

ME

I know a more important word than 'we'. It is the most essential word, the difference between life and death, between freedom and slavery. That word is 'I'.

The reason it is so vital can be seen through three simple statements.

- 1) My life is mine, and mine to live. It is the only life I have.**
- 2) No one else can live my life, nor dictate how I may live mine.**
- 3) I may live my life in any way I see fit, provided I do not infringe upon the right of anyone else to their own life.**

Your life is your own, and no one else's. This is not a boon granted by law; it is instead a natural, observable fact that is merely recognized and defended by law.

To overuse the word 'we' is to strike at that which I hold most dear: my life, and my inalienable right to live my life as I see fit. Make no mistake; I would fight tooth and nail against the prison that is 'we'.

Anything else is slavery.

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