

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR CC.111

Week V LOCKE

Do you agree that there can be “no greater mischief” to the members of a political society than to “propagate wrong notions concerning government”?

What, according to Locke, are the proper standards for judging the adequacy of a political argument?

What is political power according to Locke? How does it differ from other forms of power?

What is the relationship between the state of nature and the state of war for Locke? How does his account differ from that of Hobbes’s?

What, according to Locke, does man owe to God? What are the sources of his obligation?

How does the invention of money facilitate commercial society?

How does political or civil society differ from the other forms of society Locke adduces?

Why is absolute monarchy “inconsistent with civil society”? How might Hobbes respond to this contention?

What induces men to form political society? And what role does consent play in the process?

What, according to Locke, are the proper ends of political society?

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