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# Lecture-15



## Evolutionary Theory

- The historical evolutionary theory holds the view that the state has originated through a gradual evolutionary process. State is neither the handiwork of God, nor the result of a superior physical force, nor the creation of a resolution or contract, nor the mere expansion of family.
- It treats the state as a product of historical development like any other human institution. The key factors which played a part in the evolution of the state are natural social instinct, kinship and family, religion, force, economic needs and activities and politica...
- We can identify the following stages through which the state has evolved over the years.
- Tribal state: the Oriental Empire- Roaming tribes generally settled down in regions where nature was bountiful and responsive to the needs of man. These states were essentially power and property states, built on wealth and military force. Each tried to expand and dominate others. Wars and instability was the order of the day.
- The City state-the next stage in evolution of state took place with the birth of city states in Ancient Greece around 1000BC. When Greeks settled in Europe they got organised in local communities.
- The Roman Empire- by the close of the first century B.C., the Greek system of government came to be replaced by the World Roman Empire and the entire western world got united under a single political regime (Empire).
- Feudal state- upon the disintegration of Roman Empire, its territories fell into the hands of powerful nobles- big land owners. Land tenure came to be accepted as the basis of man's status in the society.
- The Church vs. the state- by the time Roman Empire got disintegrated, the church had got itself established as a potent authority. When the Empire fell to pieces, it was in a position to step into its place and to give Europe peace and order. The church even asserted its supremacy over the temporal kings. This led to the emergence of conflict between the church and the king.
- Renaissance and Reformation- Renaissance was the period in Europe between the 14th and 16th century. Renaissance implied the revival of the classical learning and involved the transitional movement in Europe which changed the medieval outlook into a modern one.
- The coming of reformation, which can be described as an indirect result of renaissance further gave strength to the spirit and forces of nationalism.
- Birth of the Nation-State- politically the modern age dawned with the emergence of Absolute Monarch in various states of Europe which now came to be nation-states and which had over thrown the feudal states.
- The rise of nation-state in England, the American Revolution of 1776 and French revolution of 1789, gave strength to the concept of nation-state fortified with the spirit and philosophy of nationalism. The unification of Germany (1864-71) gave further strength to the concept of nationalism as the hall mark of the state

## MCQ

1. Who of the following has said, that 'man was born free and today he is everywhere in chains'?  
A.Hobbes  
C.Hegel  
E. T.H. Green  
B.Machiavelli  
D.Rousseau
- 2.. Which of the following is not true of feudal state?  
A.In it office was distributed on merit  
C.In it land indicated wealth  
B.In it office was distributed on hereity basis  
D. In it feudal-lord took interest in political developments
- 3.Which of the following theories is the most acceptable theories regarding the origin of state:  
A.Divine Origin Theory  
C.Force Theory  
B.Social Contract Theory  
D.Evolutionary Theory
- 4.. Which one of the followings is the oldest theory regarding the origin of state:  
A.Force Theory  
C.Social Contract Theory  
B.Patriarchal Theory  
D.Divine Origin Theory
5. The Divine Origin Theory of state holds:  
A. The state was created by a Saint named Divine  
C.State was created by majority vote  
B.State was created by God  
D.State was created by the Pope