

Highlights & Analysis of the Writings of
Ayn Rand



Atlas Shrugged Highlights
The Fountainhead Highlights
Similarities & Differences to the Gospel Plan
Righteous Industry
Economic Liberty
Resisting the Collectivist
Objectivist Philosophy

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Disclaimer: These notes do not represent all of the authors perspectives, but represent what I found most important in the text. I do not endorse all philosophies suggested by the author. I include commentary on where our views and similar and different, including similarities and differences with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I find the work of Rand very useful so long as the reader can understand where to disagree.

Gospel Perspectives in the Language of Objectivism

If we aren't careful we can be outright Korihor style anti-Christ with objectivism.

The sad thing about Ayn Rand's writings is that someone who is uneducated in character and religion may read them and decide that the two don't belong together.

For this reason I do not openly endorse Rand, but do point out many lessons from it to those who are aware of and capable of sorting through the truth from the error.

Objectivism is, as is typical in philosophy, truth mingled with error.

Here is an attempt to show the good, and rid the bad in this fascinating theory.

Brigham Young's teachings often reflect the good of this theory.

Truly the Latter-day Saints have a much better grasp on the truths of objectivism than any other Christian group, and probably any other religious group in general. If there is truth, it belongs to the Latter-day Saints.

Here are objectivist statements: followed by more complete & correct similar views.

Only reason: Human nature includes reason.

No God, only what's observable: God is observable.

Mankind are free: God owns earth he made it. He is the father and legal guardian of its inhabitants.

Evolution without God: Simply false. Higher Intelligence is the only reasonable explanation for life on earth, & earth itself.

Don't serve others unless you love them: Expand who you love

Don't sacrifice yourself, act in selfish best interest: You love God from what he does for you, its no sacrifice to serve others for God's sake.

Work hard, keep all you earn: Part of my keeping what I earn is my wise and voluntary happy choice to dedicate some of that to the poor, whom I love in the name of God.

Don't love or help the undeserving: Pay it forward, others helped you too (such as your parents). Use the right system of helping the poor, a covenant relationship. A relationship only helping those who are also willing to help themselves. Sometimes this judgement cannot be made, and dispersing to a group is appropriate.

Libertarian: Conservatism with many libertarian views, yet having laws to keep out corruption socially.

Government & Religious Intertwined Philosophy of Ayn Rand: Analysis of Many Similarities & Some Differences

I do not openly endorse Rand's materials, but have found, as with the apocrypha, lots of good in them. If the reader can throw out the bad and keep the good, discerning which is which by the spirit of God, there are things here which can lead a soul to do good, work hard, and be a man of integrity. In particular, the love stories embedded in the text are not appropriate. The characters find themselves in difficult situations, but they could have done better despite that. Naturally we don't expect everyone to understand the fullness of Gods standards in these matters, but it is nice to find authors who do. Needless to say, I still present these my notes on the text to the reader as I do believe there are good lessons to be learned.

Audio of the complete text can be found at archive.org in the public domain at this link: https://archive.org/details/AynRandAtlasShrugged_1957

A pdf of the full text can similarly be found here: <https://ia800305.us.archive.org/19/items/AtlasShrugged/atlas%20shrugged.pdf>

Further, the Ayn Rand website folks will send you a free copy of the text if you contact them and commit to reading it. They sent me one of her books. Atlas Shrugged is about industrialists who uphold society, and the evil of socialism, or getting unearned goods via government taking from the industrialists (the people who actually create goods and services). A railroad executive watches as industries of coal steal cars banking and other industries fall apart as leaders in those fields one by one disappear as a result of government nationalizing their creations, and otherwise taking from the workers and giving to the looters. The industrialists go on strike, showing that without their support, society fails. The industrialists prove to the looters that no amount of philosophizing can justify them in ever consuming and never producing. Rand shows how certain religious doctrines have led to an increasingly immoral society. Let us take 5 or so pages to compare some of the teachings of the latter-day saints, after which we will jump into the approximately 30 pages of book notes on this about 900-page text.

Ayn Rand was from Russia and lived under the thumb of political dictators who used religion as just another tool of oppression. It's no surprise

that she is a devout atheist. She also was not exposed to the fullness of the gospel. 90% of her criticisms of religion pertain to doctrines of modern Christianity that don't match doctrines found in the restored church of Jesus Christ. What I've found in Atlas Shrugged are treasures of wisdom. I believe Rand was a godly person, to whom the spirit of God revealed much truth. President Spencer W Kimball called the great writers "minor prophets" since they taught moral lessons so effectively. I believe Rand would fit in that category. In the D&C, the Lord teaches that the apocrypha is useful if read by someone who has the spirit to discern which things are true and which are false. I feel the same about this text – you can gain great insight from it if you discern the truth from the error. I am awe struck about how much Rand got right, and I thank God that I came across this text! She has more understanding of God's laws than 90% of the religious preachers of our day, especially those not enlightened by the restored church doctrines found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rand speaks of the vanity of living in mere hope for a better after life. The latter-day prophets have taught that we are to make a heaven out of this earth. Brigham Young said we're not going to wait for Zion, we're going to build it! We, like Rand, believe that if we're to enjoy anything, we're to build it! Brigham Young said that if the roads in heaven are paved in gold, it was the saints who paved them! According to prophecy, we will indeed build a holy city here called the New Jerusalem, and ultimately, we will convert this world into a celestial kingdom of God, which will never fade away! When we speak of "the end of the world", we mean "the end of wickedness in the world". Joseph Smith received a revelation with that clarifier in it. So the world itself will never end, but is destined to be an eternal residing place for the lovers of truth. Also remember the doctrine that our bodies will last forever, that death is temporary, that God himself is a person with a body, not to mention that his other half, his wife, is an essential part of his character. Elohim is the Biblical Hebrew word for God, which is a plural word, which suggests "Gods", meaning an exalted man and woman married to each other. "God" is like John Galt – someone who figured it out and invites us to join him. Joseph Smith taught that God is a person like you and I – so much so that he even has a personal name, "Ahman", though we usually call him Heavenly Father, addressing him by his core role. Twice in the D&C, Jesus Christ refers to himself as "Son Ahman". There are other supporting evidences, but this suffices for now. The name of Heavenly Mother is withheld at present lest it be defiled. This is the great mystery of the universe: God is a man and woman married to each other, having posterity, who have cracked the codes, who have found the key to immortality, and have gained all knowledge.

The industrialists (the honest laborers) retreat to a private city they build called Atlantis, where they stay until the corruption has passed enough to where they can go and build again in the open. This has a strong parallel to the

doctrine of the city of the New Jerusalem as taught by the Latter-day Saints. That was my favorite part of the book - when Dagny learned of Atlantis. It was like every hope coming true. I almost wept for joy, anticipating the New Jerusalem to be just like that. The joy of seeing there is a flourishing resistance!

Rand speaks of not trusting any middle man, but to only trust your mind. At first glance this suggests that we should not have faith in God. Rand doesn't profess faith in God, but I will show how both can exist. The modern prophets have long taught, from Joseph Smith onward, that we should not just follow others' testimony, but that we should seek a testimony of our own. Brigham Young took 2 years of investigating The Book of Mormon before he was able to declare that he knew that it was the truth, and he joined the church, and gave his life for it, including serving many missions, and being mobbed out of several homes on account of his faith. The prophets teach that we should not take it at someone's word, but seek our own confirmation of truths being taught by the prophets. The Book of Mormon says in Moroni chapter 10 that we should seek a witness that the book is true. Witnesses from the spirit are more enduring than even witness of the senses.

Rand speaks of Capitalism and Industry as the engine of society. Long have the Latter-day Saints been known for their hand in industry, they even called their territory "the beehive state", representing hard work. The Lord Jesus Christ has taught in this dispensation that he gives no temporal commandments, but "all things are spiritual unto [him]": "34 Wherefore, verily I say unto you that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of men; neither Adam, your father, whom I created."
" (D&C 29:34). He makes no differentiation between temporal and spiritual laws. In other words, the laws pertaining to finance etc. are ultimately spiritual laws, which we ought not to neglect.

Rand speaks of it being immoral to consume more than you produce. Long have the prophets taught that we should get out of debt, live within our means, and save money. The Latter-day Saints do not condemn money. Christ taught "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33). In the Book of Mormon, we read from Jacob in early America, who taught "But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God. And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted." (Jacob 2:18-19).

Rand speaks much of the economic principle of the "invisible hand" as taught by Adam Smith, which is to say that as people consensually trade with one another, the best scenario will be born out of that trading, and instead of

stealing from one another, we will have growth in wealth for all. As we grow in wealth, we will be better equipped to be self-sufficient, care for the poor, preach the gospel, and do the many joyful things the Lord has in store.

Rand shows that private organizations in the free market are much more effective than government. The Latter-day Saints have shown time and again the superiority of private organizations to government – when a natural disaster occurs, who is the first on site? Not the government, but the Latter-day Saints. Financial independence, thrift, and sacrifice in the realm of finance have been repeatedly taught for decades in the latter-day Kingdom of God on earth. Advancing in career, education, and performing quality work are standards for which every saint ought to ascribe.

The Lord taught that “the meek shall inherit the earth” (meek meaning in control, someone who can control themselves with precision), and that the children of light would do well to take lessons from the people of the world when it comes to finance.

Further, Christ taught in his parables that those who do well with the duties given them will be rewarded exponentially and trusted with greater tasks in the hereafter. He also taught that those who do poorly will be revoked of all reward and duty. This parable helps us understand: “...He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. **13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. **14** But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. **15** And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. **16** Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. **17** And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. **18** And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. **19** And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. **20** And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: **21** For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. **22** And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: **23** Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? **24** And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. **25** (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) **26** For I say unto you, That unto every

one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.” (Luke 19:12-26).

Alma taught a similar doctrine in the Book of Mormon, “**9** And now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying: It is given unto many to know the mysteries of God; nevertheless they are laid under a strict command that they shall not impart only according to the portion of his word which he doth grant unto the children of men, according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him. **10** And therefore, he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word; and he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God until he know them in full. **11** And they that will harden their hearts, to them is given the lesser portion of the word until they know nothing concerning his mysteries; and then they are taken captive by the devil, and led by his will down to destruction. Now this is what is meant by the chains of hell.” (Alma 12:9-11).

Christ taught of our relationship to being responsible with money, “And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own?” (Luke 16:8-12).

Joseph Smith taught plainly there is a good form of self-aggrandizement. This is what he said: "Some people entirely denounce the principle of self-aggrandizement as wrong. But it is a correct principle, and may be indulged upon only one role or plan - and that is to elevate, benefit and bless others first. If you will elevate others, the very work itself will exalt you. Upon no other plan can a man justly and permanently aggrandize himself." (Joseph Smith, Young Woman's Journal, vol. 2, p. 3660)

The Lord also taught that "whoso shall lose his life shall save it." In a sense, we are what Ayn Rand would have called "selfish" because we expect to be justly recompensed for the faithful labors we do on this earth, and we are holding out for that reward, even if it takes until the next life to receive it. So confident are we in the life to come, that we are already making concrete investments in it. And yes, we will have our bodies of flesh there, and never die.

Prophets have taught us also that forced charity isn't charity at all, but is actually the definition of evil. We see "forced charity" when government sets limits on what a business can do, or seizes the property or power of a business.

The plan of Lucifer was that he wanted to ensure that not one soul would be lost, and he planned on doing this by ruling with the iron fist of brute and relentless force, compelling everyone to make correct choices whether they wished to or not. But such compulsion doesn't lead to the human development necessary to become like God. The only way the human race can realize its destiny to become like God is in voluntarily electing to obey God's laws. When a government imposes high taxes, taxes the people unequally (graduated income tax), or seeks to diminish the work of its people by taking from the rich to give to the poor, they have become criminals. It is easily understood how the plan of forced redistribution damages individuals sense of worth, and diminishes their desire to work. If a person voluntarily chooses to give the fruits of his labor to some cause, that is entirely different than being forced to do so.

The idea of being owned by another person (unless you wish to be, like a spouse), is abhorrent. One of the latter-day prophets, Joseph F. Smith I think, perhaps Heber J Grant, said that he is slave to no one, not even God. He is independent from everything when it comes to his will. I think that quote is found in the Truman G Madsen book on the prophets. This theme is common in Rand's materials, that what we do, everything we do, is based out of our desires. Rand calls this "selfish" from how she sees the world molests the idea of freedom, but what she calls selfish we could call agency-based values.

A large theme in this book is that of joy for oneself, rather than just living for the joy of others. The Latter-day Saints have this to say on that subject: "Adam fell that men might be, and men are that they might have joy." (2 Ne. 2:25)

Rand says that belief in a God who creates everything out of nothing is impossible. The latter-day saints agree! God created things out of existing materials, not out of nothing! Joseph Smith taught this clearly. Christian creeds of our time do not understand this doctrine. They think that because God is the first person and first thing, he made everything else. The answer to this mystery is that God isn't the first person or first thing. There have always existed materials and intelligent beings, there is no beginning, and there will be no end. Jesus Christ's father is our father, and our father has a father, and so on. For more evidence on this point including statements from Joseph Smith etc., see my article "Heavenly Father Has a Father".

Rand says that we happened at the fall of Adam when he took the fruit is good, not evil. Good news, the latter-day saints agree! As Rand says, the results of the fall are described in the scriptures as a time when humans learned to work, they learned sexual pleasure, they learned the difference between right and wrong. Yes! These are all good things! The "fall" of Adam was part of God's plan from the beginning.

Rand points out that the doctrine of "original sin" is most abhorrent. The latter-day saints agree! While most Christians teach that man is inherently evil, the latter-day saints stand with Rand in the knowledge that the basis of the

human race is a good one, and that no one should be punished for something that happened before they were born. Consequences must be earned. Brigham Young and others have made strong statements on these matters, confirming that humans are inherently good. They can build and be productive because such is their nature, and it's only when the slithering doctrines of idleness come creeping in that men begin to devise alternate methods for living, which only bring death. Did evil enter the world at the fall of Adam? Not really. Adam and Eve went on being good people. The time when evil came is when Cain chose to forsake good, and be evil. Cain nor anyone else is born evil, becoming evil is a deliberate choice people make.

These things being said, it is clear to see why things like baptizing babies is an evil practice, since the essence of baptism is to cleanse oneself, and babies are already pure. Jesus was baptized to show us how an adult should live, and we follow his example. He set the perfect example. The Father has commanded that baptism is to be a universal ordinance performed for all who have reached the age of accountability (8 years of age).

Rand claims that there is no after life. She says that we should not just live for some future happiness. The latter-day saints agree that happiness is indeed the object of life. "men are that they might have joy" says the book of Mormon (2 Ne. 2:25). The doctrine of the gospel is that joy can come in this life, not just the life to come. Yes, we live making investments into the next life and that longer-term perspective does make a difference. Rand is concerned when people live sacrificing to some unknown God who will give people some unknown reward in some unknown existence following death. The latter-day saints have much information on the nature of God (he is our father and has a body and lives on his home planet). We have much information about specifically what the reward in the next life will be (we will become God's like him and have an innumerable posterity, which will bring us joy because we love them and like to see them grow, and we enjoy doing things to help them become like us and have joy like us). Rand makes a very good point about how 1 person is of no more worth than another, and thus since we are all of equal worth, we should all be allowed to seek personal happiness for ourselves. In the gospel we understand that the most joy a person could have is to become a God, so making choices that lead to Godhood bring a person greatest joy. Rand often speaks of what many call selfishness to be actually a good thing. The ultimate answer to this is yes, we should all seek what brings us greatest joy. The answer to what brings us greatest joy is following the gospel of Jesus Christ of repenting of our sins. Christ and his Father are prototypical happy people. They have max joy. If we follow the path they walked (and endless personality and individuality can exist on that path), we too will find max joy. For example, the choice to insist on marrying in the temple might be seen as selfish, but it is the right thing to do. Like Rand says, we can't go pandering alms to others just because they ask for it when it is at the expense of our own lasting happiness. And really, we will be in

a better position to truly help uplift others to higher ways of life if we ourselves are so lifted. The latter-day saints have been known for teaching people to work, not just giving them free meals. Though the occasional free meal may be warranted to someone who doesn't yet know how to work, the real aim of the welfare program of the church is to give people education so they can lift themselves up.

The classic debate between salvation by works and salvation by grace is one where Rand stands with the saints, calling for works, not grace. The grace involved in salvation is when someone helps us learn to work, and then, and only then, if we work, the fullness of salvation comes. The prophets have made it clear that notwithstanding the many gifts God has strategically given us his children (including the gift of eternal bodies of flesh and bone in which to enjoy and make use of our spirits, and other gifts of forgiveness to penitent persons), if one hopes to be exalted, it must be earned. The role of forgiveness is one of allowing someone to become something, not one of always being ok with looking in the moral downward direction toward someone. God is interested in us becoming just like himself.

God rules the heavens by justice, he upholds justice, and if he were to cease to be just, he would cease to be God. Mercy only has a part when a 3rd party individual steps in and offers to help. God is the governor, and he can't let some people off the hook based on his mood or some plea for alms. Only because of Jesus Christ's work on our behalf can we find mercy. Mercy enables us to get up when we fall and keep on trying. Mercy does not enable us to just sit around. Only in walking, in making progress, do we obtain moral character. If we claim mercy allows us to remain seating and immobile, we have missed the point, and are damned. We simply damn ourselves when we refuse to make moral progress, to refine ourselves. Consider the meaning of the word damn. It means to cease, to block, to make no progress forward.

Critical is the understanding that God is our father, and that explains why he does things to help us. I will never forget in the missionary training center, Elder Holland of the Quorum of the 12 Apostles came to speak to us, and in answer to the question "why does God love us?" he said it was because of the relationship you had in pre-mortality. We truly existed as intelligent beings in a world before coming to this world, a place for our spirits before we obtained our bodies. Elder Holland said that God loves you because he rose you from his knee in premortality – meaning he was and remains your tender parent. Rand is correct when she explains that when a mother buys food for her children instead of buying a new hat, she does that out of love for her children, and because she loves her children, it's really not a sacrifice, she is doing something for someone she loves. Similarly, God loves us. He is a person with a body and feelings, and one of those is love toward us.

Rand speaks of love having limits, that who you love determines who you are, and that tolerating anything in the name of love is to throw away

reason, morality, and the purpose of life. She says that love is earned and is for persons of similar morals to those of your own. God shows this type of love when he makes it clear that he won't save everyone, only those who keep his commandments, particularly the commandment that we love one another as he loves us. The only way we can learn to happily serve others is if we learn to truly love them. Serving those you love is a joy, and really isn't plain service, but is a mutual exchange of you assisting them in return for the emotional love that they give to you. Further, a parent is recompensed by the fruits of the labors of their children; this is how the glory of God is forever expanding – when his children accomplish something good, the honor of it is heaped upon him, and his glory is exponential and eternal.

The saints agree with Rand that sex is a good thing which contributes to the happiness of man, and that sex should not be offered to just anyone, but should be an expression between two people who have the same values. Many religious people see sex as a bad carnal thing, but the saints see it as a good thing which God himself also participates in.

Further, it seems Rand says that we give ourselves to the highest person we can see, I would say we climb with whoever we chose, rather than abandoning a love for a better one, as the hero is seen to do toward the end of this text. Several cases are shown where the spouse is not at all emotionally supportive, and to the extreme that they are thus, a divorce is indeed sometimes justified, such emotional vacancy being a great betrayal.

Christians today buy into Greek philosophy in saying God has no body, and that our bodies are useless. Rand sees through that, and places high value on the body, and calls relations therewith as a good thing - so do the latter-day Saints. The saints are given more knowledge on particularly when those relations should exist, namely marriage, and that such a relationship can extend beyond the grave in a post-mortal resurrection where the body is reunited with the spirit.

Rand doesn't know of these things, but has a good lens on many truths, namely that the things of this world aren't bad. Jesus said in the beatitudes, that blessed are the meek (meek can mean in control of one's self), for they shall inherit the EARTH. Things of the earth aren't bad. Wealth isn't bad, but it often tries the souls of those who possess it. In the text you'll see a wealthy man who doesn't give jobs to unqualified people, etc. This isn't bad, it's good judgement. Jesus said we should not throw our pearls before swine. The latter-day Saints would agree with much of what is taught in this text.

Rand is critical of religion, so are the latter-day Saints. Religion has been used for very evil things historically, Satan loves to mix philosophies of men with scripture, and it puts a bad taste in our mouths. But the restoration has not occurred, and the good taste of pure doctrine has returned! Joseph Smith said he can taste good doctrine, that it is sweeter than honey.

Joseph Smith was a very hard worker, so was Brigham Young, they understood that religion isn't just thinking about things, it is doing things, building cities, etc. Joseph Smith also said that self-aggrandizement is a true principle, but must be used with care; he said that when we lift others, it automatically lifts us. Rand speaks of mankind as though man is God. The latter-day saints echo this teaching, that mankind are inherently good, and can become as God as they improve themselves. The fact that Christ taught 'the laborer is worthy of his hire' shows that it's not a sin for someone who works hard for his wage to enjoy that wage, whilst a beggar who doesn't work only gets crusts of bread, if that, for sustenance (the bible also says that those who don't work aren't worthy to eat).

Joseph was known on the crews he worked on for his excellent work, and he was among the strongest of men as a natural result. He was also known for being able to get those around him to work which made him all the more valuable employee. But these men were called to a higher work of building the kingdom of God. You might say they left the normal corrupt cities and built their own Atlantis. Was there still manual labor and engineering to be done in their new cities? Oh yes. When we flee to a better land, it won't be fleeing away from work, but merely fleeing to where people will let you work in peace without infringing upon your rights whilst you work.

Brigham Young said he knew where to go in the mountains to find metals enough to make the Saints all rich, but such was not needed. He also said the greatest trial is riches, and few can endure such without becoming corrupt. He feared for the Saints in these matters.

When it comes to justice and mercy, we just remember that the laws of the universe are those of justice. God the Father is so because he upholds justice. Jesus Christ is a middle man who intercedes for us, not deleting our debt, but paying for it, fulfilling it. Justice will always reign in the universe, and those who wish to dwell with God must not only believe that God is nice and helpful, but that they are truly expected to improve themselves, and that the faster they improve themselves, the faster they will inherit the blessed status of divinity. Truly God wants for nothing, and so can it be for us.

Rand doesn't answer all questions of philosophy, but it is true that such things as world hunger etc., the things which the liberals say is a reason for socialism, are really only solved in capitalism. It is also true that the bible says the world lies in sin in that one has more than another. But in the process of bringing everyone to a higher status, there will always be employers and employees, and the employers will necessarily need more resources to fund their operations. It is noteworthy that Joseph Smith was very generous, and gave away everything he had to others multiple times, but was also a store keeper,

and had people work when they begged bread of him rather than just giving it away. Of course to the feeble and the widow, the case would be different.

The latter-day saints are a very practical people all in all, and they know that even things which appear to be sacrifice really aren't so, because they are a conscious exchange for something better. Giving up a handful of dirt in exchange for an entire world, etc. Rand hates the term sacrifice, Brigham Young also spoke of our using the word sacrifice as being a silly thing, since the rewards of said sacrifices are far greater than anything which was given up.

Perhaps Rand is off by saying that when we live for anyone else such is wrong; but when you consider that the best way to help others is to help yourself it makes sense to an extent: consider this: if a person refuses to marry in the temple so that they can help some poor whelp who wants to marry them but refuses to qualify for entering the temple, does the woman do more service to humanity by marrying the whelp or by marrying a different man who will enter the temple with her? If she helps the whelp, it will be but a few decades, then they die, and the relationship is over, and what was gained? Someone was a bit less lonely. But if she marries in the temple, that relationship lasts forever, and the endless seed which they will have will mean exponential blessings upon humanity. She and he become Gods, and in that position, are more empowered to help billions trillions quadrillions, even an endless number of people, to have better lives, to be less lonely, etc. So we thus see that what first appeared the selfish thing is really the selfless thing. You cannot compromise your destiny without it having a major effect on the generations to come for the worse.

To serve others, when done in the Lord's perfect method, turns out to be for the better, not the worse. But when you try to serve others in apostate ways such as excessive government welfare, then you're doing the Devil's work, aka you're bringing more suffering upon the human race by and large. Further, charity must be voluntary, or it is heracy instead. Forcing others to be giving of what is rightly theirs has never been the Lord's way. If one voluntarily joins a religion or some society which believes in collecting monies to a higher cause, so be it, but joining that religion or society must always be voluntary rather than forced at gunpoint, which is what government laws do: pay it or you go to jail, we take everything you hold dear, we remove you from your family, we take your freedom, for all intents and purposes, do what we say, or you're life is over. Government is good when ruled by law not just a simple majority's whim, but lots goes into what limits on government should be, that was essentially the entire purpose of the creation of America, and the entire contents of the constitution thereof, focusing more on what the government cannot do than what it can do (enumerated powers, bill of rights, etc.)

Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand: Analysis Highlights & Commentary



Here are some highlights of the plot and characters of the text and their philosophies. I've intermingled these notes with additional commentary of parallels between the teachings of the latter-day saints and those of Rand. Of the emphasis I've placed on these notes is demonstrating good work ethic, which seems to be all but lost to this generation of socialists.

Dagney Tagart, the railroad executive, uses the common phrase "who is John Galt" which meant "nobody knows" which people used as an excuse to get out of thinking, to shift responsibility elsewhere, to excuse idleness, etc. *Note: It is like how people today say, "Only God knows!" John Galt is essentially a prototype of a God in the text - the ideal, the standard, the judge who walked the walk. When people say "Only God knows" they are avoiding their duty to investigate and find the answers themselves. So she built a railroad and called it the John Galt. When asked who is John Galt? she said "We are". This means rather than stopping, you keep going even when you have questions. You take personal responsibility for greatness rather than always looking for someone to shift the blame to. You don't shift hope for success to government or anyone else, you place it square upon yourself. Rather than sitting around in a stupor we get to work and build great things and make great profits. We carry society by our work. To refuse to think is evil.

Hank Rearton the steel business owner worked 18-hour days.

He learned to enjoy social parties/pleasures not for his sake but theirs.

When something went wrong he blamed no one but himself.

Francisco Danconio the copper mine owner let a large mine project in Mexico fall apart because he was experimenting with conforming to what everyone saw as good in the philosophy of his day – The masses said that owners were greedy and selfish and that it's good to give people jobs because they need them not because they're skilled and that the purpose of a job is to give someone work rather than to produce something. He didn't bother going to the mine, he just left it in the hands of people who needed work who weren't really talented, and he didn't bother them with his presence; it all fell apart and then people blamed him for the loss; he asked them why are you blaming me when you should be praising me, I've conformed to everything that you say is virtuous

If you have good intentions and an honest offer/product, you don't need to spend much time getting acquainted.

I hired you to do a job, not to do your best whatever that is

You can't bring the Fountain of Youth - which is on a Mountaintop - down to man, you can't bring it down, it can only be had by those who will go up

Rearton would not give a job to his brother just because he was his brother, it would be a fraud giving him a salary for something he could not perform in, and Rearton's business would thus be reduced to a whore house, putting on an heir of something while something else entirely was the reality. Rearton gave money to his brother when he asked it of him but giving him a salary for a job he couldn't do would be dishonest. If his brother wanted charity he could have it, but not under the false pretense of having earned it.

To be without purpose is the cardinal sign of a lack of character.

The title Atlas Shrugged suggests that when the people whose work upholds society stop getting rewarded for what they do, they stop doing it, and everything falls apart. If the more Atlas struggles, the more heavy it gets, he will shrug. When the more you push the harder it gets, you shrug. The thought of looters using your product instead of honest men makes you want to destroy your product.

Those who live off of others instead of working to make their own living are

letting their wonderful existence go by in vain.

Francisco let a large business go terrible (the mines in Mexico) and people were very mad at him, but he wondered why they blamed him because he was just doing what the modern philosophy called for which was anti-capitalism; that a boss should not be mean so he should never even show up to the job site; that you should give people jobs just because they need them not because they are competent; that making profits is evil; that the purpose of industry is to give people something to do rather than to make something good

The sophisticated philosophers claimed that everything is nothing, but the industrial champions who carried the weight of the world on their shoulders believe that everything is something. These Industrial champions we're often called greedy and self-centered but really, they were the ones helping the most people via their products.

The philosophers tried not to show the meaning of life, but that there was no meaning of life.

When the Government tried to buy the business away from Hank Rearton, who was wildly successful. The government worker threatened Hank, and told him that little businesses were suffering because of his big business. Hank would not sell even though his purpose in business was to get a profit and the government offered him a very large profit; he would not sell because the Rearton metal was his product and he felt that it would be immoral to just take a bunch of money to not give any service, and that it would be deception and lying to take a great product off the market just because it was great.

The great Banker would not give a loan to someone who started to ask for the money based on personal pity for their circumstances; the interview ended immediately whenever someone started to do that. He considered it evil to take advantage of people's pity by basing a loan on that. It was said that the great banker had the Midas touch, whatever he touched turned to gold; he said it was because he knew which things to touch.

The greatest philosopher worked at making his living not because he had to survive but because it was the morally right thing to do; he was the last philosopher who believed in the value of work

Action is man's foremost obligation regardless of anything he feels

People don't like to think; thinking is hard, so when someone comes along

preaching that we don't need to think, they cling to that philosophy. Believing that thinking is bad or not needed makes what they know is their sin (laziness) to seem to be a virtue and intellectual virtue.

It is most corrupt to suggest that the strong should not be able to accomplish things in order to protect the weak from feeling weak or of low self-esteem.

It is a sign of weakness to want to be surrounded by people who are inferior to you; it makes you very bored if that's the future in store for you; but men who are really great want nothing more than for everyone around them to become like them of the highest intelligence.

Hank would not sell to the government because the government had done so much damage to his business; selling to the government would be like manufacturing the weapons of his own destroyers. The government had turned his business from a thriving thing which could do research and new things and exponential things into something that was barely alive, the government was forcing him to sell certain amounts of his product taking away from him the rights of his own product, all in the name of a national emergency. But no one really defined the terms of what an emergency was, or to whom it applied. The government just used that as an excuse to feed the people without their having to do any work.

It is a sign of confidence for a woman to wait for her husband to come home in glad anticipation; the world today makes it seem like a woman is weak when she does that. In reality, this woman knows she is worth coming home to, worth anticipating.

Governmental scientific inquiry is a contradictory statement.

Getting paid for something that you don't do is terrible, but getting high profits for what you do do is honorable.

An honest man won't consume more than he has produced.

Francisco's speech on money at Jim's wedding (about 18 hr 19 min in); Money isn't the root of evil but of production. Looters who steal it and moochers who cry for it are evil, but minds who create products which it represents represent the sum of human achievement. Living by trade, the best product the best performer wins. Trade means gain not loss. Trade means we must deal with others by giving them things rather than whipping and driving them like beasts. Trade sets us apart from the beasts and sets us each fellow human equal to his

neighbor, everyone gaining based on his effort and skill. Money will not buy happiness for the man without purpose. If an heir is equal to his money he thrives on it, if not, it destroys him. If the source of your money is corrupt you've damned yourself, and will have no joy but shame instead. If you sell a bad product which plays on the weaknesses of men, if you steal your money, if you deceive others as to it's worth, then money won't bring you joy. Money is a source of virtue, if the money was rightfully gained. Those who scream that money is evil are the first one's to sell their soul for a nickel. They are upset that their wrongfully obtained money won't ease their seared conscience of shame. Looters pray on rich people who hate money, and take it from them quickly. Those who earned their money respect it. Those who got it by fraud hate it.

Men today try to exist not by right but by favor. In other words they don't seek to earn their way, but to have their way paid for them.

When a corrupt person inherits money it's not the money that corrupts him, it's him that corrupts the money. Furthermore, the person who is worthy of inheriting money is the person who would have gained wealth whether or not he inherited money.

Pandering to men's vices and Catering to fools are corrupt means of obtaining money; money gained in that way will not bring you true satisfaction. Those who have gained money in a corrupt way all will see that all the things they buy with their money will haunt them rather than bring them peace. Thus we see that it is those people who obtain their money in a corrupt way who claimed that money is evil. Your money is the sign of your achievement of your greatest thinking; when you trade with other people, you're trading your best thinking and work for their best thinking and work. Those who say that money is evil are usually leeches trying to get your money from you; money demands of you you're highest virtues if you wish to make it and keep it; those who do not defend their money as they would their life are those who do not have joy in their money; they will soon lose their money because the smell of the looters who have been hiding under rocks come out at the first sign of someone who apologizes for having money; they will hasten to relieve him of the guilt. People today consider it an unforgivable sin to like money and property, but these are the very things which motivate people to great achievements which have a byproduct of helping everyone, bringing a booming economy.

Hitchhikers of virtue are those who live by force, who seek for men of Industry to create the meaning behind money, and then they seek to take the money without creating any meaning themselves; it's living a double standard. Just because they just pass laws saying that you can loot someone via the government doesn't makes it okay. Money is the barometer of a society's virtue,

and you know that the society has run out of virtue when trading is done not by consent but by compulsion. It is also a sign that the society has no virtue when in order to produce you need permission from the man who produced nothing. It's also a sign that a society has run out of virtue when men work not to produce goods but favors. Another sign of corruption is when the laws of the country don't protect the producers, but rather protect the looters from the producer's rights. Money is so noble that it won't compete with guns and people who try to loot the money from people who produced; a society which is half production and half looters will not survive. When you have made evil the means of surviving, do not expect men to stay good, by not using money that's really backed like gold and instead using checks that can bounce that don't have anything to back it up which is just the looters holding others at gunpoint to provide for their checks and paper money; then you know that the financial bubble will burst, and men will be evil to hold up the corrupt standard. Do not expect them to produce when producing is punished and looting is rewarded. Money is the lifeblood of production, and when people condemn money industry fails, and people wonder why society crumbles around them. When people condemn money, they start reverting back to the savage jungle lifestyle, stealing existing resources from each other rather than producing goods to sell. America is the first country in all of history which is built on justice reason and freedom. Throughout history people have condemned industrialists and workers as people who create products, and they have exalted the looter aristocrats who sit around and take things.

When people are set up in slave scenarios there's very little that can be gained; now that we are not in slavery we can have a free mind and be free to produce and there's a lot more to be gained that way. Freedom generates more prosperity than slavery, even if you are the slave owner.

Americans are the people who used the phrase first invented the phrase "to make money". All other nations considered that everything is something that is given back or forth, a zero-sum game; but in America we make money we build rather than take. Creation instead of conquest. Looters think only money is only obtained from inheritance, begging, or stealing. "To make money" - this phrase represents virtue. You'll be destroyed until you realize that money is the root of all good; it is how we trade with each other. You can either have whips and guns or dollars - there is no in-between, those are the only two systems. The city wanted to force Hank to sell his products to them even though it would mean hurting his own company; he told the government that they could take his metal like a robber, seizing it from him, but he wouldn't sell it to them; he wouldn't accept any money in exchange to make it look like it was a fair or voluntary deal; if they're going to take it, they could take it, he wasn't going to pretend like it was an agreeable deal. If they wanted to arrest him, he wouldn't go quietly, they would have to do so at gun point. He wanted everyone to see how the

government was being a mob rather than to help the government make it look pretty and normal that they were seizing his property.

You earn your own living, that is the key. When Hank was that Court the accused of not being interested in the public good (because he wouldn't let the government seize his products in the name of a supposed emergency), he told them that his efforts have helped the public good more than they ever would, but that his freedom to do his business wasn't based in the fact that it was doing a lot of good for the society, his freedom was rather based on the fact that he is a free individual allowed to exist, allowed to make a product and trade it with other people; he had made his product with those who voluntarily consented to trade with him; everything he did was based on voluntary participation, he didn't force or steal from anyone; he would not voluntarily give his products to the government, they would have to seize it from him and if they wanted to have it; if they wanted to put him in jail he would not voluntarily go, they would have to take him at gunpoint because he didn't want to help them disguise what they were doing to make it seem like it was something okay and mutual to pretend that his rights weren't getting violated. Hank claimed the courts against him were invalid as they weren't defending his human rights. Hank knew if you let people call you evil when you are righteous, they start abusing you. The difference between a burglar and the government seizing your property for the public good is that the government wants you to sanction what they do.

Accepting someone's invitation to a party is a sign and a way of telling them that you're on good terms with that person; everyone in society sees that you came, and assumes you're on good terms with that person; so if the person is inherently corrupt, don't go to his party.

Sacrifice your emotions regarding a problem; this is the first thing you must let go of to give way to reason, and always assume responsibility. Is the opposite of what other people do, they use their emotions has a reason to excuse themselves from their responsibility.

The government makes so many rules, they're not intended to be kept, they wait around looking for honest men to slip up on one of their silly rules so they can blackmail them. The government has no power to rule innocent men, it only has power when someone is a criminal, and so when it runs out of criminals to rule, it makes more criminals by making these laws which are so numerous that they simply cannot be kept. They create these lawbreakers by making laws that cannot be interpreted objectively and cannot be enforced. Then they try to make people feel guilty so they'll give in to their blackmail.

They call those who create greedy. Those who are honest they call cruel. They who work are called parasites. The purest are called materialists. It is a sin to

accept unearned guilt, to let people call you evil when you are not. There is a difference between a shallow materialist and someone who makes a quality product.

The materialist who expects happiness to come from his materials unconnected with values; he is more unhappy the more materials he gets, and he chases cheap women to try and find happiness. He has no personal morals and is driven mad by the fact that he thinks of himself as a mere piece of meat. He grows tired of the whores and wishes that he could have a virtuous woman to sleep with who would for some reason make an exception in his case.

Another kind of man is a man who separates the meaning of life from material things; from buildings money bodies and so forth; though he calls himself virtuous, he finds himself without affection for his wife. When it comes to sex, the cause is values, the effect is sex. In other words, sex won't be fulfilling if you have no values. It is the representation of the values of a person.

Those who chase silly women have a large inferiority complex. Sex is an expression of one's own value. Sex represents your code of values, just like money. Tell me what kind of woman a man sleeps with and I will tell you his entire philosophy on life. Man will always be attracted to the woman that reflects his deepest vision of himself. A man certain of his values will want the highest woman he can find, the strongest, the woman hardest to conquer, because only the position of a heroine will give him a sense of achievement, not a brainless slut. He does not seek to gain his value, he seeks to express it. A man who feels worthless will be drawn to a woman whom he despises, she will give him a momentary escape from the morals that damn him, a brief escape from the ugly mess that he has made of his life. Love is our response to our highest values and can be nothing else. When a man tricks himself into thinking that love is disconnected from values, he will learn to associate vice with pleasure, and virtue with misery. Then he starts to think sex is evil, and that love is purely spiritual, and he finds himself disappointed in his relationship. Bodies and sex are good things when not used carelessly. Sex cut off from a code of values is the same issue as money cut off from a code of values. Both sex and money represent our values at core.

It is evil to make something irrational seem believable so that people will start doubting their ability to reason

When businesses fail the people suffer; they don't get their food, etc. ; government looters like to tell you that only the private greedy people suffer when businesses fail, not so. Society is made of production
Government limits business and tries to get people to go along with the depraved circumstances of communism, saying things like "going through hard things together will make us a better people." In reality, they're just holding us

back from becoming great through voluntary exchange.

Don't assume people in power rose there by greatness. Often weaklings are chosen to be set up as the pawns as they can be trusted not to think, or to bend to the corruption in store.

To think that you can redistribute wealth so no one is poor is as insane as thinking that you can redistribute genius so no one is stupid. In reality, wealth generates more wealth for everyone, so don't tear down wealth. (Don't "slay the golden goose" with things like graduated income tax).

We do not allow injustice even to ourselves; we do not allow self-mutilation; injustice is evil anyway you look at it; sometimes we think "it's just me who has to suffer so it's okay" but it's not okay, we should seek justice. When we repeatedly let others trample the righteous under foot, it becomes the norm, and the entire society is damned, becoming brainwashed by fallen ideas which no one ever stands up against.

The industrialists were being taken down by the climax of the evil of centuries of evil people who denounced work, thrift, ingenuity, and ownership; the industrialists gave their fine products to these bad men and in this was their guilt: that they charged too little for so good a product; that they let it go to the swine; they allowed the masses to call them evil, and just ignored them instead of fighting them to define clearly what is truly good and what is truly evil. They let the people they fed boss them around.

Some men work to have a job instead of working to create something; these men avoid responsibility and seek not to make decisions which they can be held accountable for; they refuse to do anything that isn't written in their job description; they miss the bigger picture of what their job is; they seek to shift accountability to someone else because all they care about is having a job, they don't care about the product they're supposed to be making; they won't put themselves at any risk; they are stagnant, unwilling to rise because they are unwilling to fall.

Robin Hood is not known for helping people who got robbed, but is known for giving to people who are in need just because they need; he takes things to give to needy people rather than producing things to meet their needs; he simply wanted to meet their needs without producing, without real effort. Thus Robin Hood is a most immoral and contemptible symbol.

Instead of death and taxes as being the absolutes, production and life can be our moral absolutes.

Live by your standards even if you're the only person who does.

In the world of the free market the builder was expected to use his mind, and to listen to his conscience in order to create the best product they could; but in the world of government, rather than being expected to think, the worker was expected only to obey.

One government worker was given an industry job not from skill but as a political favor; he had learned in college that the way to get what he wanted was by fear, so he ordered people around to do wrong things threatening to sue them and take them to court and fire them. He didn't have the business experience which teaches a person that being reasonable and offering incentives is really how to motivate people.

There is no such thing as a contradiction. If we are puzzled, we must check our premises.

To achieve is the greatest thing in life, and to love virtue is to love life.

Those who are independent and pay their own way and create things have control over material things; they don't have to depend on material things like the looters do; people who build material things are the ones who value material things the least; they define what the material things are worth, they set the prices, and when they need to, they can walk away from the material things for a season when needed; they can afford to do this because they know how to rebuild them; but those who don't build have to always cling to material things because they don't know how to replicate them.

The railroad, the mines, all of these things were living things; the soul of them were those who created them; when others came and forced the creators to abandon the creation, it was like taking a soul out of a body, and the body became a corpse which no longer produced good but poison, because only the genius who created the machines and the sacrifice to make them come to pass could rightfully manage them and use them for good; those who came in seeking something for nothing had to take away these bodies from these souls, and they found the bodies were useless; they could not handle them, they could not operate them, and the body ceased to represent the soul; the body of the machines, the companies, the railroads, the mines and so forth, these large companies represented freedom and the spirit of ingenuity; the excellence the achievement of the people who made them. When government people put rules on them stopping them and telling them how to do their work, those bodies, in other words those in corporations and machines, no longer represented the creators of them, and they became worthless, void of meaning, unable to

produce good things which way are formerly used for the holy service of supporting the human race.

The communist experiment of an auto machine industry was that no one will get paid for their work, they would just get paid for their needs, and those with more talent would be required to work longer hours. They all wanted this system because they thought that they would get to have some of the unearned profits of those were smarter and better than them, but in reality, all the people less smart & more lazy below them took some, so everyone was losing and everyone became immoral; in a year of this they all became looters bums and began to hate each other. This was a project that promised to be out of love for brother, but they learned to hate each other more than they ever thought possible because of it. The communist plan involved paying them for being present rather than for having skill. Those with skill were punished by being required to do more, so they hid their skill. They instead became skilled in begging for free money which was offered to all who had a good enough sob story. They spied on each other to try and catch each other cheating so they could have more money. They all lived in fear of each other instead of working together as a team. Perhaps ironically, when they were working for individual profits, they were more united than when they were pooling their wages. Of course their company went bankrupt because of this. They were not allowed to spend money on hobbies and so they'll turn the alcohol, and the alcohol, how did they afford it? Well they broke into stores and did all kinds of crimes - such is the nature of alcohol - you have it whether or not you can afford it. You find a way at any cost. Everyone thinks that with communistic pooling of income, that they'll reap free benefits from those who are smarter than themselves, but they forget that there are always people beneath them who want to benefit from them. No one wins in this scenario, no one perhaps except the person who does nothing. In the free market everyone can win, and no one has to be sacrificed. Benefiting your business will inherently benefit your children; benefiting your children inherently benefits society. In the government-controlled scenario you often have to choose between saving one or saving the other because it's a zero-sum game; Government controlled economies are about dividing what's there rather than creating more. This means we all become losers.

In the private "Atlantis" city the industrialists built and escaped to, the men often had two jobs, one of farming or some other community thing like store keeping or an orchard, and one of their business or industrial production, their science, etc. They paid each other for their services in gold, and the rates were low since they didn't have to deal with looters, inflation, etc.

Among those who retreated from civilization were the economist who was not allowed to teach at a college for teaching that men ought to work in freedom, the history professor who taught that America is the greatest in the history of the

world for making wealth by production rather than conquest, the banker who prided himself for having earned money, the engineer who felt bad creating an engine for looters, the doctor who was asked to work for the poor rather than for a wage. When asked what they were doing in this place, the answer was “living”. Finally they could live among people who weren’t constantly robbing and brainwashing them.

The great medical doctor treated his patient quickly and effectively, like a mechanic giving a tune up to a machine.

When Dagny struggled to stay focused from great anxiety, she gave herself small orders/tasks to complete. Her mission was to walk to the elevator. Once there, her mission was to go to x location. Etc. She had to keep moving, like a train, just keep moving even if it’s just small ways, since any movement is better than stagnation.

All that John needed to do to destroy the engine of the world was to do nothing. To withhold his gifts from the undeserving socialist looters. Without his help, their society could not progress near as fast, but he refused to serve them in their terms, to be their slave. If the industrialists don’t support the looters, the looters’ society will revert to 3rd world conditions. The looters can’t build anything, they just take.

The economics professor couldn't get a job at colleges because he taught that you shouldn't consume more than you produce; the history teacher couldn't get a job at colleges because he taught that the people that live in the slums are not the people who made this country; The psychology teacher couldn't get a job at the college's because he taught that men are capable of thinking; These men fled to the city of the industrialists and they found industrial jobs and did quite well at them, and taught their honest intellectual trades on the side. The writer could not get a job because she believed that when one deals with words she deals with the mind. She also went to the industrialist City and she had two positions; most everyone there had two positions, an Industrial position and a other position. She was the town fisher and the writer.

There is no such thing as a lousy job, only a lousy man doesn't care to do it.

The purpose of life is to find joy through your work. Never live for the sake of another person and never ask another person to live for yours. (We must maintain our individual identity and worth regardless of whatever organizations we belong to, including the organization of the family, or a marriage, or a school or government, etc. Our personal happiness is always important, and we shouldn't let people boss us around. Giving to others voluntarily is one thing, but thinking it is charity to let others force you around like a slave, this is not charity. When someone serves someone else because they really want to, you

could say that such service isn't really service at all, but is self-serving as it brings so much joy to the servant to see the other person happily receiving service. Remember Joseph Smith's teaching that self-aggrandizement is a true principle, when not used for extortion, and when service of others is also a part of your life.)

The industrialists were on strike against the world who took advantage of them so long, restricting their access to their rightfully earned profits etc.

In the new city, the doctor was able to devote time to research of new ways to treat things.

They didn't want to reveal their inventions to the people at large because they're not worthy of them and so forth. (not casting the pearls before swine, and recall Alma not revealing but that which is permitted)

Justice never stops to exist ; justice is the act confessing what is real

All work is an act of philosophy

They boycotted their regular jobs, they went into jobs where they weren't going their full gift to society, they couldn't give their full gifts, society had abused them so long that they couldn't give freely to them. They had to withhold knowledge and other gifts from people who had shown their only intent was to take from them. Now in strike these Atlas' were letting them see clearly how it was them who upheld the world. **There comes a point where it becomes immoral to participate in a system so broken so far gone that it no longer represents what you lived and worked for.**

John Golt and the others at the Atlantis city watched others still in society and hoped and planned for their coming to Atlantis.

Whether it's a symphony or a coal mine, **all work** is of the same value and significance because it is the **expression of a rational mind**; it is the capacity to see to connect and to make and collect things which have not been made or connected before; thus we see that industrialists and artists have a lot in common. **An excellent artist and an excellent industrialist have more in common than an excellent artist and a mediocre artist.**

The surgeon came away from the main city to the private one because in healthcare, the doctor was given no say in who or how he would do the treatment, even though it was he who had learned the painful learning of how to

be a physician. It was all about the patient, and they never took the physician into account.

If someone just goes off of feelings like something was created out of nothing like a drunk man's vomit just happened if all they can do with their art is feelings, then they're missing out on the work that goes into making art; making great art is harder than any chain gang and it's harder than what any drill sergeant would ask you to do; is the utmost discipline.

The one thing worse than the businessman who doesn't know that what he does is art is the artist who thinks that the businessman is his enemy.

People often make the mistake of thinking that you don't need to study philosophy if you are a physicist or thinking that you do not need to study physics if you are a philosopher, but in reality, every physicist should know the importance of thinking and every philosopher should know the importance of objective matter. (*Note: Indeed, Joseph Smith said everything is matter, that even spirit is matter, but in a more refined form.)

Don't seek for what you wish to come in the future, looking for some gift or ability from someone somehow, but instead hope for your dreams to come true because of what you personally will do and become.

In college the three bright students worked while in college even though they didn't need to; they also studied very hard during their degrees, studying physics & philosophy; matters of food and sleep were often neglected, getting lost in the wonderful studying.

The world considers white lies, hiding the truth, as an act of mercy. It is not. (*Note: As it was said in the TV miniseries on the Ukrainian nuclear power plant scandal at Chernobyl, **eventually, the debt of truth must be paid**. The interest accruing on that debt of truth will make it so it will be much harder to pay than if you would have just told the truth to begin with.)

You cannot hide reality; reality always exists; you cannot get something you didn't work for

Machines can never replace bright minds; without the minds of the people who make the machines, the machines will fall apart no matter how good they are.

To do something for someone else's conviction is a great lie. You must stand by your convictions. (*Note: Along these lines, while it is lying to say you know

something when you really don't, it's also lying to say you don't know something when you really do! -Truman G. Madsen)

The world is yours to make it into what you will. That is the premise Dagny always held.

It was considered bizarre to have your own opinion which does not match the opinion of the government; they say whatever the government said was right and true good peace and love; the government makes false reports of peace to keep the people calm and not rebellious.

People who don't like to work feel like anything they are asked to do at their job is injustice, something that they don't deserve, and any assistance they give they consider to be going above and beyond.

To give someone your body is to give them your mind, your will, everything. It is no trivial thing, and it represents one's will.

The person who lies lives in a pseudo world because he has to fake his life; it's all pretend.

When you have learned to love someone, you will always respect and admire them, even if your paths turn in different directions.

The looters/politicians/welfare-recipients branded an economy of favors instead of products. They weren't creating anything, but were just offering other people's stuff to each other.

The cheating executive will feel just as the beggar: no joy. He will not find joy in having money, and will be indifferent as to whether he has a lot of it or none of; he has not earned his money, and it therefore brings him no joy; he does not know the meaning of happiness from work because he gets his money from begging and being deceptive.

Honest people are never touchy about the matter of being trusted. They know they can stand by what they are selling. This includes personal relationships. Further, they don't require a lot of introduction and acquainting, because they aren't trying to hide anything.

It is the man who gets drunk all the time who claims that the world is out of his control and says that the world "is how it was when we found it and any can't do anything about it" and therefore makes bad choices, wasting his time, this

person is just using this way of thinking to excuse himself; this type is found in bars, and among cheating executives.

You can't separate a man from his work; when you marry someone, the things that that person you're marrying has done tell you a lot about who they are; we can't separate what they do with their name.

Jim held up suffering instead of sacrifice as his first goal. He didn't know how to meet goals because he blamed things on others rather than working. Nothing that ever went wrong was his fault.

The welfare people want unearned love unearned greatness unearned accomplishment; they want to be loved for themselves, not for what they are doing; they just want to take; they don't work to be great like a great industrialist who works to build something; they are just in the business of asking favors and giving favors (i.e. giving other people's stuff away) and making pills and throwing parties and manipulating the true worker's business; the looters worked in politics rather than business; when industry broke down everyone suffered.

The welfare man accused the industrial woman of being a spiritual gold digger because she wanted to love someone who had character, morality, honesty, accomplishments, and so forth; the welfare man said that looking for those traits in someone to love is spiritual gold digging and the industrial woman responded that the welfare man was trying to get something for nothing; unearned love based in nothing; that's the root of everything he did, he did not want to work hard to become something great; he was just someone who cheated other people and sold people out to the government by government bills and various schemes and conspiracies

Many are afraid of upright people.

(*Note: Elder Bruce R McConkie said the wicked are always living in fear of the moment when the righteous will come down and holy indignation against them (see book The Mortal Messiah).)

The people in the government are really just mobsters when they claim that love is blind

In the presence of people who are unfair and take advantage of others (as is often seen and government power grabs and socialism), we can feel intimidated and wonder how we can exist while those people exist; but we must go on being honest and independent; we must be ourselves, we must continue to believe

what is right even when the philosophers of our day say that things are up to interpretation, bendable, and more of a goo than an iron; we must stand up and say that reality is real.

We can stand strong in the midst of all of the corruption; the rule is that we always stand by the verdict of our own mind (*Note or perhaps rather that we seek to understand the will of God with our own mind, and to ask God for a revelation to understand his ways personally. Long have the prophets taught that we are to get our own knowledge rather than just believing others. Jesus taught that he is full of grace and TRUTH, and that we can KNOW, not just believe.)

The evil woman could not bring people to kneel down before her in admiration, so she brought them to kneel down before her in slavery by taking away all they had.

Depending on what it is used for, sex can be a most holy thing or a most evil thing. Does it celebrate excellence or celebrate debauchery? Is it between thieves or between honest people? Is it for cheap pleasure or is it for uniting great dreams?

Socialists destroy themselves while blaming some unknowable evil for their destruction.

Socialists at first say

‘why should we suffer while other people have so much’ and then they take from the people who have a lot, then later they say

‘why should we suffer while there are some people who have enough to last them for years’ and then they take more and then they say

‘why should we suffer while others have enough to last for months’ and then just four weeks, so they've **drained the entire industry which was holding up society via redistribution of wealth.**

Give **loans not alms.** Support producers, not consumers.

The socialist moochers just want to take; they claim that other people have a right to help each other, and so they should be helped; they think that the industrialists never suffer, but in reality, the socialist welfare people sit around all day while the industrial people work all day and do suffer all day.

Many courtrooms operate on a set of rules which don't have much to do with right and wrong, and you basically know the outcome before the hearing even happens; the hearing is basically just to give the bunch of people jobs who sit there and recite the various sets of rules that enact the various things; there's not

really any judgment of right and wrong taking place at all. Though they were there in the name of justice, they all believed that there was no such thing as justice.

Throughout the history of people who have been called bad, the people who are not people who made up the legal pandering strange things, and the only goal of the victims was that they had ... To buy the panderingings?

The real evil was committed by who made the regulations on business, not the industrialists forced to comply with them. The industrialists are forced to operate in the strange ways which the legalists pander, or they're threatened that their business will be shut down.

Those who are industrial and admire the great industrialists are better than the great government looters in high places. They even though in what many call lowly ranks, are still on the right side of the war.

There isn't an honest job that's bad, only people not honest enough to accept them.

If a person wishes to rise in the market by honest trade, to rise in his talent by great performance, he may do so. It's those who wish to rise without achievement that you must beware of. Also those who sell cheap products which play at the vices of men are not really offering any skill or quality product, they're just taking advantage of men's weakness, and their business is immoral (*Note: likely fast food restaurants and many other groups which sell toxic products would fall into this category of dishonest business, **taking advantage of the weakness and ignorance** of the masses)

It is immoral to be a mere pragmatist.

When things are turned over from private sector to government sector the benefits start going away. They stop caring about customer satisfaction.

The socialists believe that only the experts should be the ones that think; that you should only trust expert opinions; that you shouldn't bother looking into medicine or engineering unless you are a physician or engineer; they teach that it's essentially not profitable for the common man to think. They teach that men should rely only on authority alone. Inherent in this thinking is the idea that mankind are weak and stupid; on the contrary, you should expect greatness of the commoner. You should put power in his hands, rather than dictate everything in his life.

When nationalizing the copper mine, the real owner blew it up, and said "brother, you asked for it". Then the economy tanked.

Most college diplomas aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

It is evil to love suffering; to think that people are better off when they suffer; to consider that the fruits of one's labor should not be given to the laborer; it is wrong to consider that wages are unworthy of the hire.

Labor that requires no thought is exhausting.

Pain is something to be fought and then thrown aside; it is not something to expect to be there always.

When you learn of a better way, go to the better way. If you understand your way to be the best, hold to it. But if you find a better way, go to that. Stick to your convictions. When you're ready for the higher ways, they're ready for you.

(*Note: This is similar to what Joseph Smith said, "When we understand the character of God, and know how to come to Him, he begins to unfold the heavens to us, and to tell us all about it. When we are ready to come to him, he is ready to come to us." Joseph's view of God was that he is a person on another planet with a body, from a more advanced society than ours, who sends us messages and tries to help us avoid our own self destruction; the commandments of God aren't so much his idea as they are the laws of nature, he can't help them, he must abide by them too to avoid his own self destruction. He wants us to learn his ways so we can be truly free. He said 'ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.')

Sometimes we avoid understanding because we are afraid. Afraid of the consequences that would come from understanding the truth. So we go on telling ourselves that it's not our fault because we don't understand. In reality it is our fault, as we had access to the truth but didn't bother to take a look.

The justice which would forgive miles of innocent steps of wrong will not forgive one step of conscious evil.

To feel without thinking is vanity. (This could include many things, certainly drug use, sexual intimacy with strangers, reckless spending of money, prolonged wasting of time, unwillingness to learn new things, seeking employment where you won't have to think, unwillingness to think deeply, etc.)

We enable looters when we allow them to take from us to extort us instead of standing up for what is right. It is not right for those who produced to go without while those who did not produce to have; it's not right for those who can't think to lead, and it's not right for those who can lead to obey foolish leaders. (*Note: sometimes in the church a foolish leader is called, that can be to test your patience; some are called to lead us, others are called to test us. – Truman G. Madsen)

You discover what it really means to be alive when you want something, and you work to make it happen.

Socialists teach that there are no values, but only social customs; they teach that what we do does not matter, that it's all just based on popular opinions and customs. They will not allow such ideas as right and wrong, or the existence of good and evil.

(*Note: Same thing with 'democratic socialism'; the rule of law disappears, and you're ruled by the gang majority; 2 wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. Further, whether forced into socialism, or a majority electing to get into socialism, it's slavery either way. Only a 100% vote should allow such a thing. So long as one person doesn't want to give up the human right to be free, socialism should not be something you can 'democratically chose' to do. This also would make the assumption that your children want to be slaves too; socialism kills individual human rights, and is a gross evil.)

Most college degrees aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

They say that when a human dies it's just like when an animal dies; that it makes no difference, and that there are no values; but in reality it does matter to us when we die and there are values

Often the college professors betray their students as the students seek for knowledge and reason the professor's deliver them to evil looters; evil socialists teaching the children that there are no morals. They and the schools teach the children that it is bad to think. The mind is the human's way of survival, and the schools teach man not to use it. They teach not to stand out but to belong; not to understand but to obey; not to ask but to submit; not to struggle but to compromise; they say 'who are you to know, society knows best'; who are you to know, your parents know best (or the trend now, that the government knows better than your parents); all these appeals to authority without teaching students how to think for themselves. The way they teach their children is like a bird pecking the feathers off of its baby and pushing it out the nest to survive. They are disarming the human with the power of his form, the power of his mind;

they're sending away the graduated students with cheap phrases these talking points of socialism.

The fruit of the teachings of the socialist philosophers and mystics are armed thugs who use force as a means of getting others to give them what they have not earned.

One man can change the city; the socialist wants you to think that you are insignificant, and that one person can't make a difference. (*Note: a recurring theme in The Book of Mormon is that 1 person indeed has the power to sway many things, even civilizations.)

The socialists force others to trade happiness for duty when in reality they could have done their duties with happiness if it weren't for the socialists.

Humans are separate from animals - they have to choose to have morals - they have to choose to value life or not; it won't just happen, they have to be making a conscious choice about choosing to love life and choosing to work.

Your life is irreplaceable and of great value. This is the opposite of what many of the philosophers of our time teach, that an individual is insignificant.

A person is an end in and of themselves; in other words each person is inherently good; (*Note: Brigham Young taught this; many Christians say people are inherently bad, not the latter-day saints); each person is someone who deserves to enjoy himself as he works for it - it's not just good to help others, it's also good to help yourself and let yourself enjoy the fruits of your labor. (*Note: **Joseph Smith told one man who had done much work for the building up of God's kingdom, that this brother needed to rest a while, to enjoy himself. The man responded, "I cannot". Joseph said, "then you will die." The man indeed later died a premature death. Joseph Smith was known to be easily drawn to laughter, and frequently played with children and his brethren, playing sports and joking with them. He said we shouldn't be too involved in the fantastic, but that a good sense of humor is of God. Many saw Hyrum Smith as more prophet-like than Joseph, as Hyrum was less jovial and playful (see Truman G. Madsen lectures on Joseph Smith). Well is the character of the true God revealed in Joseph Smith. As The Book of Mormon reads, "men are that they might have joy" (2 Ne. 2:22).**)

Some people separate our ability to reason and our ability to have morals, but in reality, reason is where we get our morals, and one's mind is the measuring rod.

Un-focusing the Mind intentionally, blanking out, refusing to think, these are the great evils. Some consider that reality isn't real if you but ignore it. By suspending your logic and reason you are suspending your identity and your person, your existence, you're refusing to say I am. (*God identified himself as I AM, aka the truly living one, the one who has found the true way to not only enjoy existence, but to have that status of joy/fully alive perpetually; the fact that Christ resurrected his body shouts this fact). When you say, 'who knows' it's another way of saying 'how can I know I don't matter.' Rationality is life, irrationality is death. Those who ignore reality will be wiped out by reality; for example, if they think someone's going to give them food that they didn't earn, they will perish.

To be productive is to choose to live; on the other hand, to punish people for producing it is to wear the black mask of death worship. Business regulations, mandatory licenses, graduated income tax, these are a few examples of punishing people who produce.

If someone has to be your leader it must be chosen not forced upon you, or else your mind will rot on your value of life will die.

Virtue is not an end in and of itself; it is not a sacrificial reward; virtue is rather a means to the end of joy; the reason we are virtuous is so that we can be joyful; you cannot have joy without virtue. Life is the reward of virtue. Virtue includes among other things, being honest, treating others fairly, promoting an honest product, etc. (*Note: in the religious context we also see virtue to mean power; it also refers to chastity, and suggests that we lose power when we are unchaste. Rand would agree that those who give their body to strangers are cheating themselves of power, self-esteem, and unity they could have otherwise had.)

Values are the fuel we put in the motor of ourselves; if we put in the wrong fuel, it will wreck that motor; you have to have the right values which are compatible with human beings.

If you do A then B happens, but if you do A and you expect C to happen, you're going to be miserable. You must confess reality.

Happiness isn't the satisfaction of whatever blind whims that you indulge; **joy is to live in a state of noncontradiction.**

Joy involves not escaping from your mind, but using your mind to its fullest power.

The joy of a drunkard is nothing compared to the joy of a creator. The Creator relies on rationality.

Someone who trades is someone who earns what he gets. Living off of the government welfare rather than setting your own hand to some form of industry will bring the result of an identity crisis and major depression, as you're not becoming anything. **A person who trades does not ask to be paid for his failures and does not ask to be loved for his flaws.** Someone who trades doesn't squander his body as fodder and he doesn't abuse others as fodder and he doesn't just use himself as alms. The values of friendship love and esteem appear in someone who knows trade, aka work ethic, not those who sit around seeing something for nothing; idlers have no concept of good virtues, even if they claim to have them.

The mystics throughout the ages railed against the people who trade and have spoken highly of the looters and lazy people. The trader is a man of justice, it is someone they dread.

Relationships have to be entered into voluntarily, and when someone has a problem with it, then you part ways; everything is voluntary. (*Note: This is true, but doesn't suggest you don't work things out; family scientists show that most humans get in arguments sometimes, and that greatest joys of relationships are had among those who work together to find resolutions)

We have nothing to gain from stupidity and human vices; the only value man can offer is the work of his mind. In whatever his craft, man must engage his mind, and improve upon his methods and product. To cease to evolve is to die.

When you have a disagreement with another rational person, you let reality determine who is right, and either they will learn, or you will learn; you allow reality to resolve question.

Morality ends where a gun begins because force and mind are two opposites; when you start to force someone you take away their mind - you take away their ability to reason - and it's just as bad as taking away their vision because when you take away someone's resources to live by forcing, this is what you're doing - you're taking away their means of survival; when you force them to agree with you by violence, which of course is what the government does, they say if you don't do things this certain way then we'll take your property and your property is your means to live your property is a reflection of your mind and so they're taking away your mind when they take away your property because your mind is what you employed to obtain your property.

People who use terror instead of proof to get people to agree with them – this is where the mind ends, & this is where the will to live and ends.

Reality demands of man that he act for his own rational interest.

Force can only be used against someone who is trying to force you; it is never right to force someone to do anything unless you're defending yourself from them forcing you.

Those who only use force to defend themselves are using that force to destroy force.

Force in an offensive manner to gain things which do not belong to him is using force to create destruction; it is the person who uses force only defending himself from force that is in reality destroying force by his force.

Life is not the absence of darkness, joy is not the absence of pain, intelligence is not the absence of stupidity, the absence of destruction does not mean the same thing as building. If you just sit around and say we're not destroying anything, then nothing is going to get built. Just not making things worse doesn't make you a good person, it's making things better that makes you a good person.

Don't try to live just to avoid pain, but instead try to live to be happy; don't try to live just to avoid punishment but instead live with a purpose to build stuff.

We don't wish to avoid death, but we seek to live life. We spend our time living, not worrying about death.

Doesn't think that fear is the more powerful motivator.

Don't start your Philosophy by saying that man is evil; that's setting us up to fail. We come from a standard of good, not standard of evil.

(*Note: Brigham Young taught that Adam and Eve were two of the greatest people that ever lived; Hugh Nibley teaches that the first humans on earth were like the founders of a great university, it starts with brilliant people, and sets the example for the students to follow, not the other way around. The beginning of this world was not by idiots in caves, but rather by brilliant and righteous minds, namely Adam and Eve.)

The idea of original sin to say that you are bad to start off with without even doing anything wrong - this is a slap in the face of morality; this is **not logical because if man is evil by birth he has no power or will to change it.**

(*Note: indeed modern prophets teach that the doctrine of original sin is false. If people become evil, it's because they choose to be evil. Cane is the time when evil really came into the world, Adam and Eve were righteous, and evil only came into the world when someone deliberately chose it.)

To hate the human race because of their nature is to hate nature. And to judge someone for something they did before they were born is to negate justice.

The code of the socialist who takes things from others and considers people evil, this is a man who apparently believes that both justice and nature are evil.

To say that we have original sin is like playing a game with weighted dice; we're no matter what we choose the outcomes are going to be determined and this would not be fair; never delete the importance of our reasoning power; our minds are our ability to create and the vitality of our life in general.

Reason morality creativeness and joy - these were all the things that happened to Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit of the tree, and yet society says that they became evil when they ate the fruit of the tree.

What we call the fall of man In the Garden of Eden is where they really learned things of morality, judgment, creation, and these were all good things that enabled them to live life and made them human; someone who doesn't have these things is not really human, so when they gained the power to know right and wrong and to create and have joy, that's when they really became fully human, which is a step forward not a step backward. (*Note: Oh how the latter-day saints agree with this, the fall of Adam was a step forward, not backward! That's when they became able to have children, and know sorrow so that they could know joy!)

Many say the body of the human is the evil thing the bad thing, but it's the body of the human that is the good thing; it's how he works; it's how he has joy; it's how he exercises judgment and moral reason both of the mind and the body

(*Note: yes, the restored church of Jesus Christ teaches that even God himself has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as mans, and that the human race is destined to retain their bodies forever when the resurrection occurs; our scripture even says that a the sprit separated from the body cannot have a fullness of joy.)

They have split man into half; they said the spirit is good and the body is bad, but in reality, the whole man is good you can't cut him in half it all works together you need all of it.

Those who claim that God is some understandable thing somewhere is to deny the reason a man and it is utterly contemptible.

(*Note: indeed Satan wants us to not understand God; the God fitting in your heart and being everywhere at ones is false; God has a body and can be only in 1 place at a time, though his influence can be felt in many places.)

The mystics claim that we should work for things that we don't understand, and sacrifice on the altar of some unknown God, for some unknown reward, and some unknown place; this also denies the reason and justice of man. Also to think that rewards are only available beyond the grave is another demoralizing idea.

Ultimately sacrifice means trading something of value for something of lesser value which is not good; however trading something of temporary pain for future reward is good, but many of the mystics of spirit promise only rewards in the next life and many of the mystics of muscle promised rewards only for your grandchildren speaking temporally. The government people would have us think that we must comply to self-deprivation to help our grandchildren, when it's really just a government agenda to usurp the people. We must not trade our rights for some government cause or other.

If you give milk to your child at your own expense it's not a sacrifice; but if you give milk to your neighbor's child and let your own child starved, then it is a sacrifice, and that's bad thing; another example is that if you give money to some person it is sacrificed; if you give money to a friend that is not sacrifice.

If you buy food for your hungry child instead of buying a new hats it's not a sacrifice because you value your child more than your hat and so it's not really correct to call that a sacrifice; you're doing something that has value to yourself; however if you truly did love the hat more than the child and you were only feeding the child out of duty you didn't really want to, that's perhaps would be called a sacrifice in this sense of the word dealing with sacrifice as a negative. Another example is that if someone dies fighting for freedom that is not a sacrifice because they're doing it for something that they want to do they want freedom they're not willing to live as a slave, but if someone was willing to live like a slave and they died fighting for freedom this would be useless and it would be negative sacrifice, or as the author puts it, sacrifice in general.

If you renounce the material world then your surrender is to evil

Those who argue that you must satisfy the wants of others instead of your own ultimately end up saying that you must sacrifice your values and morals for the

values and morals of someone else; usually the end game of these people is to get you to buy into some personal agenda they are pushing.

(*Note: this can be quite different depending on the setting; for example President Eyring speaks of taking care of others' needs before your own in a recent conference address. What we can say is always true is that we must hold to our convictions, even if they are not popular. We should watch for the motives of our teachers, and make it a matter of serious investigation before giving allegiance to any government, group, religion, etc.)

The Socialists teach a double standard of morality because they say that anything you want is bad, and everything everyone else wants is good, to surrender yourself in a pool of the collective. This means that some one else's wishes are valid while yours is not; that's not logical.

Enjoyment is a value, so why do you teach that it's okay to help others enjoy and not okay to help yourself enjoy?

The sensation of eating a cake is good - why is it moral for you to help others experience it and not let yourself experience it? It is important to help yourself have joy.

The passkey that gets you into the moral elite among the prevailing philosophy how to be constantly catering to others and hold onto no convictions of your own. This boils down and down until you're not allowed to have any convictions at all, and must appease those of everyone but yourself.

Morality and self-esteem are sacrificed when you're only measurement of how to use resources is the need of others.

We don't just operate based on need of others & throw away our own needs and our own values in place of the values of others. Tolerance and acceptance, when they cease to tolerate and accept your views, are no longer tolerance and acceptance.

Some insist that every bite of food we take is guilty because it could have been better used to some poor person somewhere, but in reality it is just for someone who has earned something to enjoy it. It is correct and wholesome.

(*Note that Jesus said the laborer is worthy of his hire/wage.)

Similar to a whore who gives up her body for any man is the person who gives up their morals for the morals of any person, pandering to the least common

denominator of who believes the least. The bar of societies' norms and values are commonly set that way.

Love is an expression of one's values; the greatest thing you can earn from someone is there love.

It is the emotional price paid by one person for the joy they received from another. But the evil philosophies of our time would insist that we divorce ourselves from our love and give our love to anyone who asks for it. Not as a payment for virtues but as a blank check on vices. We are taught by many that love means letting go of all judgment, letting go of all morals, and sending love and 100% forgiveness everywhere without any conditions; such a scenario would eliminate justice, moral, reason, and the value of human life and experience.

(*Note: this is why we need not only a God (who upholds justice), but a Savior who can intervene (and offer mercy). God The Father cannot offer mercy, he would cease to uphold justice if he did. But he did train a son to be virtuous like himself who would help us in a constructive non-weakening way. Father sending this son to us is how he is merciful while yet upholding justice. A 3rd party character is needed so that 1 can uphold justice, and the other can help intercede. For more on this, see Elder Christofferson's 2017 BYU address 'A Message at Christmas', notes of it are found in my book on salvation with the title "The Need for A Savior: God's Plan of Justice vs Lucifer's Tyranny")

(*Note: another view on why Jesus helps us is because it is in his self-interest to do so, inasmuch as it brings him joy to see us be saved and learn to become like him and his father; Jesus Christ is perhaps a bank account willing to give us loans which we will pay back with interest as we become increasingly able to pay it back; we will end up paying him back greatly by the good works we do with will bring him so much joy. However, he does continue to bless us, so he is always ahead of us, he must find joy in forever assisting us, until the day comes where we are like him in every way, and can then go and, as he did, help others. This process of creating essentially replicas of himself must be the most rewarding process in the universe! This is the work of God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. It will become our work too, and with them, we will have a fullness of joy. We will, as Elder Dale Renlund put it, "join the family business".)

Heaven can be a place on earth. (*Note, this earth is patterned after planet heaven, and will become a heaven indeed.)

You must build your wishes, not just wish for them. Feelings won't make that happen. Work will.

If you sleep with sluts then you're not a moral person no matter how much you feel that you love your wife the next morning; it's not the feeling that matters, but the behavior.

The greatest fear of a child is the fear of identity crisis the villains vice versa I need to establish bowls and identities concrete realities concrete roles positions and the philosophies of socialism are there a throwaway reality in our true identity just be whatever the win is the majority asks us to be and it would tolerate people believe lies and a side note this is like

Children will have an identity crisis if you tell them lies.

(*Note: For example, if I want to stay there a boy when they really a girl **it's just not true and it's immoral even allowing them to say that, tolerating their intolerance for truth.**)

The moral rational thing to do is to say it exists so I want it; what is tricksters would say is I want it so it must exist.

the idea that God just created the universe out of nothing from a whim is bogus. the laws of science were at play.

(*Note: indeed, God didn't create out of nothing, but out of existing materials! You can't create matter! Or destroy it! God wasn't the first person in the universe, he had a father and so on; similarly to how you can't create matter, you can't create intelligent beings, they always have existed and always will exist; thus the doctrine of creation ex nihilo is a false notion believed by the protestants but not those of the restored church of Jesus Christ.)

The law of causality is determined by action, otherwise you have the non-existent controlling the existent.

Corrupt philosophers change around the cause and effect - they want to eat the cake before they bake it; they say it doesn't matter who bakes it, what matters is that cakes exist and that everyone should be able to share them equally, discounting the need for baking altogether; they do this totally disregarding how that cake came into existence, and the investments of those who worked to bring the cake into existence. Similarly the cause of our moral philosophies can have an effect in who we choose to mate with, but the corrupt philosophers change it around and they say mate with anyone. Over and over they reverse cause and effect and they build a fiction. This is why their philosophies on how to help the poor etc. are so evil, they don't work!

Those who uphold reason are the core; without them, you couldn't even conceive your wishes.

Domestics want to have the lights but destroy the generators. When you disincentivize business owners by taking away their profits, you “kill the golden goose” instead of allowing it to live and produce more golden eggs.

The mystics only think and pray, but we should act.

People say that there are no such thing as an absolute, but do they not realize that statement itself is an absolute statement?

(*Note: similarly, Joseph Smith asked people who claimed that revelation was done now that we have the bible: Did God reveal to you that revelation is done? Because the bible sure doesn't say that!)

The philosophers of our time are sinking us back to the Dark Ages; the anti-science ages; they are taking away the concept of objective reality and the human consciousness.

(*Note: Many say the prevalence of these philosophies indicate that we have reached the height of civilization, and are about to cycle into another age of stupor; but alas the great Millennium will come and Christ, the creator of earth, will not allow us to fall into full sway with such evil false theories; he has been testing us, and those tests are coming to an end; we have proved ourselves for better or worse, and it's reckoning time.)

Those who refuse to work really deep down hate themselves; they don't care so much about being rich as seeing other people be poor.

An inventor is someone who asks the universe why and lets nothing stand between his mind and the answer

When someone wants to nationalize a product being made, that's the same thing as wanting to nationalize the brain of the person who made the product; it's not fair - that brain belongs to the person, not to the society, and similarly his product belongs to him and not to the society; taking away the fruit of his brain is the same thing as taking away his brain.

They like to say the people that ‘we're doing this for the people’; what/who is the people? Does it not include the inventor? The inventor doesn't get part of any welfare, only the failures get to have it; people who do nothing get all the

benefits; **the creator just has to watch from the sidelines he's no longer considered one of the people.**

Today's philosophers would have us I think that we are bad because we are smart and successful and because we listen to our conscience; they are involved in minimalizing the truth until it's small enough to be replaced by a convenient lie; this is repeated until it is small enough to be replaced by a quiet lie, then it becomes the new norm, and we are left in a thoughtless stupor, happy to serve the interests of the corrupt government rather than the interests of what is really important to 'we the people'.

A right is something that human needs to exist on this earth; for example, **if you are to exist on this earth it is your right to keep what you make, and human rights cannot exist without property rights. If you say that human rights are superior to property rights that's just a way of saying that you believe it's okay to take some people's property and give it to others.** The law behind property rights is the law of causality; it whoever causes something to be has the right to it. You cannot obtain a product except on conditions of the owner's mind.

The only on the proper function of government is to protect your rights; to act as a police officer (meaning that they can respond with force to anyone who tries to use force against what is rightfully yours). But too often governments now have officers who just go around forcing you to give more and more of what is yours to them and your neighbor who didn't earn it.

Those who will not be governed by the simple rule that government's only job is to stop people from using force on each other, they always revert to mob rule (which means that people can do whatever they want as long as their mob is bigger than the other mob).

When gangs of mediocre people juggle around laws that they want to put against inventors, this makes the invention not want to invent. The same goes for business, which is really just organized invention of goods and services.

Whoever is at the top of the intellectual pyramid contributes the most; it takes him the most mental effort. That is the person who came up with the product.
Those who do not compete in intelligence will compete in brutality.

Don't play the game where the rules are made by your enemy.

(*Note: Hugh Nibley says the best way to deal with temptation is not to try to resist it, but to try to stay far away from it in the first place.)

Evil socialists fight against truth by saying nothing about it and pretending like it was never said; they also fight against the truth by saying 'yes let's allow them to speak but we're going to keep undecided it's not right for us to have an opinion either way we have to be neutral' then in private they are terrified of the speaker of truth. They tell the public 'oh you see we are tolerant, and we hear all sorts of views' then they go about silencing the speaker of truth wherever possible. **They play down the speaker of truth like it never happened even though everyone knows it did.**

The world has many people who want jobs of janitor busboy and other types of unskilled labor, but what it's looking for is skilled labor - that is hard to find.

The first step towards rebuilding the economy is to abolish all income taxes and fire the government employees.

When you force someone to act in a way contrary to their judgment you are forcing them to not think; you're trying to get them to not think; **they don't want you to think - that's a force is about.**

Those who tell lies don't really desire to live; those who tell lies are hiding from reality; words should be a solemn vow of truth but people live in a false world of fake lives; **they don't really love anything or care about anything when they tell lies.**

The person who says 'who am I to know' is really saying 'who am I to live'; when you disable the mind, you disable life. Life is about using your mind, not about obeying orders. A good employee isn't just a yes man. Rather, a good employee is a helpful man with good judgement.

What is the answer to rebuilding the economy? It is 'government get out of the way'.

The intellectual posterity of a socialist is someone who takes over things without knowing what they are and dubs himself the boss without having any skill or knowledge, that he can do this because he has a gun and an army of thugs to back him up with guns. They seize what others have created simply because they can.

People who want to get around reality who want to live independent of logic and reason are people who hate themselves; they hate themselves more than

anyone else and **they want to destroy every living thing just prove that they can exist in a non-reality by nothing else existing to prove them wrong.**

(*Note: This is a telling comment about why Satan is determined to destroy us. His ways don't work, yet he is so stubborn on his non-working ways that he seeks to destroy any who get in his way, any who uphold justice and logic.)

(*Note: Satan and the other sons of perdition have chosen that path; they have rejected the full light; they are locked in a cell, but they have locked themselves in from the inside. -Truman G. Madsen)

Children have a conviction that knowledge is possible. Adults, when idle socialists, lose that conviction, and they spend their life resorting to orders instead of thinking for themselves, because they don't believe they can find answers, and that they must forever look to others for the answers.

The best within us consists of making a living.

They worked so hard that they couldn't feel the pain any more, they just pressed forward, not having time for things like exhaustion or feelings. They felt the joy of hard work, which joy is not felt any other way.
yes they were worn out, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

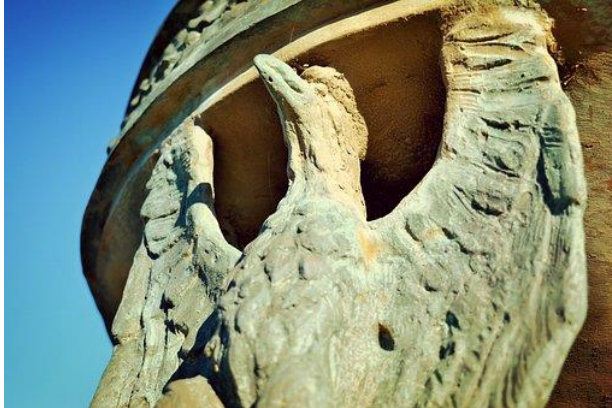
The great banker taught that the thing worse than one who doesn't regard pity is the one who uses one's pity against them as a weapon by using their sob story as a reason to give them a loan.

They call it an unforgivable sin to be proud of the fact that you made profits. Those who boast of not making profits in their business are the most deprived.

The lovers of truth **must live in a private city until the regular cities are wiped clear** of all the corruption then they can go back to the regular cities and start building because you can't build when there's that much corruption.

(*Note: That is precisely what the prophets have taught will take place so far as the New Jerusalem is concerned; the place for that city must be wiped clean before we can go there and build a great city of refuge.)

The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand – Analysis & Highlights



On my notes about Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand, I put much more extensive analysis of Rands overall philosophies, and how they are in many ways, related to doctrines of the restored gospel, and the extent to which they are not. Please see that article, which is important to understand how Rands works can be profitable. This document focuses primarily on simple notes of The Fountainhead.

Here I will put a short precautionary note which I also put on my notes on Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand: “I do not openly endorse Rand’s materials, but have found, as with the apocrypha, lots of good in them. If the reader can throw out the bad and keep the good, discerning which is which by the spirit of God, there are things here which can lead a soul to do good, work hard, and be a man of integrity. In particular, the love stories embedded in the text are not appropriate. The characters find themselves in difficult situations, but they could have done better despite that. Naturally we don’t expect everyone to understand the fullness of Gods standards in these matters, but it is nice to find authors who do. Needless to say, I still present these my notes on the text to the reader as I do believe there are good lessons to be learned.”

Moving forward now.

Introductory note: This was a good book; some parts that were weird/ridiculous but for the most part it was insightful on how to use reason. Rand is an atheist and doesn’t subscribe to the possibility of revelation, but I still value her writing

as it has compelling ideas of human progress. Where those don't interfere with God's laws, I quite enjoy reading her material. As I've stated in my book notes on Atlas Shrugged, much of what Rand teaches butts heads with mainstream Christianity, but coincides well with the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The reader of The Fountainhead can find compelling insights, be they religious or non-religious. A few times I have added 'side notes' which bring in ideas of my own, tying this material to a religious insight, but the vast majority of these book notes are simply things I've jotted about the text as I read it, things which stood out as interesting and compelling. Some main ideas of this text are that the human species is a glorious species, that they have potential for greatness, that evil men (typically socialists) try to tear down greatness of others to usurp power, that the great man will have to stand against the whole world if he adheres to upright principles to do his work, that the creative genius does service to mankind by creating more so than by standing in soup kitchen lines, that the core duty one person has to another is to not interfere with their freedom, that a creative person has only the right to govern his creations (and to that I remind the reader that the restored truth of God states that even God only rules over things he created, he doesn't seek to control the creations of others; this, as Rand explains, makes him (or other creative people who don't seek to rule over others), independent, and independence is the measure of one's personal character).

- sometimes the most evil dogmas are taught with the nicest voiced people, who make themselves appear holy and kind, but really keep people from progressing.
- there's only so much schools can teach you, drop out if it's nonsense. Don't just learn to copy what's already been done.
- don't use old materials to build new things; Each material is to be used differently as each is different.
- excellence involves creating majestic things and everyone rejecting them
- excellence involves the pain of hearing ignorance paraded as enlightenment, and the roaring applause of the crowd when such ideas are presented
- you can work during school to pay your way, you don't need to rely on others
- true romantic love involves not micromanaging your partner
- don't use loved ones as a maneuverer to advance in your career; don't seek to have an advantage because of who your closest friends and family are, etc.
- the man with a great mind is always being a hero, always working, finds pure joy in it, and the pain that comes with it is far preferred to the vanity of stupor.
- it is easier to do hard labor then to do easy labor for a cause you don't agree with.
- finding joy in your work, everyone will hate you for this; they say just pander to what the masses want, and most do that, but when someone comes along who does something great and loves that intrinsically, people envy and hate them, for they have done something they dismissed as possible

-the fallen man uses tactics of deceit, not morals and work, to rise in business; he plays people off of each other when they stand in the way of a position he wants

-the artist creates based on his genius, not based on the whims of others

-it's better to have morals than high wage jobs if there comes a choice between the two.

- Some people are only shelves with the name who are inside just a collection of the opinions of their friends i don't really have any morals of their own they just do what's popular. These people don't really exist. they are just remnants of things from the past and they cannot be persuaded as you cannot reason with the dead.

-what people do in their free time when they have extra money or on weekends when they don't have to work reveals their character and it's often pitiful what they spend their hard-earned work on

-as the human body's muscles have a function every muscle having a function which pertains to the body so should a house be it can be based on its needs not having all the superfluous additions

-we don't admire people who've done something outstanding but whose personal lives are full of immorality and decay.

-Howard frankly forgave Peter immediately and said forget about it when Peter spoke of great hatred for Howard. Howard wasn't overly social with Peter, forgiving him didn't mean he had to be; but he didn't hold a grudge.

Prestige is a stamp of approval from the masses to those people who live second-hand lives they don't live if any personal desires all they do is seek popularity.

If you don't love yourself you cannot have love or respect for others.

the person who has self respect has the ability to like and respect others and therefore only the person with sufficient self-love and self-respect would give their life for someone else in danger.

the worst second hand person is the person who goes after power, this is a person who is not living for his work but is living for the approval of others.

If you help others where they should not be helped you overload them with more than they can carry and it blows a circuit ruins there life.

The great artist and the mediocre artist both have a lot of flops the great artist probably even more flops but the difference is that the great artists flops find their way to the trash can instead of trying to be published

The great man will speak if his work during time of rest. He doesn't seek to avoid it. He loves what he does, and it shows constantly. He is the same person everywhere, anytime.

You can tell him immensely large amount of things about a person by first interaction the beginning impression. The face.

Loneliness/isolation can be a pinnacle

When you love greatness you hate mediocrity

the socialist tells people to not follow their passions and talents for their careers but to just think about what society needs

The socialist has no reverence for sex

The socialist despises individual progress and only talks about societal progress

The socialist doesn't like it when people Excel socialist says that people should only climb as high as other people can climb. He calls achievement rude and embarrassing.

The socialist says that personal love as well as all other personal things are evil.

Go beyond the probable and seek the possible seek the heroic seek the best

Boards and councils are virtually useless, it's individuals who get things done. What they create is generally worse than what any single one on the board could have created on their own. Great minds often work alone.

When things going on are enough to make you sick you can't let yourself get sick you just be strong

Howard believed that exaltation consisted of joy and living to your full potential but the socialist said the exaltation consisted of pure humiliation of your nothingness. The socialist refuses 2 see the dignity of humanity and their potential.

To cast pearls before swine is a sin because the person values so little their pearls and let's them be defiled

socialist don't really like people who have an actual love for the poor such as a social worker who really does truly love the poor

Self-loathing based in a unhealthy concept of humility leads to unhappiness and a feeling of uncleanness it stops your potential and makes you tired emotionally which leads to being tired physically

The self-loathing socialist eventually it's people who aren't grateful for their supposedly selfless service they start to see the human race as a fallen people they are jealous when other people are happy. Many socialists develop hatred for the people they serve, the poor.

Supposedly selfless people are never happy each human including the people who want to help others deserve a level of dignity. The socialist repeatedly teaches people that they shouldn't care at all about themselves and that the only important people are other people. the socialist teaches people to lose their identity and forget their souls to not care about being righteous but to only care about nothing at all and to forget about God's judgement. The socialist teaches that individual identity is an illusion and that your only purpose is to melt into the whole. the socialist teaches only to believe not to reason to merely believe in some ideal but not to use your mind as to how to obtain that. The socialist emphasizes feelings over understanding. The socialist teaches that individuals don't really matter.

The socialist teaches that you should never stand up for yourself

The socialist teaches that personal happiness is irrelevant but in reality personal happiness contributes to the happiness of the whole

Whereas the socialist teaches that the whole is the only important entity in reality the individual is just as important as the whole

people who aren't honest in their profession are never confident about themselves deep down they're never sure that what they've done in life was worthwhile. Those who betray beauty to try and fit in with the popular masses are never really sure about what they're doing they're always looking for an excuse to make what they're doing sound Noble. the person they want to convince but just can't get to his themselves.

There is more pain in some people not having opportunity to do what they are passionate about than the pain of a herd of people being run over by a truck.

Even if you're reading books out of order your mind will make order of it not reading the one book itself out of order but just reading all Star runner books on many different topics

No happy person can be impervious to pain; if a person seems impervious to pain, you know they are not a happy person.

To do something halfway is to lie to yourself it is to create a fissure in yourself

True self respect can't be killed. the worst someone could do to someone else's merely kill their pretence of self-respect

You can't have equal love for excellence and unrefined matter.

The quest for self respect is proof that you don't have it

some literary critics praise bad plays just to stand out, just to be proud of the fact that they can sell a piece of garbage

The sound perception of an ant does not include lightning in other words people try to make the average everyday life as the heroic life and they ignore the heroes we're really doing great things and it gets to the point where society can't comprehend heroes and it whittles them down to socialism they stop expecting greatness. This is also why socialist literary critic will praise garbage writing they're making everyone seem equal but in reality people's talent and ability vary greatly.

large public weddings are hideous it is a sacrilege of what should be a sacred moment of the climax of two people's lives it should be solemn not overly decorated and populated. It should be more solemn than party.

The socialist believes that the happiness of others is dangerous

When a business owner can't fire whoever he wishes to of his own company he may as well blow up the building

There is a stage of worship which makes the worshipper himself an item of reverence

The socialist calls crudeness the eloquent language of the common Man and exalts it when he should be reaching for higher things not just calling the mundane or average the highest excellence. The socialist refuses to see humanity as capable of something higher than average refuses to paint high ideals

Those who take their work seriously are by that nature, very religious people.

Integrity is much more than just not taking people's money and includes holding the same ideals overtime

Convincing people of the glaringly obvious which everyone has chosen to ignore is one of the hardest things to do

Architecture is music in stone

Seeing something truly beautiful and magnificent can give a person the courage to face a lifetime

The worst curse of poverty is lack of privacy

Two kinds of greatness are needed for greatness to survive 1 the person who creates great things 2 the person who can see it and says something about it

Excellent people don't always require the presence of others

When you are involved in creating something excellent your humble circumstances don't bother you you don't even notice it

True greatness travels by word of mouth the masses don't care about it. Those who discover it do so by seeing it first-hand like an underground river it shoots forth from random springs

People who aren't happy don't build great things

The difficult earned Joy that makes you feel like a better person this is a much higher Joy than the placid face value joy

Some things are too precious to let commoners, the public, to see, and freely interact with. (Note: temples and the wife of God fit this description; the concept of sacred space vs profane space (private vs public)).

When 2 excellent people speak to each other there is no pressure or pretense it is open and free as if they're speaking to themselves

Excellent people usually don't care whether others like them or not there are very few people they care about how they feel towards them

When you hate incompetence you can walk away and do your own work or you can take the darker path of trying to control others whom you despise

When you say amen to something, say yes to it, it becomes yours in conjunction with the creator of it.

The soul consists of the ability to say yes or no to things.

Once you say yes to something it never changes. You are the same forever. There are little things along the way you don't understand, but you are you. Build what you wish. The outcome of it all is you.

A person's house is a reflection of their character.

Pain is a stimulant also

The socialist says that freedom is a nuisance, that everyone would be happier in a highly controlled society, and that those who are selfish should be shot.

The socialist believes that compulsory education well in essence will force everyone to make good choices and force them to be happy and that they should be taught these ways whether they like it or not for their own good.

The socialist hates art he says that the everyday life is all the art we need and that the majestic paintings the Shakespeare plays that all of this is not needed. This theory Is another way of the socialist of dumbing-down the masses to usurp control

Peter's real love was art. He fizzled out in the profession his mother pushed him into, architecture. He tried to start painting late in his life after being burned out in the other career he chose, but by then he was mediocre, and likely to remain so.

The socialist insists on things constantly changing.

The socialist leaders don't find young talent, they pick someone suitable for their purposes and enthrone them as a pawn.

The socialist knows fully well the subliminal messages he pushes in the news everyday but no one else knows. The socialist is creating a mega fertilizer which will kill all certain kinds of plants that he doesn't like.

To be able to help people you first have to become someone who can get things done and to be someone who can get things done you have to be someone who loves the work of getting things done not the by-product but doing the work itself.

To do what you truly want to do is the hardest thing and the most courageous thing to do

You can't give away your core identity as an individual without becoming a monster a hollow shell who goes around looking for the approval of others who focuses on opinions rather than abilities. You become Your own worst enemy I never trust that what you're doing is any good because deep down as a human you know that what you're doing isn't any good when you've given up your core self. When you've spent your life pandering to others bending morals according to the cheap barometer of public opinion.

Many rise to the top quickly and go down quickly and wonder why they fell the reason is because they never belonged at the top anyway. They were a mere puppet thrown away after their usefulness had passed.

a person brainwashed by socialism devalues the self and nothing is sacred to them anymore their own life isn't sacred to them anymore they're past their present their future they take it lightly and don't have any real friends. Gave you everything as matter of fact and their own experience as merely the universal experience of humanity rather than something sacred and special and unique which it really is.

People really in love don't have to constantly speak to each other as if they're afraid that they're fragile relationship with Fall apart. They can enjoy silence together or silence apart. They have deep deep respect for the self and for their partner. They trust one another and aren't suspicious

People with a healthy self-respect enjoy physical exercise before breakfast

The socialist says be selfless and give to others and what they mean by this is the complete opposite of healthy sharing. They mean that you should give your soul away to whatever makes people happy be good or evil. The socialist view of selflessness is another way of saying sell your soul to accommodate the least common denominator. Everyone sells their soul that what they do every day the

hardest thing is to keep your soul, to have true integrity. Some people call it egotest, but those seeking their own long-term happiness are always the nicest people, not just in public but everywhere.

The masses of socialists want a love which permits anything forgives anything expects nothing

Often intellectuals use anger to attempt to cure their boredom.

The great man spends his life in and out of court but that endites society not the great man. Side note recall Joseph Smith

Socrates Galileo pastor all of these men were Martyrs of society great men the society rejected

The socialist wants power and they get this by preaching to others to hate power. The man who shot power in the past used physical control. But the man you can can another mans soul however corrupt will have power much more power over others

The great men cannot the ruled and the socialist enthrones mediocrity.

happy man are Freeman so the socialist seeks to take away what is dear and important to them to not let them have what they want.

Internal corruption is the age old tool to get power

A person's first duty is to himself to his own happiness. side note this is why we keep God's commandments instead of doing with the masses want because our happiness is more important.

Peter regularly came to Ellsworth for Ellsworth to convince him that he was a good boy and and the speeder became Faust and Ellsworth Mephistopheles.

The antonym for ego is bromide

The imbicil always smiles the first round but is this sign of thought is the touch of God.

the socialist creates an environment where phenomenal people cannot exist he creates a vacuum of nothing where in a great man cannot survive

Collectivism makes everyone United of one neck suitable for 1 leesh

the socialist wants you to give up your soul to a leader or a council to anything he just wants you to give it up he wants to kill the individual to kill mans soul then the rest of his plans for Dominion will follow naturally.

the devil tries to get you to obey him in the name of ideals then he unveils himself and shows that there were no ideals in what he was getting you to do but by then your are hooked you follow him regardless

Writing has healing power it is a fountain of Life when a thought takes shape in words

Organizations made without a purpose are especially dangerous

The great business owner pays his employees plenty of money and calls the shots. He is in charge not the employees. He pays them enough to where they don't want to leave. This is a fair agreement they can choose if they want to work there.

a brilliant machine functioning at its best makes immediate decisions and precise commands. A great person can function as a brilliant machine when it comes to his work.

The moochers want freedom's without recognizing the work of creators. if it weren't for the Creator they would be nothing for them to be free about. The creators are who made the real sacrifices.

Socialists condone violent protests

when you play the system of corruption to gain power you just become a part of the people who were feeding and other corruption you're not independently ruling anything

Love is exception making

To confess pain is not as deep and revealing as to confess Joy

Only a free person has the capacity for benevolence

Every great new thought and invention is opposed. The inventors are met with hatred but in the long run they win.

all of the functions of body and spirit are private they cannot be shared by another one person cannot breathe for another or digest for another or be creative for another.

The thing that is created as the property of the creator

the Creator is concerned with the conquest of nature the parasite is concerned with the conquest of men the parasite lives second hand and needs others; others become his prime mode but the basic need of the crater is Independence the creative mind cannot work under any form of compulsion it demands total Independence in function and motive

The parasite teaches that relationships are important above all things

The parasite mindset is to shun Independence

To enslave oneself is the most debased action and it should not be done not even in the name of Love. side note remember the Latter-Day prophets he said he would never be a slave for God.

if we're leaving suffering is the most important part of life that makes suffering the most important part of life but creating is actually the highest functional.

The Creator is the man who stands alone.

People think that masochism is the only substitution for sadism but the trade is really between dependence and Independence.

Things that are based on depending on others are evil. the righteous man does not expect anyone to live for him and he does not live for anyone else. Independence is the gauge of human virtue and value. the only standard of personal dignity is independence.

The first right and duty is the ego the self. His moral obligation is do what he wishes provided that it does not rely and others.

Robbery exploitation and ruling all involve depending on others they're not independent.

The individual against the collective is another way of saying the Creator versus second-hander.

Remember side note it is revealed that God only governs his own creations. In this since he isn't a ruler over others' things, which is what Rand rebukes in stating that the ruler isn't independent. God created his children and the earth they live on and therefore has right to govern them. But in another way each person is their own person and coexists with God, and is thereby is allowed agency to operate in the universe as they will, and may become like the prototype of perfect Independence (Jesus Christ) or to become like the prototype of a fallen being, forever captive, destroying others' things and never really creating anything of his own.

USA was based on the pursuit of happiness the selfish motive and that has resulted in it becoming the greatest most Free Nation

The collectivist uses the narrative of altruism in what appears as love but ends up in blood shed . They say that anything is okay if it is done in the name of altruism.

The integrity of a man's creative work is of more importance than any charitable endeavor

A man's only obligation to another man is to respect his freedom and to not take part in a slave society.