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Hobbes - Characteristics of Sovereign

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According to Hobbes the person to whom rights were surrendered was the sovereign: Leviathan before whom all were to bow. He was the preserver of peace, hope for prosperity, development and security. By this authority given to him by every particular man in the Commonwealth, he has the use of, so much power and strength conferred on him, that by error thereof, he is enabled to form wills of them all, to peace at home and mutual aid against their enemies abroad. And in him consists the essence of Commonwealth and he shall think expedient for the peace and common defence. The Sovereign of Hobbes has the following characteristics:

- (1) Above Laws
- (2) Custodian of Rights
- (3) Beyond Constitutional checks
- (4) Sole interpreter of law
- (5) Beyond breach of Trust
- (6) Symbol of National Unity
- (7) Fidal authority of Contracts
- (8) Sovereignty
- (9) Ultimate authority
- (10) Absolute Dictator