Rousseau himself was a devout Christian that had bonds and traditions that held a people together. Rousseau noted that this is true for the Jewish God. Rousseau acknowledges and respects the scriptures and the gospels, but he has little patience for much of the established religion of his day. He was neither the first nor the last to accuse the Catholic Church of superficiality and an incompatible mixing of the earthly and the heavenly kingdoms. The way Rousseau was compatible with Christianity was because he had personal beliefs, and he closely allied to a love of nature than a respect for establishment. Personal faith of this kind with his political philosophy because it does not intersect at any point with the public life expects of all citizens. Rousseau was brought up in the Calvinist state of Geneva and educated by devout French Catholics. The question of religion was just one on which Rousseau disagreed very bitterly with the atheistic proponents of the Enlightenment.

Hobbes’ and Rousseau’s views differ from each other in terms of natural state of man. Hobbes regards natural state of man as very brutal, nasty, and miserable in which everyone is free to act as they wish and may pose a risk to others’ existence and survival. Man is also always in constant fear of being killed in a painful way because everyone is an enemy of each other. Hobbes states, “the passions that incline men to peace are: fear of death; desire of such things as are necessary to commodious living; and a hope by their industry to obtain them” (185, The Leviathan). Every individual person can go after his or her instincts and claim rights on others’ property for self-protection, reputation or glory. People cannot always expect peace and order, therefore there must be a political institution that would guarantee these aspects. On the other hand, Rousseau considered human nature good, yet it is to be corrupted by society due to some reasons. Also, he says that in his natural state man is solitary, but not always brutal to others. In this state, he can be like an animal, searching for ways of satisfying himself physically for