# Love, Liberty, and the State

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Love takes many forms—in personal relations, in work and other creative endeavors, in charity toward the needy, in spiritual commitments that give deeper meaning to life amid its inevitable challenges and losses. Love gives us a reason to continue despite discouragements and difficulties, to keep trying to make still another comeback after we have been crushed in body or spirit…

It is no wonder that the state's essential nature entails its thwarting of love and liberty—nay, even worse—its breeding and fostering of their exact opposites.
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