WHAT IS PROPERTY?

Ce texte, publié en 1840, rendit célèbre Pierre-Joseph Proudhon grâce à une impérissable formule : « La propriété, c'est le vol. » Pour Proudhon, le capitalisme est l'apothéose d'une extorsion invisible.Le rassemblement productif des travailleurs dégage une force collective supérieure à la somme des forces de ces travailleurs pris isolément. Or la propriété privée des moyens de production autorise le capitaliste à rémunérer le travailleur sur la seule base...



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But what is there in man older and deeper than the religious sentiment? There is man himself; that is, volition and conscience, free-will and law, eternally antagonistic. Man is at war with himself: why? Man, say the theologians, transgressed in the beginning; our race is guilty of an ancient offence. For this transgression humanity has...

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Reader's Opinions

Not a book I'd recommend as an introduction to anarchism or something like that but still a fascinating and fiery text. Most notable on the "very bad" side is that women are referred to approximately twice, where they're called as different to men as men are to goats and it's said they should probably be "excluded...