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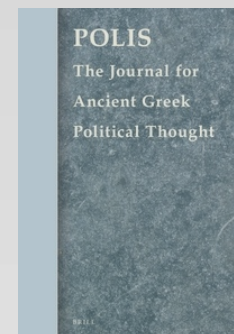
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¹ Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (New York: Basic Books, 1974), p. 4.

² Hereafter all parenthetical numbers without further specifications refer to pages of the book under review. Unfortunately, there are a few typos here and there in the book: at p. 23 (line 12 from the bottom), p. 32 (line 14 from the top), p. 33 (line 6 from the top), p. 34 (n. 165, line from the top), p. 47 (line 12 from the bottom), and p. 70 (line 2 from the top).

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