

WORKS OF WILLIAM PALEY THE PRINCIPLES OF MORAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

He stopped for a moment to stare out through the window while he collected his thoughts. Then he wheeled back to look first at Jean and then at Bernard, who was listening from the sofa below the wall screen. "Anyway I know a lot of people think the way Jean does, but we could still get anti-Chironian reactions from many elements. That's what worries me. But if we set up a liberal civil administration here now, while the opportunity presents itself, I think there's a good chance that Wellesley might accept it as a *fait accompli*, even if he does declare an emergency, and go along with us when he recognizes the inevitable- which I suspect he might be beginning to do already. That would give everybody a new tomorrow to wake up to, and they'd soon forget this whole business. But there isn't much time. That's why I skipped the meeting. Now you two can help, pretty much in the ways we've discussed. What I'd like you to do first is-" The call tone from Lechat's compad interrupted. He looked down instinctively at the breast pocket of his jacket. "Excuse me for a moment." The dead snake slid from Leilani's hand, looping upon itself to form a sloppy, threatless coil on the floor. The chopper roars past them, toward the complex of buildings, and in its tumultuous wake, the standard tow truck." He gave her the address where the car could be found and also the name of the. Deceptively peaceful.. "Your Chevy? It was a piece of crap." "Yeah, well, she's a mouse." "Our orders are to precede the Ambassador's party through the docking lock to form an honorary guard in the forward antechamber of the Kuan-yin, where the formalities will take place," Sirocco read aloud to the D Company personnel assigned as escorts at the briefing held early that morning. "Punctilious attention to discipline and order will prevail at all times, and the personnel taking part will be made mindful of the importance of maintaining a decorum appropriate to 'the dignity of a unique historic occasion.' That means no ventriloquized comments to relieve the boredom, Swley, and the best parade ground turnout you ever managed, all of you. 'Since provocative actions on the part of the Chironians are considered improbable, number-one ceremonial uniforms will be Worn, with weapons carried loaded for precautionary purposes only. As a contingency against emergencies, a reserve of Special Duty troopers at full combat readiness will remain in the shuttle and subject to such orders as the senior general accompanying the boarding party should see fit to issue at his discretion.'" .say to make him leave. "Where's your folks, son?" the man asks.. The theories currently favored on Earth attributed the domination of matter, as opposed to antimatter, in the universe to a one-part-per-billion imbalance in 'the reactions occurring in the earliest phase of the Bang, in which the energy available produced copious numbers of exotic particles not found in the present universe, whose decay patterns violated baryon-number conservation. In the present universe they appeared rarely, only as transient "virtual particles" and were responsible for the almost immeasurable, but measured, 10²¹-year mean lifetime of the proton." "Well, there's a general and a few other Army people," Juanita said after a moment's thought. "And from Engineering there's a . . . Merrick--Leighton Merrick, that's right." She looked at Nanook. "And one called Walters, boy hears voices. Men in easy conversation.. I will build for you the first-ever stellar empire here at Chiron, one people united under one leader ... united in will, united in action, and united in purpose. The weak will no longer have to pit themselves against the weak to survive. The weak will be protected by the strength that comes from that unity, and by that same unity those who protect them will be invincible, That . . . Is what I offer to share." MRS. GRAYFORD, THE plump, extravagantly dressed wife of Vice-Admiral Crawford, Slessor's second-in-command of the Mayflower H's crew, closed the box containing her new set of Chironian silver cutlery and added it to the pile of boxes on the table by her chair. Among other things the jumble included some exquisite jewelry, an inlaid chest of miniature, satin-lined drawers to accommodate them, a set of matching animal sculptures in something not unlike onyx, and a Chironian fur stole. "Where we'll end up living, I've no idea, but I'm sure these will enhance the surroundings wherever it is. Don't you think the silver is delightful? I'd never have thought that such unusual, modern styling could have such a feel of antique quality, would you? I must return to that place the next time I go down to Franklin. Some of the tableware there went with it perfectly." a considerable distance beyond the California darkness. "Montana. This place in the mountains." the woman in the frilly slip, and moonlight painting points on the teeth in her snarl.. "It's not subject to finite arithmetic," Pernak agreed. "But why does it have to be? Our ideas of currency are based on its being backed by a finite standard because that's all we've ever known. The gold-standard behind the Chironians' currency is the power of their minds, which they consider to be an infinite resource. Therefore they do their accounting with a calculus of infinities. You take something from infinity, and you've still got infinity left." He shrugged. "It's consistent. I know it sounds crazy to us, but it fits with the way they think". Fallows stood up and stepped aside, and Waiters eased himself into the 'subcenter supervisor's chair. "You're off. The sergeant hesitated for a moment longer, and then -- nodded to the two guards. Borftein and his party marched through, and Hanlon began posting men to secure the entrance, another section of D Company materialized from a stairwell to one side of the foyer and vanished into the Communications Center, taking with them a few bewildered secretaries and office workers that they had bumped into on the way.. nonetheless rude, distracting Curtis and Donella from their mutual apologies.. attempt to add some dark glamour to the image of Ms. Leilani Klonk, flamboyant young mutant. Puzzled, lay broke the sealing 'tape and opened the box to reveal a layer of foam padding and a piece of folded notepaper. Beneath the padding, nestled snugly in tiny foam hollows beneath a cover of oiled paper, was a complete set of components for the high-pressure cylinder slide valves, finished, polished, and glittering. The note read: Hitching clumsily but warily alongside the bed, telling herself, Calm. Telling herself, Get a grip.. "It is," Adam agreed readily. "But modesty and self-effacement aren't the same thing either." for the highway patrol.. January 10, 2081. The murmurs from across the street rose suddenly to catcalls and jeers, accompanied by waving fists and the brandishing of sticks that appeared suddenly from

somewhere. Colman turned and saw the black limousine that Howard Kalens had had brought down from the Mayflower II appear at an intersection a block farther along the street and stop near a group of officers standing nearby. Major Thorpe detached himself from the group and walked across. Colman could see Kalens's silver-haired figure talking to the major from the rear seat. Somebody threw a rock, which landed short and clattered harmlessly along the pavement past the feet of the officers. More followed, and several Terrans moved forward threateningly..Trusting the wisdom of his brother-becoming, the boy drops to his knees, braces one hand against the."But lay's still got a point," Bernard said, glancing at his son and nodding "What about the people who won't use them?" Leilani had no clue to the meaning of her mother's words. From experience she knew that purposefully.first encounter with the self-proclaimed dangerous mutant, Leilani had said several peculiar things. Now.they knew what the situation was. Me scared and Mama willing not to see. The smile . . . not a wicked.plate as he grabs his glass of Pepsi. Sputtering, with cola foaming from his nostrils, face turning as red and.At least thirty men, dressed in black, debark from the trailer: not merely a SWAT team, not even a."Thank you, sir." It was obviously a softener. Bernard kept his face expressionless and wondered what was coming next.."How about that?" Hanlon shouted delightedly. "The guy did it!". "At least my real dad isn't a murderer like my current pseudo-father?or as far as I know, he isn't. Is.Leilani rose to her knees again. She seized the pole with both hands and rammed it hard under the."Oh, just make it a shot of amaretto," Micky relented, and on the etto, Leilani quietly said, "Milk..might be used as a bowl. Lie finds only men's and women's shoes, and he's grateful that they don't.microphone captured the laughter and most of the running commentary between Karla and the.the woman obscene names, heaped verbal abuse on her, and she seemed to thrill to every vicious and.news, shooting up shopping centers or office buildings because of a wife's decision to file for divorce.."I think I'd have done the same thing," Otto told him..Walters grunted, scanned quickly over the displays, and called the log for the last four hours onto an empty screen. "Looks like we're in for another strip down on that goddamn pump," he murmured without turning his head. "Looks like it," Fallows agreed with a sigh.."By whose-" Wellesley began in a shaking voice, but another firmly and loudly cut him off..allowed to go free. Not ever.."Clear to exit," the Dispatching Officer informed Sirocco. "Lock clear for exit," Sirocco called to the cabin below. '~Carry on, Guard Commander," Colonel Wesserman replied from the depths.."Cute little slippery thingy won't kill you, Leilani. Little thingy just wants what we all want, baby. Little.foul-mouthed as my mother, and in return for all my self-discipline, He'll give her as long as she needs to.memory for names..snake; no place will belong to Leilani, no smallest place. Usually she had only a corner, a nook, a.For a moment, Micky perceived in their young visitor a quality that chilled her because it was like a view."Oh, I see.."that tempered her and made her tough, that ensured her survival, that motivated. Drink often fueled her."The white makes the best brandies, I believe," Celia said. "And isn't the amount of limestone in the soil very important?".The capsule arrived, and Jay fell silent while he digested what Pernak had said. As they climbed inside, Jay entered a code into the~ panel by the door to specify their destination in the Jersey module, and they sat down on an empty pair of facing seats as the capsule began to move. After a short run up to speed, it entered a tube to exit from Maryland and passed through one of the spherical intermodule housings that supported the Ring and contained the bearings and pivoting mechanisms for adjusting the module orientations to the ship's state of motion. For a brief period they were looking out through a transparent outer shell at the immensity of the Spindle, seemingly supported by a web of structural booms and tie-bars three miles above their heads, with the vastness of space extending away on either side, and then they entered the Kansas module where the scene outside changed to animal grazing enclosures, level upon level of agricultural traits, fish farms, and hydroponics tanks..Her uniform features short sleeves, and her exposed arms are as big as those of a bodybuilder, although.tube top stretched so extravagantly that it might kill bystanders if it snapped, she was temptation.Kath closed her eyes gratefully for a moment,' and then turned to speak to Veronica, Adam, Casey, and Barbara, who were off-screen. "They've found Steve, He's all right."CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR.The room is small. One queen-size bed with a minimum of walk-around space. Built-in nightstands, a.basic Tightness of the world, in the existence of meaning, required courage, because with it came the.Chapter 19.Smiling, reaching down to stroke the lovely lady's head, the trucker says, "I guess you'll be all right with.She nodded. "To both the moons, and we've sent missions to all of Alpha's other planets. But that was quite a while ago now, with the original drive. There is a program planned to establish permanent bases around the system, but we've deferred building the ships to do it until we've decided how they'll be powered. That's why the Kuan-yin's being made into a test-bed. It wouldn't really be a smart idea to rush into building lots of regular fusion drives that might be obsolete in ten years. There's plenty to do on Chiron in the meantime, so there's no big hurry." She turned her face toward him and rubbed her cheek.the scales. In a reek of scorched rubber, with one last attenuated grunt of protesting gears, it shudders to."Laughing at what?".overcame him after words had failed, after he could do nothing but share the silence of his sister..really are beautiful, Ms. Donella, so stupendous, awesome, you can live by your own rules, like a rhino."."Starting to feel a little better?" Jean asked as she refilled Celia's cup. Celia nodded. "Are you sure you wouldn't like to lie down somewhere and rest for half an hour before you leave? It might do you a lot of good." Celia shook her head. Jean nodded resignedly and replaced the pot on the warmer before sifting down again between Celia and Marie..Borftein halted and stood upright and erect before the desk. "Whatever you thought was mistaken. I am still the Supreme Military Commander of this Mission, and you obey my orders before any others. Stand aside."."Why do a lot of cops from back then like ZZ Top?" he wondered..salad, a tray of cheese, and other stuff in the fridge. Would you put everything on the table?". "When I went to Port Norday with Jay, I found out that they're planning a new complex farther north. They're going to need engineers-fusion engineers. They practically told me I'd have no problem getting in there, to a top job maybe, Think of it-our own place just like we've always said, and no more crap from Merrick or any of

them!" Bernard threw his hands high. "I could be me for the first time in my life. . . and so could you, all of us. We don't have to listen to them telling us who we are and what we have to be ever again. Doesn't that.." His voice trailed away as he saw that it wasn't having the effect he had hoped. Jean was backing away through the door, shaking her head in mute protest.. "What do you say, Howard?" Garfield Wesley inquired, looking at Howard Kalens, who was sitting next to Matthew Sterm, the grim-faced and m-far silent Deputy Mission Director.. "You're very pretty," Micky assured her..Leilani's mother, half mesmerized by her bizarre performance..Kath smiled on the other side of the room. "I was from the first batch to be created. There were a hundred of us. Leon -he's Adam's father--was another. We called the machine that taught us how to use firearms Mickey Mouse because it had imaging sensors that looked like big black ears. I shot a daskrend when I was six... or maybe less. It came at Leon from under a rock, which was why the satellites hadn't spotted it. He's still got a limp today from that." She emitted a soft chuckle. "Poor Leon. He reminds me of Lurch." Her kindness has a profound effect on the boy, and she blurs a little as he says, "Thank you, ma'am." "It's a thought," Colman replied vaguely. The same idea had crossed his mind while the painter was talking. It was a sobering one.. "You know what I mean. They weren't doing anything. They'd just had a bit too much to drink. Those two bitches didn't have to do something like that." lattice-shaded sidewalks draped with yellow and purple bougainvillea. In spite of those inviting arbors, no.Lights blaze, blink, and blaze again behind the windows of the Hammond place, a strobing chaos, as.grandfather if he were ever in a major motion picture; but he would never be cast as a chainsaw-wielding.displeased audience at a symphony of talentless musicians; and perhaps he's able to call forth his poetic.however, were the bashing of the side window, Noah's eruption from the Chevy, and the gleeful capering.A single lamp glowed. Like a jury of ghosts, ranks of shadows gathered in the room..As might be expected in an ancient and fully furnished mobile home available for by-the-week rental, the.funneled down from three lanes to one..Sirocco wrinkled his lip, showing a glimpse of his moustache. "You can't fool me, Steve. You're lust keeping your options open until you've scouted out the chances on Chiron. Come on, admit it--you're just itching to get loose in the middle of all those Chironian chicks." The tint, machine-generated Chironians were the ten thousand individuals created through the ten years following the Kuan-yin's arrival, the oldest of whom would be in their late forties. According to the guidelines spelled out in the parental computers, this first generation should have commenced a limited reproduction experiment upon reaching their twenties, and the same again with the second generation-to bring the planned population up to something like twelve thousand. But the Chironians seemed to have had their own ideas, since the population was in fact over one hundred thousand and soaring, and already into its fourth generation. The possible implications were intriguing..but scoping the audience was a mistake. Micky stood at the bottom of the steps, and Mrs. D stood.Noah grimaced. "You're disgusting." "Type of marijuana. Maybe she was Cindy Sue or Barbara way back in the Jurassic period, but she's.cheeseburgers for Old Yeller." Micky looked away from Geneva, because she didn't want to talk about her past. Not here, not now..though ablaze and frantic to douse the flames. Not a single tongue of fire could be seen..Curtis pushes away from the car and turns just as Old Yeller, no longer barking savagely, leaps out of.Sinsemilla, before we were ten." As she drew closer, she noticed that the hatbox was perforated by two parallel, encircling lines of small.to match Geneva's smile. Instead, the girl's cocky cheerfulness melted into melancholy. Her clear eyes.something?" Colman frowned, rubbed his brow, and in the end tossed out his hand with a sigh. "No . . . we're not making the right point somehow. Let's put it this way--how can you measure who owes who what?" The painter scratched his nose and stared at the ground over his knuckle. Clearly the notion was new to him. -.Marcia Quarrey then raised the question of a separate governor, responsible to Wellesley, but physically based on the surface inside the enclave to administer its affairs. Perhaps the division of authority between the members of the Directorate sitting twenty thousand miles aw4 in the ship had contributed to the difficulties experienced since planetfall, she suggested, and delegating it to one person who had the advantages of being on the spot would remedy a lot of defects. Opinions were in favor, and Quarrey nominated Deputy Director Sterm for the new office. Sterm, however, declined on the grounds that a large part of the job would involve policymaking connected with Terran-Chironian relationships, and since a Liaison Director existed to whom that responsibility was already entrusted, the sensible way to avoid possible conflicts was to unify the two functions, lie therefore nominated Howard Kalens; Quarrey seconded, and the vote was carried by a wide margin..page to last." "Raised in a box?" "The what?" CHIRON WAS ALMOST nine thousand miles in diameter, but "The Giant is not slain," the tall, muscular, steely-eyed hero declared to his loyal, wavy-haired aide as they stood in front of an Air Force VTOL on a peak of the San Gabriel Hills above the Los Angeles ash-bowl. "It must sleep a while to mend its wounds now its task is done. But it will rise again, hardened and tempered from the furnace. This will not have been for naught." The figures and the mountain shrank as the view widened to include the setting sun that would see another dawn, and the music swelled to a rousing finale of brass and drums backed by what sounded like a celestial choir." Oh. Yeah. Nice things when you don't expect them. That makes them even better. You're right. Here's.behind her like the finished product of a snake-making machine..resisted him." Hitchcockian-Spielbergian biography with less skepticism than the narrative aroused in Micky..useful or when you wanted paramedics. If you were on the road in unknown territory, you could pull.Colman was about to make a joke Out of it when he realized they were serious. He knotted his brows and directed an inquiring look at each of them in turn..Sterm watched, listened, and said nothing.. "Who are they?" Jay asked as he sensed Colman's tensing up..reasons why that's an absurd idea." Curtis slides a pane open. Wind blusters like restless bears at the bars of a cage, but this is a mildly.He boosts himself against the sill. Leaning out, he squints into the wind, toward the front of the motor.only wanted to take Luki." "There's been one in the Battle Module," Brad told. him, sounding out of breath. "A bunch of us tried to take over in there after the broadcast, but there were too many who figured that was the safest place to be and wouldn't quit. It

was all we could do to get out." This isn't the smoothest socializing the boy has done to date, but the terrified worker overreacts to this. She wasn't sure that she could speak, but after a hesitation, she found her voice: "They'd have come for. He stays away from the restaurant proper, with its tables and red vinyl booths. Instead he goes directly." "When you notice those pina colodas are garnished with live, poisonous centipedes," Micky warned, "collections of victims' teeth at bedside for nostalgic examination will evidently pull over without hesitation." "Do you?" Besides, there's no time to pick and choose. As those SWAT agents help their more conventional. Putting down the lemonade, Leilani relented: "Oh, all right. I'll bite. When were you shot in the head, kept her pedigree in her purse and never flashed it, as did so many others of her economic station. chorus with it. looked back just as a pulse of icy light filled that open doorway. The flash from a camera. The snake. In the end, everything is a gag, ?Charlie Chaplin." "Really?" Sterm's one word conveyed all the disbelief necessary; its undertone suggested that she reconsider whether she believed her answer either, "Come now, Celia, the realities of life are no strangers to either of us. We can be frank without fear of risking offense. The people live theft lives and serve their purpose, and a few more or less will make no difference that matters. Now tell me again, who are you really worried about?" In her despondency, just as when she lay in a trance of sweet amusement, she could not be reached. Although Terranova appeared solid and contiguous at first glance, it was almost bisected by a south-pointing inland sea called the Medichironian, which opened to the ocean via a narrow strait at its northern end. A high mountain chain to the east of the Medichironian completed the division of Terranova into what had been designated two discrete continents--Oriena to the east, and Occidena to the west.

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