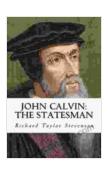
# John Calvin: The Statesman Dylan Thomas

John Calvin was one of the most important figures in the Protestant Reformation. He was a theologian, pastor, and statesman who played a major role in the development of the Reformed tradition. Calvin's ideas had a profound impact on the course of Western history, and he is considered one of the most influential thinkers of all time.



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Calvin was born in Noyon, France, in 1509. He studied law at the University of Paris, but he soon turned to theology. In 1533, he converted to Protestantism, and he quickly became one of the leading figures in the Reformation movement.

In 1536, Calvin published his Institutes of the Christian Religion. This work was a systematic exposition of Protestant theology, and it quickly became one of the most important books of the Reformation. The Institutes had a profound impact on the development of Protestant thought, and it is still considered one of the most important works of Christian theology.

In 1541, Calvin was invited to Geneva, Switzerland, to help reform the city's church. Calvin accepted the invitation, and he soon became the leading figure in the Genevan Reformation. Under Calvin's leadership, Geneva became a center of Protestant learning and culture. Calvin also played a major role in the development of the city's government and social institutions.

Calvin's ideas had a profound impact on the development of Western history. His theology helped to shape the beliefs of millions of people, and his ideas about government and society influenced the development of democracy and human rights. Calvin was a complex and controversial figure, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most important thinkers of all time.

### **Calvin's Political Thought**

Calvin was a skilled statesman, and he played a major role in the development of the city of Geneva. His ideas about government and society were heavily influenced by his religious beliefs. Calvin believed that the state should be subordinate to the church, and he argued that the government's primary responsibility was to enforce the laws of God.

Calvin also believed that the people had a right to resist unjust laws. He argued that if the government violated the laws of God, then the people had a duty to disobey. Calvin's ideas about resistance to tyranny were later adopted by many of the founders of the American Revolution.

### Calvin's Legacy

Calvin died in Geneva in 1564. He was only 54 years old, but he had already left a lasting legacy. His ideas about theology, government, and

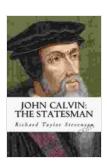
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## **Further Reading**

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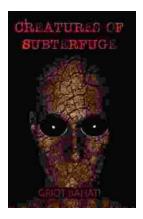
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