DISCOURSE ON THE ORIGIN OF INEQUALITY

BY JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

This book is divided into 2 sections.

The first section concentrates on the nature of human beings.

It delves deeply into the psychology of the human mind

and tries to explain why we do the things we do.

But it was the second part of the book that I was interested in.

This is where Rousseau attempts to explain the deep divide between the wealthy & powerful vs. the rest of us,

who are forced to submit to them.

One of his most ingenious insights was to attribute this inequality to the invention of “private property.”

I agree with him.

So-called “private property” should belong to the people (government) - not to individuals.

Whether humanity will ever get there depends on whether or not we are able to overthrow the Oligarchs who have enslaved humanity for 10,000 years in every nation on Earth.

Scientists have set the Doomsday Clock at less than 2 minutes to midnight. I think they are being overly optimistic. Our only hope, to avoid extinction, is to find a way to defeat the Oligarchs.

At the time of this writing (2023), the outlook for that is ...

 extremely unlikely

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