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**The Page of Reason**

Third Edition: Integrating 2600 Years of Rational Investigations

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

Eight-Parts in Eight-Pages

Part 5 is The Page

**A Brain is Free. A Mind is Earned.**

**Orrin Smith**

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**Welcome to The Page of Reason**

A seminal essay for the rational-self-interest of each able individual, and for the cultures and civilizations that they will gloriously enrich.

**The Declaration of Intent**

**From all of my life experience**, from all knowledge that I have ever acquired from a magnificent array of generous knowledge predecessors, 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.

**The Preface**

**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 counter-destructive effect, we are able to counter-assault primeval anything-goes ideas by wisely employing our reasoning skills. And it is only by such rationally wise counter-assaults that we will ever become able to consistently cultivate our pursuits of happiness.

**Rationality** has always been our distinctive human attribute, our principal moral 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 four primary reasons:

- One: Rationality's fundamental importance must become recognized.
- Two: Reason (rationality's method of work) is a set of voluntary skills that can only become performed within individual human minds.
- Three: Rational-work (non-contradictory integrations of observations and concepts by logical reason) must become performed.
- Four: 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 twelve 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 nearly 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** *The Page of Reason*, I have done my utter best to communicate those principles.

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

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**I invite you** to now embark with me upon this brief *greatest ever possible adventure*, and to then employ *The Page of Reason*, as a potent tool, within your own enduring *greatest ever possible adventure*. You and I have much to discuss: me within my rational text, you within your own rational mind.

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