

Galt's speech is:

1. A report on the world crisis
  2. Statement that Thompson's time is up
  3. Presentation of His Morality
- I. Age of Moral Crisis
- a. Virtue (to you) = sacrifice
    - i. With every disaster, you demanded more sacrifices.
    - ii. Now, all "evils" have been sacrificed:
      1. independence → unity
      2. justice → mercy
      3. happiness → duty
      4. reason → faith
      5. wealth → need
      6. self-esteem → self-denial
  - b. "Why then, do you shrink in horror at the world around you?"
    - \* It is the product of your moral ideal brought into reality, the product and image of your virtues.
  - c. JG has granted you your wish.
    - i. Extracted the enemy your code of morality was designed to destroy: deprived the world of man's mind.
    - ii. Nature of your game told to the men of the mind; they choose to follow *my morality*.
  - d. Strike
    - i. Against
      1. self-immolation
      2. creed of unearned rewards and unrewarded duties
      3. dogma that the pursuit of one's happiness is evil
      4. doctrine that life is guilt
    - ii. Consists not of making demands but *granting them*
    - iii. You've nothing to offer us. We do not need you.
  - e. Not what you wanted?
    - \* you "moral cannibals" – you've always known what you've wanted now we know it too.
  - f. Your code of morality
    - i. Brought scourges and disasters through time.
    - ii. You claim the s&d are punishment for the breaking of your code
    - iii. Your victims (us) took the blame.
      - You claim: human nature isn't good enough to follow your noble code
      - I ask: **good by what standard?**
  - g. The Age of Moral Crisis:
    - i. Your moral code has reached the blind alley at the end of its course
    - ii. You must *discover morality* to go on living.

## II. Morality

- a. You have no concept of morality except the mystical or social
  - i. Mystical: Imposed on you by whim of supernatural powers to serve God's will
  - ii. Social: Imposed on you by whim of society to serve your neighbor's welfare
- \* But *NOT* to serve your own pleasure
  - i. your pleasure = immorality
    - 1. Your interests are best served by *evil*
    - 2. Any moral code must be designed *against* you: not to further you, but to *drain* you.
- b. Battle of morality fought by mystics and socialists
  - i. Both sides
    - 1. Morality not province of reason but that of faith&force
    - 2. against man's mind
  - ii. (Perish) V (learn that the anti-mind is the anti-life)
- \* No one came to say that your life belongs to you and that the good is to live your life.
- c. Man's mind: his basic tool of survival / reason: means of survival
  - \* Life is given to him, but survival is not.
    - i. To remain alive, must act. (L→A)
    - ii. To act, must know purpose and nature of action. (A→P)
    - iii. To remain alive, must think. (L→P→T)
- d. To think: an act of choice
  - \* "Human nature" – fact that man is a being of *volitional consciousness*
    - i. Reason is not automatic
    - ii. Thinking is not a mechanical process
    - iii. Logic is not made by instinct
  - You are free to think or to evade that effort. (Volitional)
  - You are *not* free to escape your nature.
    - *Reason* is your means of survival.
    - "*To be or not to be*" = "*To think or not to think.*"
- e. A being of volitional consciousness has no automatic course of behavior.
  - \* Needs a code of values to guide his actions (values to guide virtue)
    - i. Value: That which one acts to gain and keep
      - \* Presupposes
        - 1. Answer to question: of value to whom and for what
        - 2. A standard: purpose and necessity of action in face of alternative
    - ii. Virtue: Action by which one gains and keeps value
- f. One fundamental alternative in the universe: (existence) V (non existence)
  - \* Pertains to living organisms
    - i. Only the living faces the constant alternative of (life) V (death)
    - ii. Only to a living being that things can be (good) V (evil)
      - 1. Concept of life that makes value possible

- g. Plant vs Animal vs Man
  - i. Plant: Life is standard of value directing its actions
    - 1. No choice of action. Acts automatically for life.
  - ii. Animal: Senses provide it with an automatic code of action (instinct)
    - 1. Automatic knowledge of good/evil. No power of choice.
  - iii. Man: *No* automatic code of survival.
    - 1. Distinction: volitional choice
- Every man's desire to live is not automatic.
- Secret evil of the day is that you do not desire to live.
- A living being that regards its means of survival as evil dies.
- h. Man: rational being by choice—(rational being) V (suicidal animal)
  - i. By choice:
    - 1. Man has to be man
    - 2. Hold his life as a value
    - 3. Learn to sustain his life
    - 4. Discover the values it requires and practice its virtues
  - i. Code of Morality: Code of values accepted *by choice*
  - j. Morality of Reason:
    - i. Morality proper to man
    - ii. Man's life = standard of value
      - 1. Good: all that which is proper to man's life
      - 2. Bad: all that which destroy man's life
  - k. Man's Life
    - i. *Not* the life of
      - 1. Mindless brute
      - 2. Looting thug
      - 3. Mooching mystic
    - ii. But, the life of a thinking being
      - 1. by means of:
        - a. achievement
        - b. survival at the price of reason
  - l. Standard of Morality: man's life
- m. Purpose of Morality: *Your* life—to teach you to enjoy yourself and live.
- n. Metaphysical Monstrosity acts on Standard of Death
  - i. Being who struggles to oppose, negate, contradict fact of own existence
  - ii. Being who does not hold his own life as the motive and goal of his action acts on the motive and standard of death.
- o. Happiness:
  - i. Successful state of life
  - ii. State of consciousness that proceeds from the achievement of one's values
- \* Negation of morality: one that tells you that happiness is to forsake happiness
  - 1. That you should value the failure of your values
- \* Death Standard: Doctrine with sacrificial animal seeking slaughter of others as ideal
- p. By the grace of reality and the nature of life: every man is an end in himself
  - i. He exists for his own sake
  - ii. His achievement of happiness is the highest moral purpose

### III. You

#### a. Sweep aside

i. Parasites of subsidized classrooms, who live on the profits of the mind of others, who proclaim that man needs no morality.

1. Every living species has its own way of survival demanded by its nature. But, you believe that man can survive in any way: with no identity, no nature, no reason why he can't live with his means of survival throttled, his mind sacrificed to orders.

ii. Hatred eaten mystics posing as friends of humanity, who claim that the highest virtue a man can practice is to hold his own life as that of no value.

1. Purpose of morality is not to kill man, but for his self-preservation.

\* The only man who is moral is the man who desires to live.

#### b. You don't have to...

i. Live—it is a basic act of choice

\* If you live, you must live as a man: work & judgment of own mind

ii. Live as a man—it is an act of *moral* choice

\* Else: living death, agony of unthinking self-destruction

iii. Think—it is an act of moral choice

\* Default on thinking → Default on existence → Pass the deficit to a moral man, expecting him to sacrifice his good for the sake of letting you survive by your evil.

iv. be a man—but your victims (who are man) have been removed.

\* They knew not the virtue my code represented. I brought them not a re-evaluation, but an identification of their values.

### IV. Existence exists

#### a. (We are on strike in the name of this axiom.)

i. Root of your moral code is that you wish to escape this axiom.

#### b. Two corollary axioms

i. Something exists.

ii. One exists with consciousness to perceive that which exists.

#### c. If nothing exists → No consciousness

i. A consciousness w/nothing to be conscious of is a contradiction in terms.

ii. A consciousness conscious *only* of itself is a contradiction in terms.

1. A consciousness had to be conscious of *something* before it could identify itself as consciousness.

\* If that which you claim to perceive does not exist

→ What you possess is *not* consciousness

#### d. Existence and Consciousness are axioms you cannot escape

\* *It* exists and you *know* it.

#### e. To exist is to *be something*: an entity of a specific nature, of specific attributes.

#### f. A is A: defines the concept of existence, the rule of all knowledge

i. Existence=identity

ii. Consciousness=identification

• All the bads in the world came from your attempt to evade the fact that A=A

• The purpose of those who taught you A!≠A is to make you forget man=man

- V. Thinking
- a. To survive → gain knowledge → reason [→ you must]
    - i. Reason: faculty that perceives, identifies, integrates material provided by your senses
    - ii. Senses: give evidence of existence to reason (which identifies it)
      - \* Senses tell you that something *is*; reason tells you *what* it is.
  - b. Thinking: a process of identification and integration
    - i. Q: What is it? – through process, mind works to answer this question
    - ii. Logic: means to establish the truth of the answer
      1. rests on the axiom that existence exists
      2. is the art of non-contradictory identification
  - c. Contradiction
    - i. To arrive at a contradiction, must confess the error in one's thinking
    - ii. To maintain one is to abdicate one's own mind and evict self from reality
  - d. Reality: that which exists
  - e. Truth: recognition of reality
  - f. Reason: the only standard of truth
  - g. Whose reason?—Yours
    - \* Your judgment directs thinking; moral integrity directs judgment
  - h. Moral faculty: man's reason
    - Process of reason is a process of *constant choice between right/wrong*
    - This basic moral choice can't be made by a moral instinct, but it can be made by a mind of intransigent devotion to that which is *right*.
  - i. A Rational process is a Moral process
    - i. You might make a mistake, but you would know that it is *wrong* and react accordingly to amend it.
    - ii. Or, you might make a mistake and believe that it is *right*, to evade reality and the effort of thinking.
      - \* If devotion to truth is the hallmark of morality, there is no greater, nobler, more heroic form of devotion than  
the act of a man who assumes the responsibility of thinking.
  - j. Soul or Spirit: Your consciousness
  - k. Free will: mind's freedom to think (or not)
  - l. Basic virtue: Thinking... all other virtues proceed from this
  - m. Basic vice: the act of blanking out... source of all evils
    - i. Blanking out: refusal to know/see. Willful suspension of consciousness.  
Inner fog to escape responsibility of judgment:
      - \* that  $A \neq A$  so long as you fail to pronounce it
      - \* Who am I to know? → Who am I to live?  
(suspending judgment negates person)
  - n. To the extent to which a man is...
    - i. Rational, life is the premise directing his actions
    - ii. Irrational, death is the premise directing his actions
  - o. Life is a value to be bought; thinking is the only coin noble enough to buy it
  - p. Thou shalt think!—man's only moral commandment
    - i. But M.C. is a contradiction in terms
      - \* Moral: is the *chosen* not the *forced*

VI. My morality: the morality of reason

- Single axiom: Existence exists
- Single choice: to live
- a. To live, one must hold 3 things as the supreme ruling values of life:
  - i. Reason: Tool of knowledge
  - ii. Purpose: Choice of happiness which reason must achieve
  - iii. Self-esteem: Inviolable certainty that the mind is competent to think and a person is worthy of happiness → is worthy of living
- \* These 3 values imply and require all of man's virtues:  
Rationality / Independence / Integrity / Honesty / Justice / Productiveness / Pride
- b. All virtues pertain to the relation of existence and consciousness
  - i. Rationality: Recognition of the fact that existence exists
    - 1. Nothing can alter truth and nothing can take precedence over thinking (the act of perceiving truth)
    - 2. Concession to the irrational → fake reality
    - 3. Mystical invention/faith → annihilation of existence and consciousness
  - ii. Independence: Recognition of the fact that *yours* (and yours alone) is the responsibility of judgment
    - 1. No substitute can do your thinking
    - 2. The vilest form of self-abasement/self-destruction is the subordination of your mind to accept whim of another as fact
  - iii. Integrity: Recognition of the fact that you cannot fake your consciousness
    - 1. Man is an indivisible entity, integration of matter and consciousness, mind and body. May permit no breach.
    - 2. Courage: practical form of being true to existence
    - 3. Confidence: practical form of being true to one's consciousness
  - iv. Honesty: Recognition of the fact that existence can't be faked
    - 1. Attempt to gain value by deceiving the mind of others raises their blindness as shroud over your reality, and their intelligence becomes your enemy
    - \* Honesty: the most profoundly selfish virtue—the refusal to sacrifice reality to the deluded consciousness of others
  - v. Justice: Recognition of fact that neither character of men nor nature can be faked.
    - \* Judge *all* by a pure and *rational* process of identification.
    - 1. If you withhold contempt for vices—moral counterfeiting
    - 2. If you withhold admiration for virtues—moral embezzlement
    - \* Only the good can lose by the default of justice; only evil can profit  
→ To punish men for their virtues, reward them for their vices is to collapse to the full depravity,  
dedication of consciousness to the destruction of existence.
  - vi. Productiveness: Your recognition of the fact that you choose to live; your acceptance of morality
    - 1. Productive work: process by which man's consciousness controls his existence
    - 2. All work is creative work if done by a thinking mind
    - 3. Your work is a process of achieving your values
    - 4. Lose ambition for values → Lose ambition to live
    - 5. Your work is the purpose of your life. (avoid all those who assume the right to stop you.)

- vii. Pride: Recognition of the fact that you are your own highest value
  - \* Pride has to be earned.
    - 1. Your character makes everything possible.
    - 2. Self-made soul makes Self-made wealth possible.
    - 3. The first precondition of self-esteem is that radiant selfishness of soul which desires the best in all things, in values of matter and spirit, a soul that seeks above all else to achieve its own moral perfection, *valuing nothing higher than itself*.
    - 4. Achieved self-esteem: when you shudder in contempt against the creed that proposes to immolate (sacrifice) ...
      - a. Consciousness (irreplaceable value)
      - b. Existence (incomparable glory)
      - ... to blind evasion and stagnant decay of others
- c. John Galt: *I am proud of my own value and of the fact that I wish to live.*
- d. The wish to live: you have it but see it as an evil
  - \* The wish is the only remnant of good left in you
    - i. Happiness: man's only moral purpose; only virtue can achieve it
    - ii. Life is the reward of virtue; happiness is the reward of life
- e. Your emotions: lightning calculators giving you the sum of profit/loss, what furthers or threatens your life
  - i. What you *consider* good/evil depends on your standard of value
  - ii. Emotions inherent, but content dictated by mind
    - 1. if irrational is the standard of value, impossible is the concept of good  
→ Reach opposite of existence.
- f. Happiness: not to be achieved at the command of emotional whims
  - Happiness is the state of non-contradictory joy.
  - Happiness is possible *only* to a rational man.
    - i. Desires nothing but rational goals
    - ii. Seeks nothing but rational values
    - iii. Finds joy in nothing but rational actions  
→ No victims amongst rational men
      - men who do not:
        - 1. desire the unearned
        - 2. view one another with a cannibal's lust
        - 3. make sacrifices or accept them
- g. The Trader: moral symbol of respect for human beings; man of justice
  - i. Live by values, not loot—earns what he gets, does not give or take the undeserved
  - ii. Gives values of the spirit: love, friendship, esteem, in payment and in trade for human virtues.
  - iii. The entity the parasites dread.
- h. Moral Obligation: rationality, the obligation owed to all of existence (and self)
  - i. Deal with man by means of reason
  - ii. Seek/desire nothing from them except mutual trade
    - 1. the only value men can offer: work of mind
    - 2. disagree with a rational man, reality is final arbiter
      - a. both will profit; the wrong will learn, the other win.

- VII. Force: as long as men desire to live together, no man may initiate the use of physical force against others.
- a. Killer: The man who initiates the use of force is a killer acting on premise of destroying man's capacity to live.
    - \* To interpose the threat of physical destruction between a man and his perception of reality is to negate and paralyze his means of survival
  - b. Force and mind are opposites: morality ends where a gun begins
    - i. If you believe that man is an irrational creature to be forced, then that belief defines your own character.
      1. Therefore: The sanction of reason is beyond you.
  - c. Death as the ruling power
    - i. Force a man to defy reality, accept *your* irrationality
    - ii. Price of life at the surrender of all virtues
    - iii. Process of death is what such a system will achieve
  - d. Degrees of evil?
    - i. Brute who assumes the right to force another's mind
    - ii. Moral degenerate who grants others the right to force his mind

\* Moral absolute: do not grant others the power to force your mind
  - e. Retaliation: The only thing force can be used for  
To grant the destroyer the destruction he seeks  
"When a man deals by force, I answer by force." Our work V Your guns

VIII. Your Morality:

- a. Worshippers of the Zero
  - i. Life is not the equivalent of avoiding death
  - ii. Buildings are *not* built by abstaining from demolition  
"Produce and feed us in exchange for our *not* destroying your production"
    - o Perish with and in your own void. We have learned that a 0 cannot hold a mortgage over life.
    - o Existence is *not* the negation of negatives
    - o Evil: absence and negation
- b. Morality of Death
  - i. You believe that fear and joy are incentives of equal power
    1. Fear is the more *practical*
    2. You don't wish to live, only the fear of death holds you.
  - ii. You dread the only thing that can save you: thinking
  - iii. Purpose of your struggle is to defy the acknowledgment of the (insidious) *nature* of your morality.
  - iv. Death: standard of your values
    1. you cannot stop running because the destroyer/pursuer is yourself
  - v. Damnation: start of your morality.
  - vi. Destruction: purpose, means, and end
  - vii. Your code: demands that man starts from depravity without proof
    1. that man starts with the standard of evil.
    2. The good=that which he isn't, that which is non-man



IX. Original Sin

- a. Sin without volition—outside the possibility of choice (beyond province of morality)
  - \* Root of your code
- b. Nature of guilt—ate fruit of tree of knowledge
  - i. Acquired a mind & became a rational being
  - ii. Sentenced to experience desire (joy)
  - iii. To have to work to earn food (productivity)
- c. Man's fall—he gained virtues to live (sin to you)
  - i. Evil: Man
  - ii. Guilt: That man lives
  - \* Behold your so-called “Morality of mercy and a doctrine of love for man”

X. Split

- a. Only the body is evil: set body against mind
  - i. **Soul**: supernatural realm and **Body** holds soul in bondage to earth
  - ii. Body without soul: corpse
  - iii. Soul without body: ghost
  - When man's mind is negated, he is left at anyone's mercy
  - If he is unable to grasp true consciousness, the faculty of perceiving the non-existent, then that's proof that his existence is evil “consciousness impotent”
- b. Both Mystics of Spirit and Mystics of Muscle want to destroy the mind.
  - i. Mystics of the spirit (spiritualists): consciousness without existence
    - \* surrender mind to revelations → destruction of man's mind
    - 1. the good: God, a being *beyond* man's power to conceive
    - \* invalidate man's consciousness: nullifies existence
    - 2. man's mind: subordinated to will of God
    - 3. man's standard of value: pleasure of God, first beyond man's power of comprehension, *accepted by faith*.
    - 4. purpose of man's life: zombie serving a purpose unknown to self
    - 5. reward: in afterlife
  - ii. Mystics of the muscle (materialists): existence without consciousness
    - \* surrender mind to reflexes → enslavement of man's body
    - 1. the good: society, everyone *except* yourself
    - 2. man's mind: subordinated by will of society
    - 3. man's standard of value: pleasure of society, standards beyond man's right of judgment, to be *obeyed as primary absolute*.
    - 4. purpose of man's life: zombie serving purpose unknown to self
    - 5. reward: great-grandchildren
- c. Man is an Indivisible Entity. Renounce your...
  - i. Body → fake
  - ii. Consciousness → brute
  - iii. Material world → surrender to evil (the good of your morality)
  - iv. Self (mind) → chunk of meat ready for any cannibal to gobble
    - 1. It is your mind that they want you to sacrifice.
    - 2. “Selfish to uphold your wishes” → sacrifice to wish of others
    - 3. “Selfish to uphold your convictions” → sacrifice to conv of oth

- XI. Sacrifice
- Agreed by both materialists and spiritualists {
- a. Selfishness: man's evil
  - b. Sacrifice: essence of morality, highest within man's reach
    - \* Rejection of the precious, surrender of value
      - i. Virtue of sacrifice in full: give your life away (full sacrifice)
      - ii. Greatest of virtues you can practice: devote your life to serving men u hate
      - iii. Moral perfection: achieve state of total zero
        - \* no joy, no values, no reward
        - Impossible to man, cannot achieve it as long as you live
      - iv. To achieve virtue of sacrifice, you must want to live—passionately—so that death by slow torture would be a *sacrifice*
      - v. Only proper to those who've nothing to sacrifice
      - vi. For a rational moral man: sacrifice is the surrender of good to evil
        - Creed of Sacrifice: morality for the immoral
  - c. Material Value? Matter has value only in the eye of the beholder and creator
    - \* the material value you produced sacrificed to the service of evil!
  - d. Man who obeys your morality divorces values from matter
    - i. Values given no expression in material form
    - ii. Existence not related to ideals
    - iii. Renounced matter, that values of spirit can't be brought to material reality
  - e. They want you to sacrifice your mind, so you can be cannibalized.
  - f. The most *selfish* of all is the independent mind that recognizes no higher authority than its own and no higher value than its own judgment of truth.
  - g. Good: "the non-good for me" – the good of *others*→**SPLIT you vs them**
    - \* *You vs the rest of humanity* (the non-you) ~ **your creed splits you in half**
  - h. Booby-trap/consolation prize: *That you will receive happiness, joy, prosperity if you serve, give up to, surrender to others... dignity exists on others' whim*
  - i. It is evil to accept and keep; what happens when others accept and keep it?
    - i. Your code: not evil if they don't *earn it*, do not obtain it *by right*.
    - \* **It is immoral to live by your own effort, but moral to live by that of others.**
  - j. You vs Others :: Carrier vs Riders.
    - i. All Others=moral elite
    - ii. *Standard of admission* into the moral elite: *lack of value*—need, inability
      - 1. Deserved: selfish mutual profit
      - 2. Undeserved: profit at price of disaster to other
      - 3. Lack of virtue: *transforms* demands into moral right
    - *Morality* that holds *need* as a claim
      - holds *emptiness*, the *zero*, as its standard of value.
  - k. Who provides the account to pay these claims?
    - i. All values are virtues of payers
    - ii. Meanness of soul?
      - 1. payers (those who achieve virtues) won't accept your code
      - 2. those who accept your moral code won't achieve those virtues

1. Morality of Sacrifice:
  - \* First value sacrificed: morality
  - \* Second value sacrificed: self-esteem
  - i. With need as standard,
    - every man is *both* victim and parasite—
    - works for others, leech off others to survive: both beggar and sucker
  - ii. Ladder
    1. Man above you: source of your frustration
    2. Man below you: source of your guilt
    - \* You wonder why your morality hasn't achieved brotherhood on earth?
  - iii. Causeless Love: Motive of Morality of Sacrifice
    - \* love—love for every man
    - \* No causeless wealth → no causeless love
      - a. To love is to value
      - b. *The man who tells you to love those who are worthless is the man who tells you that you can grow rich by consuming without producing.*
  - iv. There is no causeless fear. (Cause of fear=practical)
  - v. Love:
    - 1. the expression of one's values
    - 2. greatest reward you can earn for moral qualities you have achieved in your character and person
    - 3. emotional price paid by one man for the joy he receives from the virtues of another.
  - vi. But in your morality...
    1. Love is divorced from values
    2. Love is handed by virtue of need, not worth.
    3. True love transcends—if you can cease to value moral values, then you've achieved the state of moral perfection
  - vii. Ideals of the Morality of Sacrifice
    1. Refashion the life of the body in the image of a human stockyard
    2. Refashion the life of the spirit in the image of a dump
  - \* Why do you complain about man's impotence and futility of human aspirations?
    - a) prosper by seeking destruction
    - b) find joy by worshipping pain
    - c) live by holding death as the standard of value?
  - \* the degree of your ability to live = degree to which you broke your moral code

## XII. Mystics of Spirit (MOS) and Mystics of Muscle (MOM)

- a. Both MOS and MOM demand you invalidate your consciousness, surrender yourself to their power
  - i. MOS: possess means of knowledge *higher* than the mind (what?)
  - ii. MOM: your senses are not valid (why?)
  - Proof of superior knowledge—assert opposite of all you know
  - Proof of superior ability—you are led to misery, starvation, destruction (when, in fact, the ideal was noble → you must be depraved)

- b. Mode of being superior to your existence on earth
  - i. MOS: another dimension
  - ii. MOM: the future
  - To exist = possess identity, but they can't give identity to their superior realm.
  - All their identification consists of negation/negating
- c. Metaphysics of a leech: cling to the idea of a universe where  
the zero is the standard of identity
- d. Nature of superior world: based on *single holy absolute—their wish*
  - i. MOS curse matter → renounce the earth
  - ii. MOM curse profit → renounce all profit

\* both want a world where the impossible is *possible* @ their wish  
How? → Somehow  
They seek to escape the *law of identity* (impossible isn't possible)
- e. Man unable to perceive reality undistorted by senses  
= unable to perceive reality by feelings
- f. When you accept any part of their creed, your *motive* is to get away with something your reason wouldn't permit you to attempt.  
In getting away, you blank out: → Entity broken up into pieces  
\* Rebellion against identity = wish for non-existence  
\* Desire to not be anything = desire not to be
- g. Mystics of both school: *reversed causality*
  - i. I want it → it *is*.
  - ii. Want consciousness to *not* perceive (existence as object)  
but want consciousness to create existence (as subject)

\* Act of refusing to see or think:  
subverting your consciousness, corrupting your mind

### XIII. Causality

- a. Law of Causality: *permits no miracles*
  - i. LOC is Law of Identity applied to action
    - 1. All action caused by entities
    - 2. Nature of action caused & determined by nature of entities that act.
  - ii. You believe: Action is not *caused* by an entity
    - 1. 0 controlling a thing
    - 2. Non-entity controlling an entity

→ Cause of doctrine of causeless action  
\* The reason for your revolt against reason, goal of morality, politics, economics—the ideal: REIGN OF THE ZERO!
- b. Corollary of the causeless in matter, the unearned in spirit
  - i. Law of Identity: can't eat and have at the same time
  - ii. Law of Causality: Can't eat something before you make it

\* DEFY BOTH: eat before you make → earned food
- c. Reverse causality (fx → cause)
  - i. Unearned love: as if love (fx) could give personal value (cause)
  - ii. Unearned admiration: as if admiration (fx) could give virtue (cause)
  - iii. Unearned wealth: as if wealth could give ability
  - iv. Unearned forgiveness: as if mercy could give the cause of your pleas

- Spending—creates riches
  - Machinery—creates intelligence
- d. Who pays?—We do—we, the men of the mind
- i. We: cause of all values
  - ii. Love belongs and pertains only to those who preserve capacity to think, choose, value

#### XIV. Savage

- a. You: Destroy our generator but want to keep electric lights
- b. MOS create Heaven in the image of earth (omit *our* existence)
- c. MOM (omit our existence) where matter shapes itself causelessly into rewards desired by the non-mind
- d. You believe your world can be altered by words you do not utter.
  - \* Magical tool: blank-out
    1. Honesty: refusing to know that one is stealing
    2. Not to build, but to take over
    3. Not to think but to take over human thinking
- e. A savage doesn't accept the axiom of his own existence
  - \* blanks out the fact that he's accepted it with the above sentence
  - the only way to reject existence is to die (only way to negate sentence)
- f. Axiom: statement identifying the base of knowledge and of any further statement pertaining to that knowledge
  - i. HAS TO BE ACCEPTED BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT TO DENY IT
- g. Purpose to deprive u of concept of which man's mind, life, and culture depend on:
  - \* OBJECTIVE REALITY
- h. Development of human consciousness
  - i. Savage: World appears blur of the causeless, irrational horror, unknowable
  - ii. Birth as human being: matter has no volition
  - iii. Birth as the thinker: discover that senses *can't* deceive him
    - Physical objects cannot act without causes
    - Perception has no power to distort or invert
    - The mind has to learn and discover it
  - iv. Intellectuals want to bring you→savage
    1. Standard of knowledge and truth: what others believe
    2. Have faith in that there exists no knowledge
      - \* Your belief that you exists is an act of faith!

#### XV. Society

- a. MOS: Faith is superior to Reason
- b. MOM: Revolt against MOS...
  - i. Everything is faith → Revolt against Being
  - ii. Unproved assertions → nothing can be proved
  - iii. Supernatural knowledge → no knowledge is possible
  - iv. Enemies of science → science is superstition
  - v. Enslavement of mind → there is no mind!
- c. Surrender power to perceive, switch of standard from objective to collective

- d. Deny thinking (even though attempts to nullify it *requires* thinking)
  - Refuse to ID Thinking {
    - i. Your consciousness = {reflexes, reactions, experiences, urges, drives }
    - ii. Words have the power to condition you
- e. Problem of Production has been solved → Problem of Distribution remains
  - i. Who solved the problem of production? – humanity
  - ii. The solution? – the goods are here
  - iii. How? – somehow
  - iv. What caused it – nothing has causes
  - Refuse to accept existence of producers
  - Skyscrapers and tech feats are via “instincts of tool-making”
- f. Climax of creed of unearned and uncaused
  - i. All the gangs fight to rule you
    - You've agreed to have no mind {
      - 1. Love: solution to all problems of the spirit
      - 2. Whip: solution to all problems of the body
    - \* Expect production with bare sustenance = reward  
Whip lash = incentive
  - ii. **Society**: to reduce you to mindless pulp  
that's surrendered the validity of consciousness  
→ cannot be done without your consent (if you permit it, you deserve it)  
Your sanction is the *only* power and certainty the mystic has

## XVI. Mystic

\* Man who surrenders his mind at first encounter with mind of others;  
He worships your consciousness as omnipotent

- a. Others' consciousness in lieu of own
  - i. I know → They Say
  - ii. Faith in supernatural begins as faith in superiority of others
  - iii. Unable to think → Mercy of mindless feelings
    - 1. thinking devoted to struggle of *hiding from self* that the nature of one's true feelings—*terror*
  - iv. They = mystics' only means to reality  
→ To control others is their *only* passion.
- b. Every dictator is a mystic (and every mystic is a potential dictator)
  - Craves obedience {
    - i. His consciousness is surrendered to men
    - ii. Wants men to surrender their consciousness to him (in turn)
    - iii. Reason: a means of deception
      - 1. Feels as if men possess power > reason
    - iv. As if to command he holds power over reality and men's minds (command men's ability to perceive)
      - 1. As if agreeing to fake reality he orders them
      - 2. to fake → to create
    - v. Mystic → Lunatic seeking destruction by others
      - 1. Reject reality → reject existence
      - 2. relishes on suffering, longs for death

- vi. **Truth:** the horrors *are* the ends—not means/excuses.
    - \* Dictators destroy for the sake of destruction.
    - 1. You think you can adjust to a particular dictator?
      - a. When you please him by obeying an order, he reverses it.
      - b. He *wants* obedience for the sake of obedience.
  - c. They pretend to live by accumulating loot, but this is only their means of escape from learning the object of their hatred: the self
    - i. They don't want your fortune→just you to lose it
    - ii. They don't want you to live→just you to die
    - iii. They desire nothing, hate existence
  - d. The conspiracy against man's mind: \*not\* "misguided idealists"
    - \* It is the conspiracy of all those who seek *not to live* but to get *away with living*.  
to blank-out a bit, to blank-out completely
    - \* Those who pursues a zero as value→death as premise  
(Immolation of virtue→transforms vices into virtue)
  - e. The right to live of the incompetent: unconditional
  - f. The right to live of those with ability: conditional on satisfaction of their desires
- XVII. John Galt
- a. Saw that the enemy was an inverted morality. Its only power: owner's sanction
  - b. Denied self-immolation to provide them with means of plan—the right to say NO
    - i. Quit the world to warn victims
      - 1. method to fight: deflect retribution
      - 2. weapon: justice
    - ii. When JG quit, you lost the producers.
- \* Public ownership of production→ Public ownership of mind
- XVIII. (Your) Social Order
- a. Tenets
    - i. You are incompetent to run your own life→run others'
    - ii. You are unfit to exist in freedom→become ruler
    - iii. You are unfit to earn living by your own intelligence→judge others
  - b. Cult of Zero-Worship
    - i. Feel vs think
      - 1. "to feel"—human
      - 2. "to think"—not human
    - ii. Fail vs succeed
      - 1. "to fail"—human
      - 2. "to succeed"—not human
    - iii. Corruption vs virtue
      - 1. "to live in corruption"—human
      - 2. "to live in virtue"—not human
    - iv. Premise of death vs premise of life
      - 1. Premise of death—human
      - 2. Premise of death—not human

- c. The Public
  - i. Praise any non-profit; damn any profit
  - ii. “in the public interest”—service for those who don’t pay
    - 1. you damn men who made profits/virtue
  - iii. “public benefit”—anything given as alms
    - 1. those who engage in trade injure the public
  - iv. “public welfare”—those who didn’t earn it
    - 1. Those who do are entitled to *none*.
  - v. “the public”—whoever has failed to achieve any virtue or value. whoever achieves it, provides good, ceases to be regarded as the public.
  - vi. Not pity but guilt you count on:
    - 1. You cry you count on our pity, but your secret hope: you count on guilt from our virtues.
- John Galt: the first man of ability to refuse to regard virtue as guilt
  - Until you’ve learned to deal with Galt as trader, giving value for value, you have to learn to exist without him as he without you.
  - He has by plan and intention done what has been done by default by the men of the mind of the past. Theirs was:
    - “righteousness without knowledge of right”
    - “passionate without knowledge of desire”
- d. Dark Ages—era of intelligence on strike
  - i. Human history:
    - 1. blank-outs ruled by force and faith,
    - 2. achievements of human intelligence extinguished
  - \* No extinction this time. Game of mystics is up.
  - John Galt: taught that the world is the producers’ by virtue of the Morality of Life. Taught those who had not discovered the nature of their right, their power is their glory
- e. Questions you must answer
  - i. Who is enslaved by physical need?
  - ii. Who is the conqueror of reality?
  - iii. Which is the monument of the triumph of the human spirit over matter?
- \* Learn the answer and revere man’s achievements
- f. For You: your existence is a great pretense
  - i. You’ve known since youth that you were immoral (no desire for self-immolation), but you feigned it—the less you felt, the louder you proclaim your selfless love (etc)
  - ii. Others voice their loud approval to your selflessness, dreading to find out their own secret.
  - iii. Vicious faking of reality
- g. If it is to be moral or live
  - i. If practical=evil (works, succeeds, profits)
  - ii. If impractical=moral (fails, destroys, frustrates, immolates)
  - \* Morality—a necessary evil→Triple damnation on yourself, life, virtue
- h. “But we don’t have to go to extremes”—we have to, because A=A (truth=truth)



- i. Man who refuses to judge, declares no absolutes to escape reality, is the man who is responsible for all the blood spilled in the world.
  - i. Right vs Wrong—absolutes
  - ii. Good vs Evil—only evil can win
  - Compromiser allows evil to win.
  - Give more and more...
    - selfish to live for own country but moral to live for the globe
- j. Blank-out—permanent guilt to the soul
  - i. Fear—abandoned only weapon of survival
  - ii. Guilt—abandoned it volitionally!
- k. Your self betrayed your mind and lost:
  - i. Self-esteem: reliance on one's power to think
  - ii. Intellect: ego, judge of supreme tribunal you've impeached
- l. Paradise Lost—independence of rational mind facing an open universe
  - \* Yours for the taking!
- \* Galt: man who knew his love for existence, pride for being its worthy lover.
  - i. Looks at earth and lets his glance be its sanction
  - ii. State of being a man—chose to consistently practice that state
  - iii. Noblest choice—grasping reason—the Law of Identity
  - I am→*I'll think*.
    - Your life depends on your mind
    - Your knowledge is acquired by own will/effort→Man's distinction
- m. Moral perfection—unbreached rationality
  - \* Full and relentless use of mind, acceptance of reason as absolute
- n. You cry out for unattainable spirit (which you deserted)
  - i. But you call out to your own betrayed self-esteem
  - \* you won't discover one without the other

## XIX. Right

- \* Man's Life, freedom, happiness—his by inalienable right
- \* Man is an end in himself.
- a. Rights—conditions of existence required by man's nature for his proper survival
  - i. If man is to live on earth
    - right to work for and keep values
    - right to use mind
    - right to act on his own free judgment
  - ii. If life on earth is his purpose→right to live as a rational being
    - \* Any group that attempts to negate man's right is wrong→evil→anti-life
- b. Rights—moral concept and morality is a matter of choice
  - i. You're free to choose man's survival as a standard of morals and laws,
  - ii. Alternative is the cannibal society
    - 1. Law of Identity prevents success by defying reality  
(reality provided by victims)

- c. The argument that Human Rights > Property Rights is...
    - i. Last attempt to revive doctrine of soul vs body
      - 1. Only ghost can exist without material property
      - 2. Only slave can work without right to product of his effort
    - ii. Some humans have the right to make property of others
      - 1. Competent have nothing to gain from the incompetent, therefore the incompetent have the right of their betters
  - d. Property Rights—source: Law of Causality
    - i. All property/wealth is produced by man’s labor and mind
      - 1. can’t have wealth without source—source: intelligence
      - 2. can’t force intelligence to work
        - a. obtain product of mind only through owner’s terms  
(trade and volitional consent)
    - \*(You believe) Crime is “practical” if...
      - 1. gov declares robbery legal
      - 2. resistance to robbery illegal
  - e. Only proper purpose of government—to protect man’s rights  
(from physical violence)
    - i. Resort to force only against others who start force
    - ii. Government that initiates force against man who’ve forced no one
      - 1. plays the role of the criminal: with right to wield force against victims without self-defense
- XX. Rational Society—in a rational society, men are free to trade.
- a. Incalculable bonus: material value of work determined by the effort of the best productive minds that exist in the world around you
    - i. When you work in a factory, you are paid for all productive genius that made that factory possible.
    - ii. Machine: frozen form of living intelligence, power that expands potential of your life by raising the productivity of your time (efficiency)
      - The machine depends on the mind, as dose the efficiency of your labor, the payment that you receive.
  - b. Mutual trade to mutual advantage—for men who desire to work and don’t seek or expect the undeserved
    - i. Man who discovers the new—permanent benefactor of humanity
      - 1. material products can’t be shared,  
they belong to some ultimate consumer
      - 2. value of his own time that the strong transfers to the weak
        - a. letting them carry out jobs he discovered,
        - b. while he spends his own time on further discoveries
  - c. Pyramid
    - i. Man at the top creates new invention
      - 1. receives only a small percentage of value in terms of material pay
    - ii. Everyone below receives enormous payment (bonus from brain)
      - 1. they contribute nothing to those above
    - competition between strong and weak (of intellect)
    - exploitation pattern you’ve damned the strong

- d. our only price—freedom to function and that we deal with nothing but your own mind, your intelligence and honesty

you claim that it's unfair.

You claim the right to your wages → deal with gun not mind

we had no right to our profits → may you be damned!

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