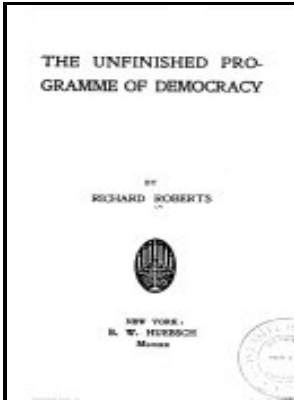


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If I want it curved, I use an arc; if straight, a line. Industrial unionism is a product of America, and from America it has to some extent spread to Great Britain. As was natural, the leading Anarchists took no part in the canonization of his memory; nevertheless it proceeded, with the most amazing extravagances.

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Anarchism, as its derivation indicates, is the theory which is opposed to every kind of forcible government.

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For example, Spinoza was very nearly murdered by the mob because he was suspected of undue friendliness to France at a time when Holland was at war with that country. The Geneva group of the Alliance, however, was admitted later, in July, 1869.

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The great majority of men and women, in ordinary times, pass through life without ever contemplating or criticising, as a whole, either their own conditions or those of the world at large. The view of the Guild Socialists is that State Socialism takes account of men only as consumers, while Syndicalism takes account of them only as producers.

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The more unfortunate sections of the population have been ignorant, apathetic from excess of toil and weariness, timorous through the imminent danger of immediate punishment by the holders of power, and morally unreliable owing to the loss of self-respect resulting from their degradation.

Bakunin entered the school of artillery in Petersburg at the age of fifteen, and at the age of eighteen was sent as an ensign to a regiment stationed in the Government of Minsk. Law, morality, religion, are to him so many bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush just as many bourgeois interests.

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This experience has led them to abandon altogether the belief in the divine right of majorities. Majority rule, as it exists in large States, is subject to the fatal defect that, in a very great number of questions, only a fraction of the nation have any direct interest or knowledge, yet the others have an equal voice in their settlement. The two movements therefore owe each other ongoing mutual aid.

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Although, for the most part, they have more belief than their neighbors in human nature's inherent capacity for a good life, they are so conscious of the cruelty and oppression resulting from existing institutions that they make a wholly misleading impression of cynicism. The objection which some feel to Socialism and Anarchism alike on this ground cannot be upheld in view of the possible productivity of labor. A letter of his, written at this time, shows that he entertained already that bitter hatred for which afterward he had so much reason.

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