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*"I live for those who love me,  
and the good that I can do."*

*—Bradford*



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# I

## GOVERNMENT

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### Ten Fundamental Propositions

**I** VENTURE to present ten propositions:

1. The social ideal towards which the world is moving requires that human institutions shall approximate towards the divine measure of rewards and this can only be realized when each individual is able to draw from society a reward proportionate to his contribution to society.

2. The form of government which gives the best assurance of attaining this ideal is the form in which the people rule—a government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed,—the form described by Lincoln as “A government of the people, by the people and for the people.” This being the people’s government, it is their duty to live for it in time of peace, and die for it, if necessary, in time of war.

3. The chief duty of governments, in so far as they are coercive, is to restrain those who would interfere with the inalienable rights of the individual, among which are the right to life, the right to liberty, the right to the pursuit of happiness, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one’s conscience.

4. In so far as governments are co-operative, they approach perfection in proportion as they adjust with justice the joint burdens which it is necessary to impose and distribute with equity the incidental benefits which