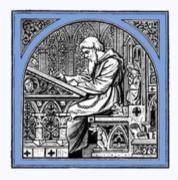
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Unfortunately, they have completely lost faith.

## Why?

Because one fine day they took it into their heads to question and to reason, and in questioning, in reasoning, they discovered that their governors governed them no better than they, simply mortals out of communication with Providence, could have done themselves.

It was *free inquiry* that demonetized the fiction of divine right, to the point where the subjects of monarchs or of aristocracies based on divine right obey them only insofar as they think it *in their own self-interest* to obey them.

Has the communist fiction fared any better?

According to the communist theory, of which <u>Rousseau</u> is the high-priest, authority does not descend from on high, but rather comes up from below. The government no longer looks to Providence for

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