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The Page of Reason

Integrating 2600 Years of Rational Investigations
Catalyzing the Age of Rationality

**Objectivism: The Philosophy of
Reality Integrated Reason**

Eight-Parts in Eight-Pages
Part 5 is The Page

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Based upon the Principles of Ayn Rand's Objectivism, *The Page of Reason* is a cause-and-effect analysis concerning the future prospects for human life, on Earth. And it incorporates an action plan for elevating those prospects.

Preface

From all of my life experience, from all knowledge that I have ever acquired from a magnificent array of generous knowledge contributors, I assert that Objectivist Principles are the only possible principles for *incisive* pursuits of survival, prosperity, and happiness, for all humans, all around the Earth. Within *The Page of Reason*, I will make my case.

Since the advent of primeval languages, our human minds have been assaulted by ever-more, ever-various, ever-contradictory, and ever-evasive irrational ideas. And, on countless occasions throughout the ages, willfully chosen and enacted to their final social conclusions, irrational ideas have caused vast destitution, destruction, and death.

Our primeval natures will always be with us. However, irrational ideas are just simplistic conceptual errors. They are just ideas that have become entangled with the persistent and pernicious, primeval principle that: *anything-goes!*

With great life-enriching effects, we are able to overcome primeval anything-goes ideas by wisely employing our reasoning skills. And it is only by such wise reasoning that we will ever become able to consistently cultivate our pursuits of happiness.

Such a wise desire notwithstanding, it is impossible to know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth—about the facts of human rationality, in detail. However, by well-formulated principles, we can profitably progress towards that important purpose.

To be useful, to be stable, to be good, to be true, such well-formulated principles must subsume the broadest reasonably possible range of presently known facts, and they must be well-anchored within objective reality, by incisive rational-work.

Rationality has always been our distinctive human attribute, our principal virtue, and our fundamental talent. Nevertheless, it has only been within the most recent 2600 years that we humans have engaged in meaningful investigations of rationality. Thus, within the prodigiously long duration of human history, we have only just recently begun to actualize the vibrantly good life that rationality offers.

Why has this investigation work only just recently begun, and then evolved at such an excruciatingly slow pace? For three primary reasons:

- One: Reason, rationality's method of work, is a set of voluntary skills that can only become performed within individual human minds.
- Two: Rational-work, non-contradictory integrations of percepts and concepts by logical reason, must become performed.
- Three: Culturally significant rational-work always depends upon present states of literacy and of various sorts of information technologies.

It is only within individual human minds that reasoning skills and conceptual knowledge can exist and develop. However, at birth, our minds became formed devoid of such content. Nevertheless, since our births, our minds have become slates, upon which, by choice, we can write and rewrite to the very end of our conscious lives.

By my choice, for almost thirteen years, I directed my mind towards important, purposeful work:

- First: I worked hard to systematically investigate and to thereby reasonably assimilate a very broad knowledge context.
- Second: Once I came to understand their utterly crucial importance, I then worked hard to acquire an incisive understanding of fundamental rational principles.
- Third: Beginning with a limited set of writing skills, I then worked very hard to further develop, hone, and polish those skills.
- Fourth: During five years, as I worked on those writing skills, I composed *The Page of Reason*, the final purpose of which is to communicate fundamental rational principles to you, and to each other able individual, on Earth.

Within this book, I have done my utter best to incisively define those principles.

- For incisive pursuits of survival, prosperity, and happiness, on Earth, such principles, Objectivist Principles, are necessary.

Let there be light! And there *is* light, a human light: reason. And, as we proceed, by principles, to further separate the light from the darkness, we will see that this light *is* good.

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