - Good Lord, I don't know what 'rights' a man has! . . . But I do know that about ten times as many people find their lives dull, and unnecessarily dull, as ever admit it; and I do believe that if we busted out and admitted it sometimes, instead of being nice and patient and loyal for sixty years, and then nice and patient and dead for the rest of eternity, why, maybe, possibly, we might make life more fun.”
- — Sinclair Lewis, *Babbitt*



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- “Until they became conscious they will never rebel, and until after they have rebelled they cannot become conscious.”
 - – George Orwell, 1984
- “Being in a minority, even in a minority of one, did not make you mad. There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad.”
 - – George Orwell, 1984



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“Remember, remember the Fifth of November, The Gunpowder Treason and Plot, I know of no reason why the gunpowder treason should ever be forgot.

Guy Fawkes, Guy Fawkes, t’was his intent to blow up the King and Parli’ment. Three-score barrels of powder below to prove old England’s overthrow; by God’s providence he was catch’d with a dark lantern and burning match. Holloa boys, holloa boys, let the bells ring. Holloa boys, holloa boys, God save the King!”

— Alan Moore, V for Vendetta



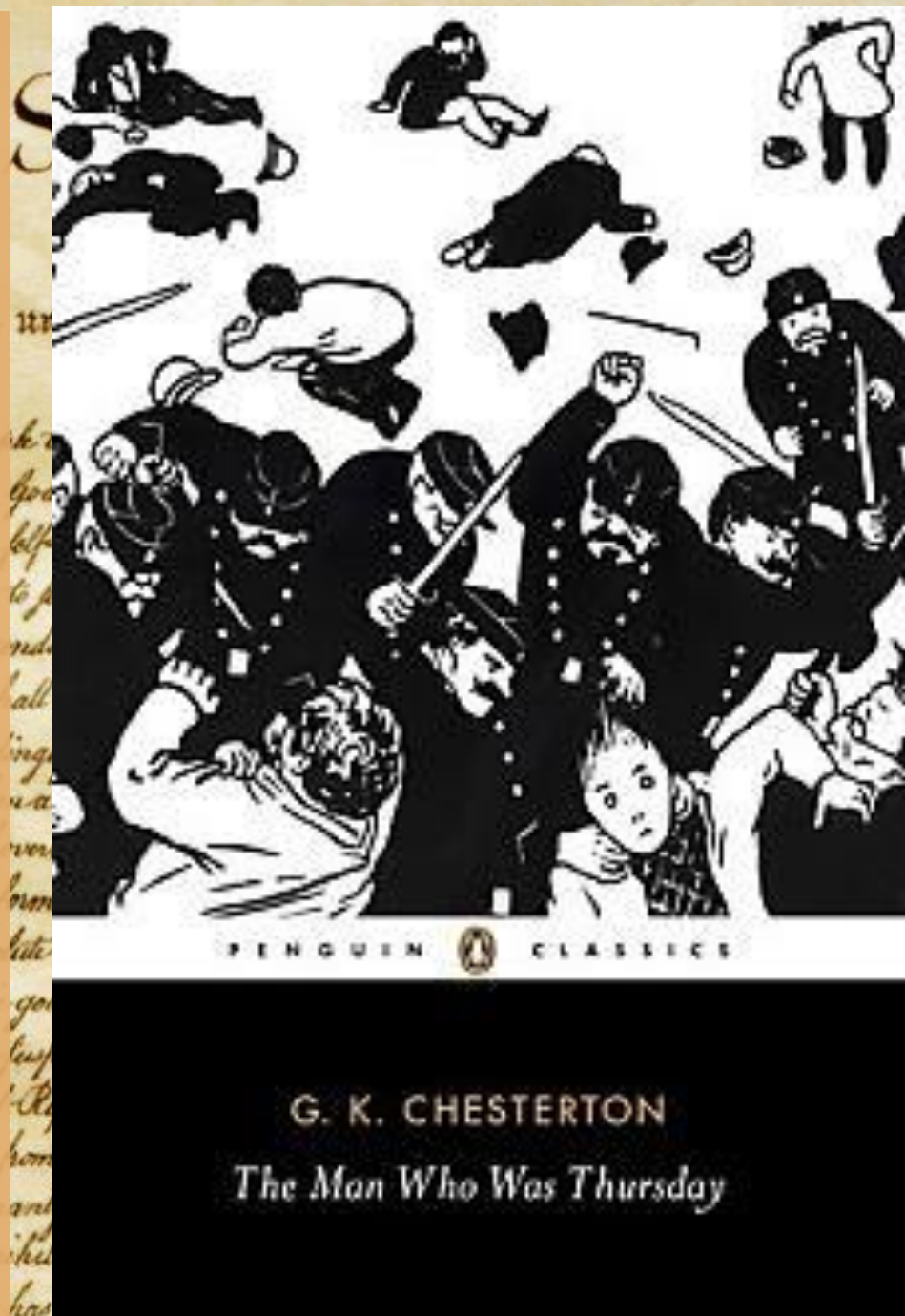


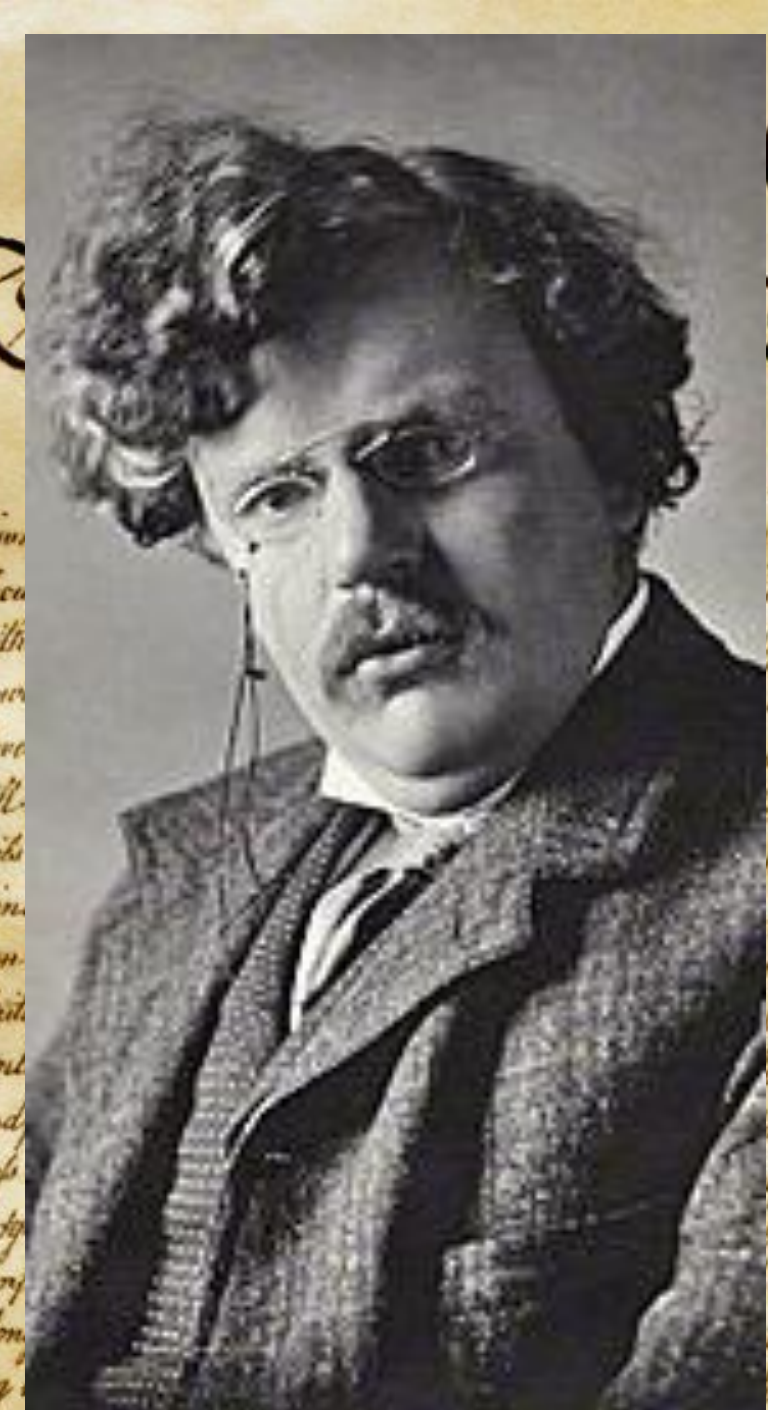


- The Gunpowder Plot was hatched by **disillusioned Catholics**, upset with the new King James who had pledged, but failed, to ease restrictions and punishments for practicing **Catholics**. After assassinating the King by blowing up Parliament during its opening session, the conspirators planned to kidnap the child Princess Elizabeth and install her on the throne as a **Catholic Queen**.



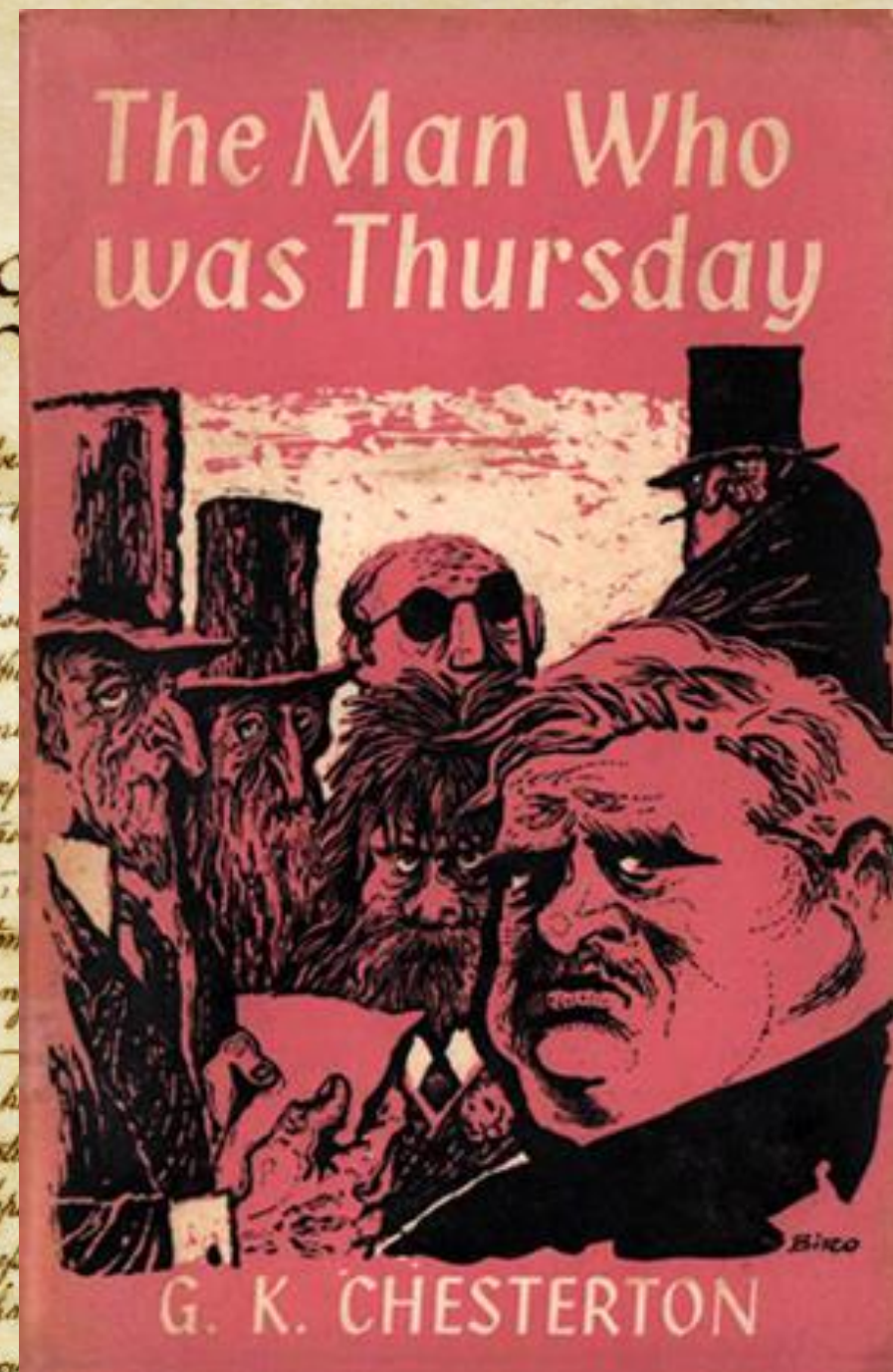
- “Anarchy wears two faces, both creator and destroyer. Thus destroyers topple empires; make a canvas of clean rubble where creators then can build another world. Rubble, once achieved, makes further ruins' means irrelevant.
- Away with our explosives, then!
- Away with our destroyers! They have no place within our better world.
- But let us raise a toast to all our bombers, all our bastards, most unlovely and most unforgivable.
- Let's drink their health... then meet with them no more.”
- — Alan Moore, V for Vendetta





- “Naturally, therefore, these people talk about 'a happy time coming'; 'the paradise of the future'; 'mankind freed from the bondage of vice and the bondage of virtue', and so on. And so also the men of the inner circle speak — the sacred priesthood. They also speak to applauding crowds of the happiness of the future, and of mankind freed at last. But in their mouths” — and the policeman lowered his voice — “in their mouths these happy phrases have a horrible meaning. They are under no illusions; they are too intellectual to think that man upon this earth can ever be quite free of original sin and the struggle. And they mean death. When they say that mankind shall be free at last, they mean that mankind shall commit suicide. When they talk of a paradise without right or wrong, they mean the grave. They have but two objects, to destroy first humanity and then themselves. That is why they throw bombs instead of firing pistols. The innocent rank and file are disappointed because the bomb has not killed the king; but the high-priesthood are happy because it has killed somebody.”
- — G.K. Chesterton, *The Man Who Was Thursday: A Nightmare*

- "You!" [Gregory] cried. "You never hated because you never lived. I know what you are all of you, from first to last—you are the people in power! . . . You are the Law, and you have never been broken. But is there a free soul alive that does not long to break you, only because you have never been broken? . . . Oh, I could forgive you everything . . . if I could feel for once that you had suffered for one hour a real agony such as I—"
- "Why does each thing on the earth war against each other thing? . . . For the same reason that I had to be alone in the dreadful Council of the Days. So that each thing that obeys law may have the glory and isolation of the anarchist. . . . So that the real lie of Satan may be flung back in the face of this blasphemer, so that by tears and torture we may earn the right to say to this man, 'You lie!' No agonies can be too great to buy the right to say to this accuser, 'We also have suffered.'"
- He had turned his eyes so as to see suddenly the great face of Sunday, which wore a strange smile. "Have you," [Sunday] cried in a dreadful voice, "have you ever suffered?" As he gazed, the great face grew to an awful size, . . . he seemed to hear a distant voice saying, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?"





• 'What disguise will hide me from the world? What can I find more respectable than bishops and majors?' He looked at me with his large but indecipherable face. 'You want a safe disguise, do you? You want a dress which will guarantee you harmless; a dress in which no one would ever look for a bomb?' I nodded. He suddenly lifted his lion's voice. 'Why, then, dress up as an anarchist, you fool!' he roared so that the room shook. 'Nobody will ever expect you to do anything dangerous then.' And he turned his broad back on me without another word. I took his advice, and have never regretted it. I preached blood and murder to those women day and night, and—by God!—they would let me wheel their perambulators."

• — G.K. Chesterton, *The Man Who Was Thursday: A Nightmare*



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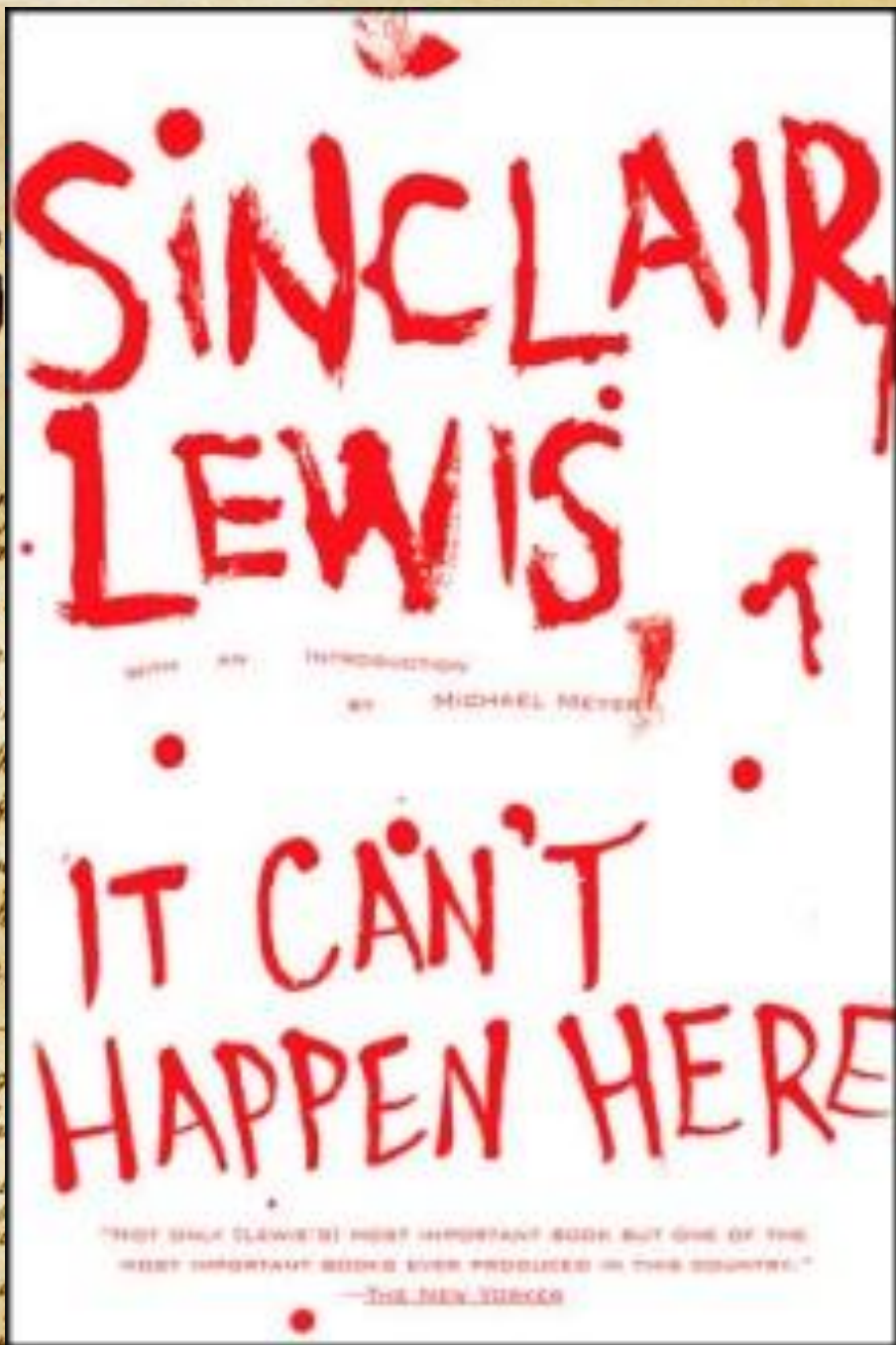


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• “More and more, as I think about history,” he pondered, “I am convinced that everything that is worth while in the world has been accomplished by the free, inquiring, critical spirit, and that the preservation of this spirit is more important than any social system whatsoever. But the men of ritual and the men of barbarism are capable of shutting up the men of science and of silencing them forever.”

• — Sinclair Lewis, *It Can't Happen Here*

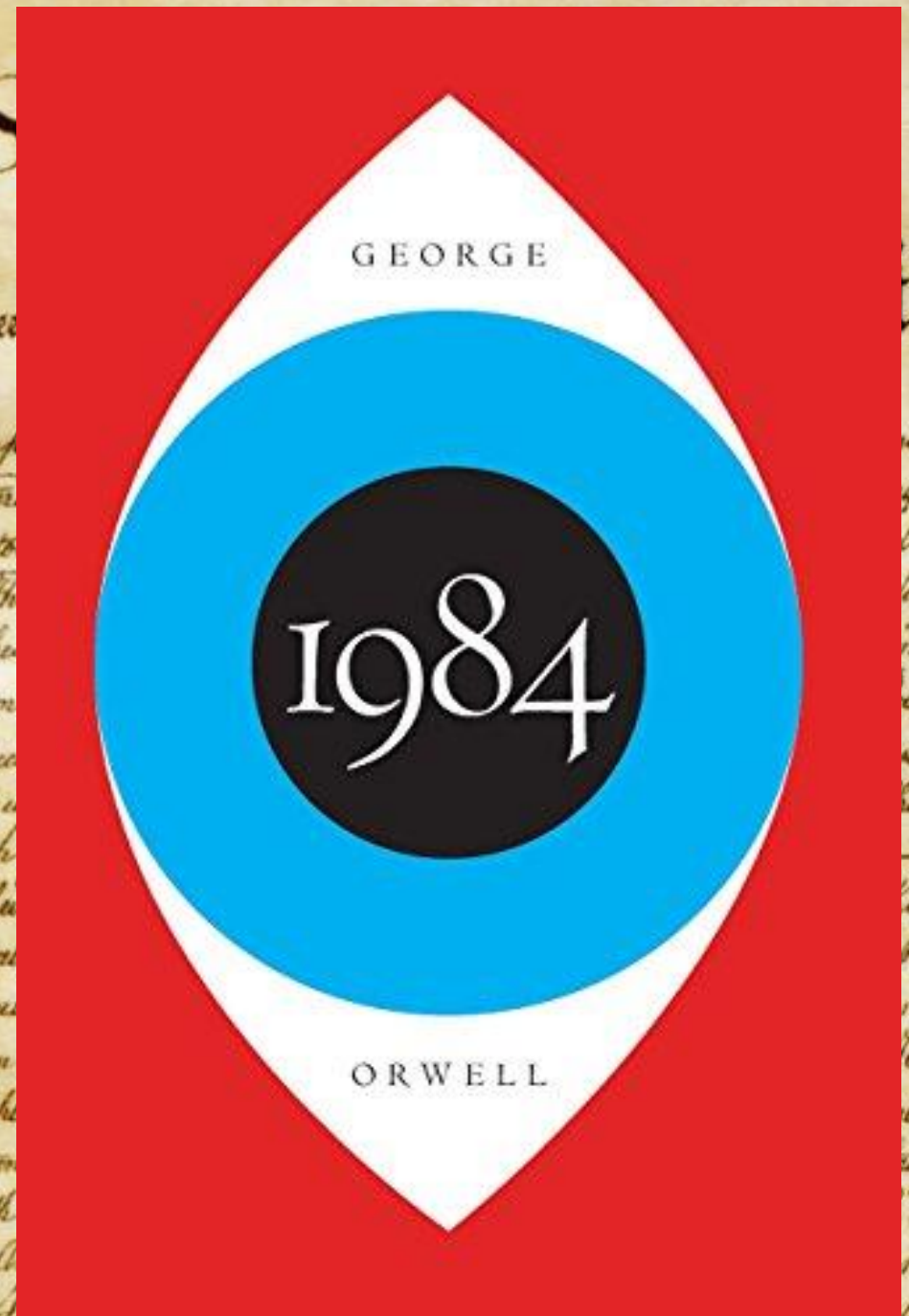


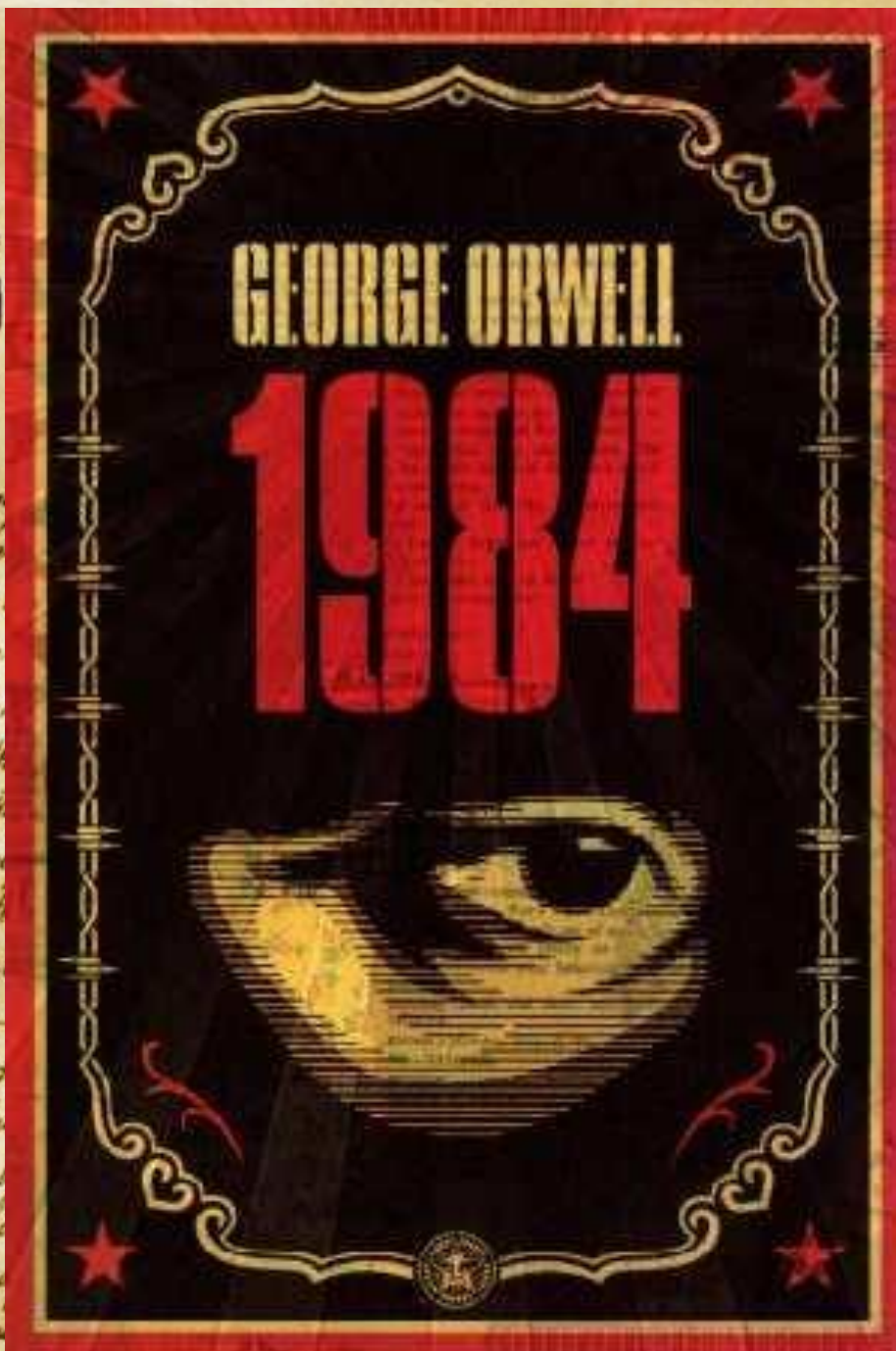


- “Why are you so afraid of the word ‘Fascism,’ Doremus? Just a word—just a word! And might not be so bad, with all the lazy bums we got panhandling relief nowadays, and living on my income tax and yours—not so worse to have a real Strong Man, like Hitler or Mussolini—like Napoleon or Bismarck in the good old days—and have ‘em really run the country and make it efficient and prosperous again. ‘Nother words, have a doctor who won’t take any back-chat, but really boss the patient and make him get well whether he likes it or not!”
- — Sinclair Lewis, *It Can't Happen Here*



- “Power is in tearing human minds to pieces and putting them together again in new shapes of your own choosing.”
 - – George Orwell, 1984
- “The tyranny of this dictatorship isn’t primarily the fault of Big Business, nor of the demagogues who do their dirty work. It’s the fault of Doremus Jessup! Of all the conscientious, respectable, lazy-minded Doremus Jessups, who have let the demagogues wriggle in, without fierce enough protest.”
 - – [Sinclair Lewis, *It Can't Happen Here*](#)





- “Authority, when first detecting chaos at its heels, will entertain the vilest schemes to save its orderly facade.”
 - — Alan Moore, V for Vendetta
- “Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them.”
 - — George Orwell, 1984

- “Behind this mask there is more than just flesh. Beneath this mask there is an idea... and ideas are bulletproof.”
 - — Alan Moore, V for Vendetta
- “I enjoy talking to you. Your mind appeals to me. It resembles my own mind except that you happen to be insane.”
 - — George Orwell, 1984
- “Why, America’s the only free nation on earth. Besides! Country’s too big for a revolution. No, no! Couldn’t happen here!”
 - — Sinclair Lewis, It Can't Happen Here
- “You don't reason with intellectuals. You shoot them.”
 - — Napoléon Bonaparte, Napoleon's Memoirs



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"[Akunin] is the Russian Ian Fleming." —Ruth Rendell

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• “Shall I tell you the secret of the whole world? It is that we have only known the back of the world. We see everything from behind, and it looks brutal. That is not a tree, but the back of a tree. That is not a cloud, but the back of a cloud. Cannot you see that everything is stooping and hiding a face? If we could only get round in front--”

• — G.K. Chesterton, *The Man Who Was Thursday*