

Hobbes Outline

- 1) What is political theory? It is an attempt to understand and solve problems of group life and organization.
- 2) To understand Hobbes we need to keep in mind a couple of things.
 - a) Hobbes' historical context.
 - 1) 30 Years of War.
 - 2) Capitalism – Rising Middle Class
 - b) The Middle Ages and the Thomistic view of law and the state.
- 4) You see in Hobbes a 20th century conception of man and society.
- 5) Where does the state get its right to tell me what to do?
- 6) Aquinas: The purpose of the state is to help us reach our God given ends.
 - a) Natural Law
 - b) Reason
 - c) Teleology
 - d) Organic view of the state
- 7) Hobbes Political Science
 - a) Human Nature
 - b) Good and Evil
 - c) State of Nature
 - d) Laws of Nature
 - e) Contract and Civil Society
 - f) Moran and Political Obligation to Obey the Law

Be careful out there!