

# Leviathan Illustrated Premium Edition by Thomas Hobbes: A Literary Masterpiece

## An to Leviathan

Leviathan, a seminal work by English philosopher Thomas Hobbes, is a foundational text in political theory. First published in 1651, Leviathan explores the nature of human society and the origins of legitimate political authority.



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Hobbes' central thesis is that human beings, in their natural state, are inherently selfish and violent. Without a strong and centralized government to impose order, society would descend into a chaotic "war of all against all."

## The Social Contract and the Commonwealth

To escape this state of chaos, Hobbes argues that individuals must enter into a social contract. By surrendering their natural rights to a sovereign

power, people create a commonwealth, or state, that protects their lives and liberties.

The sovereign power, according to Hobbes, should be absolute and indivisible. This is necessary to maintain order and prevent factions from undermining the state's authority.

### **The Leviathan Metaphor**

The title of Hobbes' work, *Leviathan*, is a reference to a biblical sea monster that represents the sovereign power of the state. In the book's frontispiece, Leviathan is depicted as a giant, deformed man, whose body is made up of the bodies of his subjects.

This powerful image symbolizes Hobbes' view of the state as an artificial, but necessary, creation that wields enormous power over its citizens.

### **The Illustrated Premium Edition**

This Illustrated Premium Edition of *Leviathan* brings Hobbes' complex ideas to life through a series of stunning illustrations that enhance the reader's understanding of the text.

The illustrations, created by contemporary artists, provide visual representations of key concepts such as the state of nature, the social contract, and the Leviathan itself. They complement Hobbes' written arguments, making them more accessible and engaging.

### **A Must-Have for Scholars and Students**

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