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INESCAPABLE CONCEPTS

SOVEREIGNTY

(Ultimate Authority)

"Who's the Boss?"

1. Legitimacy
2. Countervailing Forces
3. Highest Court of Appeal

PREDESTINATION

(Setting the Agenda)

"What's the Plan?"

1. Means or Tactics
2. Practical Decision-making
3. Blueprints

SALVATION

(Identifying the Goal)

"Where Are We Going?"

1. Ends or Objectives
2. Who Benefits
3. The Good Life

INFALLIBILITY

(Discerning the Truth)

"How Do We Know?"

1. Governing Philosophies
2. Practical Credos
3. Presuppositions

LIABILITY

(Taking Responsibility)

"Who Pays the Bill?"

1. Debts and Taxes
2. Passing the Buck
3. Where the Buck Stops