

into a common personality called the State. The "Law of Solidarity," on the contrary, expounds the thesis that "society is just a collection of solidarities woven together." "Collective right has its lawfulness in individual rights," which are never wiped out. At all times, man's responsibilities must be extended and deepened.

Allowed to function as a free man in a free society, man will achieve the utmost good and find happiness on earth. "If every one would look after his own affairs, God would look after everybody's. . . . The solution of the social problem is in liberty."

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Bastiat sleeps. France—and the rest of the world—is still plunged in chaos and misery, and, characteristically, seeks refuge in more control. Forgotten is Bastiat, and forgotten is his celebrated question:

"So many things have we attempted! How is it that liberty, the easiest of all, has never been given a trial?"