**A CRITICAL EVALUTION OF SOCIO-POLITICAL CONTRAC IN THOMAS HOBBES’ POLITICAL THEORY**

The picture of mankind in the natural state as was painted by Hobbes is a pathetic one that needed urgent panacea. In such a condition, there is no place for industry; because the fruit thereof was uncertain and consequently no culture of the earth no navigation, no use of the commodities that may be imported by sea; no commodious building; no instruments of moving and removing such things that require much force; no knowledge of the face of the

earth; no account of time, no arts, no letters; no society; and the worst of all is continual fear, and danger of violent death; and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short. Hobbes answered to this urgent call toward eradication of the pathetic condition of mankind through the institution of the sovereign and the commonwealth.

In this work, I will explore on how Hobbes was influenced by the Copernican revolution and the scientific discoveries of his time, especially geometry. Thus, sort the different views of political philosophers before Hobbes.

I will also assess the natural condition in which man was in the pre-commonwealth period. In this natural condition man was without any sovereign. The only sovereign was the natural reason, which urged man to seek peace. Man exercised his right freely without any restraint except the war of all against all. Hence, human nature is the basis for politico-social contract. The appetite in man was among the things that made man to seek for peace, speech which is a property of man was what helped him in establishing the commonwealth, for in communication man conveys his ideas to his fellow men. The established commonwealth enables justice to thrive as the law punishes any offender. The law gets it power through the institution of the sovereign as he is the promulgator.

Finally, I will look into its usefulness in our contemporary political life, having in mind that Hobbes gave the social aspect of man a unique outlook. He argued that coming together of men to live as a commonwealth was based on the covenant made by men in order to be out of the natural condition of war. Reason as an essential part of man was what made man to start considering how to be out of the condition of war in the natural state of man.

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