

# The Age of Selfishness

### Capitalism versus Kant

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#### **BiO Spiritualism** - Body, Mind and Spirit: Man's Means, Nature's Ends.

**Body**: The Industrial Revolution—a <u>lever</u> for man's muscles. (1740 to 1970)

**Mind**: The Information Age – a <u>lever</u> for man's mind. (1970 to 2023)

**Spirit**: *The Age of Selfishness* – a *lever* for man's spirit. (2023 to infinity)

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In my personal growth and development from my birth at the end of the second world war in 1945 to my human adulthood transition to full *volitional* self-regulation during my 1976 to 1986 timeframe and then later when I released my first ISBN book (Yes. (Is BiO Spiritualism the answer?), 2006) I completed the shift from being primarily *against* (my enemies) to being primarily *for* (my self).

The benefit for me personally was to continue unabated a life of *authentic* happiness and fulfillment that I had worked so very hard to create for myself, succeeded at it—in spite of being raised by wolfs: 2 to be exact, religion and Kantianism—and then continued surviving and thriving in my self created *authentic* happiness and fulfillment state of being.

It has been fun. It is fun. I plan on living the fun for some time more.

That is, I transitioned from being primarily AGAINST <u>evil</u> to being primarily FOR the <u>good</u>. (On my <u>PsycHHology Engineering</u> terms this meant/means I work on my day-to-day self to achieve a <u>76%+/24%-</u> (Footnote 39) focused balance—of the 100% me—between praising the good and damning the evil. (Occasionally it gets flipped around but that's the exception not the rule—though it gets complicated when you factor in the fact that I gain a lot of *selfish* benefit from the extra weeding of evil from my very own soul on those occasions I feel compelled to focus on being against all of it, all of the time, for a time.)

So what is an example of being *for* the good in the current cultural war battles?

Read on.

Since Capitalism (so far) is the only <u>known</u> *moral* political-economic system for rational human *coexistence* on any planet housing humans—including Earth—those who are advocating down-with-Capitalism and up with Marxism are evil because Marxism—qua proxy for itself and all Statist systems including Socialism—is *incompatible* with *Individual Rights Theory* (see *Objectivism* for the details).

Herein, is *one* reason why Capitalism *is* the only moral political-economic system (so far known to us humans): *because* it is the only known system (so far) that is *incompatible* with *initiating* physical force to get your way.

*Initiating* physical force—be it at the personal level, e.g. Will Smith at the Oscars, or Government level, all 50 or so Dictatorship pig pens around the Globe—is the antithesis of Capitalism—as defined by the Philosophy of Objectivism—and practiced—albeit, imperfectly—today in the United States of America.

Is an imperfect Capitalism perfectible or not?

That is the question: how do we perfect Capitalism?

This is a tall order and part of me feels—given that the DIM Hypothesis is approaching *inevitable*-status (<u>FS1</u>)—that to continue trying to do so is a waste of time. And we should instead be focused on what I named many years ago as a better form of Capitalism.

That is, since laissez-faire capitalism—100% Ifc as its, "or bust" bumper-sticker-sentiment has been known—has failed or at least in the United States it has failed to reach critical mass status—i.e., 76% free markets and free minds minimum and growing and 24% not this and shrinking.

Or that is, how is the image of a 100% lfc society *characterized* by a Fascist-Religious Dictatorship Government not a contradiction in terms?

It is one or the other—logic demands—it can't be both. Or that is, if Dr. Peikoff thought the Ayn Rand sentiment—'...we have to save capitalism from the capitalists'—would be successful, why did he predict the DIM Hypothesis rather than a 100% laissez-faire-capitalism?

This of course doesn't say we can't perfect capitalism and achieve its longed for 100% lfc version and defeat the DIM Hypothesis in the process. But, if we look at many—if not most—of so called modern day Capitalists I'm not going to take *my* this-years-Kentucky-Derby-savings/betting-account and bet it on these so called capitalists to perfect it.

I should give examples for these so called ... what?—CINO's: RINO's & CINO's, hey maybe a future article, but not now. Now, I should name names but I'm too scared to do it. Especially since I saw that <u>eBay thing</u> about them targeting an older couple—that is, older like me—because the couple criticized them in some way t,h,e,y didn't like. That is, yes, in this particular regard I am a scaredy cat. I am just (sort'a) making it social security check to social security check so I can't take on *any of the many*-more-than-likely extremely unhappy super rich people and defend myself in such a situation. (That is, *been there done that* already when the State of Minnesota threatened to send me to jail for touting my personal opinions and ideas on <u>Psyh(h)ology</u>, kws: FOF1. For FREE copy link this.)

That is, modern day Capitalists are so full of it that it's an insult to our physiology's rectum-function to call them the A word.

Not to mention, that that word might be better used to describe modern day Republicans—*both* the RINO's *and* the Trumpians. (Thank god I got my <u>third take</u> on Trump out there on the record well before the 2020 Presidential election.)

If I see and/or hear one more pro-laissez-faire-capitalist-republican (or neo-Democrat for that matter) on TV or Radio say he is for free markets out of one side of his or her or its mouth and then out of the other say we need more Government regulations and also that the Federal Reserve should take interest rates for Corporations back down to zero so that they can get free money. And buy back their own stock so as to pump it up for us *peons* of the country to think capitalism is working. Well ... if ... this, then I am going to start advocating—in writing—for something better.

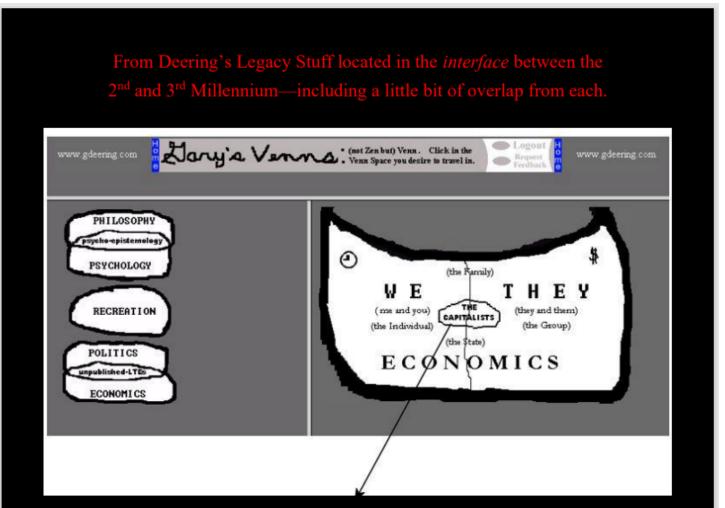
Just what is this better?

100% ofc.

I would like this to be 100% *Objectivism-Fair-Capitalism* but since the word Objectivism is owned by others I will have to settle for, 100% *Objectively-*Fair-Capitalism—still 100% ofc—and delineate its platform—that is

what I think it should be: (at least for starters) and along side some of the platform ideas—put *solution pointers*—for starters to start working on the *solutions* now for the problems that surely will accompany such a transition:

#### Starts here—think 100% of c instead of 100% lfc:



The Capitalist Party (or its equivalent if there ever is one) is for 100% Laissez-faire capitalism and its mission is to convince the United States of America to adopt it first and then let the rest of the world follow suit. If some other country does it first they will be a direct threat to the U.S.'s future. This threat will be on three main fronts: brain drain as the good intellectuals will be the first to head for maximum freedom, second will be loss of economic competitiveness as the more perfect the free market the more efficient the productive efforts, and thirdly there'ul be a severe lack of motivation in those remaining so that eventually chaos will reign.

The Capitalist Party's Principles are (should be) these:

- 1. Separation of Economics and State to achieve a 100% Laissez-faire capitalist system (separation of church and state is good and so is this).
- 2. 10% flat. Flat tax tithing was good enough for the church so it should be good enough for

finish up here: <u>Legacy\_PoliticalValues\_forFS4.pdf</u> (gdeering.com)

**Solution links as Food For Thought (FFT)** 

Separation of economics and state FFT —> I have none

Tax transition solution FFT —> I have one

Selfishness versus Altruism FFT —> I have a starter FFT

Constitution II on or before July 4th, 2076 —> I have none

oiatbd – other if any to be determined

## Cultural Wars 3.0 (For me)

(Link 3.0: <u>AOS 031523/fs5</u>, ...) (Link 2.0: <u>FS1</u>, <u>FS2</u>, <u>FS3</u>, <u>FS4</u> ... FSn)

(Link 1.0: <a href="http://www.doorsign.biz">http://www.doorsign.biz</a>)

Since Christians see no difference between fetuses and babies and Liberal politicians see no difference between children and adults and I see no difference between Selfishness and morality—that is, the <u>good</u>—and hence no difference between Self<u>less</u>ness and immorality—that is, the <u>evil</u>—how am I to not see that <u>both</u> Christians and Liberal Politicians are evil?

Well Deering, you have just identified your latest, *explicitly* identified psychological problem: the *refusal* to judge people as good or evil based on their actions—not on what they say, but on what they do.

Why is this a psychological problem?

Wait.

What do *Conservative* politicians see or not see?

Since Conservative politicians in the main are Christians I think I've already answered that question.

So let me reformulate it.

Since Conservative politicians see no difference between fetuses and babies and Liberal politicians see no difference between children and adults how am I to declare: "I see what I see and I know what I know", without passing judgment?

You can't.

Voila!

Conservative politicians are evil *because* of their individual-rights-destroying *actions* against adults via legally banning their individual right to abortions and Liberal politicians are evil *because* they treat children as possessing full adult individual rights and then treat adults—primarily the ones in the role of parents of said children—as being individual-rights-violators.

That is, Liberal politicians—<u>especially</u> here in Minnesota—hold to the notion that the State—not the parents, but the State—owns our children. (Isn't this the theory AND practice of Statist Countries? e.g., North Korea—<u>in spades</u>; China also, with a handful of young heroes trying to break out; Venezuela—where the heroes, young and old, have given up and risk their life getting to the United States—to name some of the *current* pig pens on the globe without even getting into the historical record.)

It is true that since no one can own people, neither the State nor the Parents "own" children, but, if the only choice given is <u>either the State or the Parents own</u> the children then the choice in freedom worshipping America should be—and *is*, I believe, for most parents—that the Parents do. And so, "we" have to investigate further the meaning of "own" in this context with the goal of coming up with more precise definitions about the concept. (In the mean time, *no-f'g-way-hozey* is the State of Minnesota 'gonna tell me that t.h.e.y own <u>my</u> children.)

How are you going to prevent it? The same way the American sense-of-life has always done it: in the next election: *throw the bums out*.

And before we get there spend some time pointing out that they *are* bums—dressed up as politicians—but still bums—that is, political bums: lazy and worthless in regards to bringing to bear a 100% laissez-faire-capitalism system.

You can call me a 'bumaphobe if you want to but notice that if this is your *first* impulse to-so-label it is just a sign that you have succumbed to t.h.e.i.r evil—epistemological—ways.

If you don't want to succumb more, then look up the term and make it your mission to understand it and how it works in human functioning.

That is, it is more difficult to see the evilness of today's Liberal politicians (compared to the relative easiness to see it in the Conservative ones) *because* of the philosophy *they* worship but refuse to own up to—that is, t.h.e.y do it by hiding the fact of it from their constituents. That philosophy is Kantianism which teaches them how to be sneakier and even more diabolical than does the Christian philosophy teach Christians in the same black arts. Kantianism link, kws *Kant*, and read: especially these four groupings out of the 76 individual key words there:

1. By Kantian post-modernism I mean the Ayn Rand nut shelled description of Kant's epistemology. Ayn Rand nailed Kant to the wall when she articulated for us what we (who had taken their American Public Schooling seriously—all 17 years of it) were unable to articulate for ourselves. Ayn Rand said Kant's essential "argument" is this: "...man is blind, because he has eyes...". [Rand, Ayn. For the new Intellectual. New York: Signet Books (Ninth Printing is an authorized reprint of a hardcover edition published by Random House, Inc.) published by The New American Library, Inc., 1961, page 32.]

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2. Cognitive Science, qua the writings of H.E. Gardner, and Cognitive Psychology qua those of Ulric Neisser, et al., when added to Carl Sagan and numerous other "Scientism" scientists who worship the "principles" of reductive materialism becomes (iteratively speaking) the total euphemism for Kant's Philosophy. Kant's Metaphysics is his answer to the Ayn Rand question: "Where am I?" to which Kant answers: I am in a world of ordinary appearances that are an illusion and the real world is in some other dimension beyond my human experience of sights and sounds and smells and tastes and cuts & bruises and caresses. And so says Kant, so are you and so is everybody in this same "Universe" and he then labels the world of our ordinary, every day experiences, the world of phenomenon and the "real" behind-the-scenes reality the noumenal world. Kant's Epistemology (as nutshelled by Ayn Rand) is: I can't see because I have eyes; and the Kantian Ethic is: the moral ideal is pure altruism; a completely and totally undiluted altruism devoid of any self-interest whatsoever—including the pride of being a good altruist. Which is to say, modern Kantianism is alive and well and thriving at the core of the "machine" that cranks out our American culture, and which—like some creature out of the old movie "Alien"—is determined with an in-your-face tenacity to also be the motor grinding out tomorrow's Global Culture.

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3. As to why they would go to such lengths to institutionalize Kantianism, we can answer in a single word: *Objectivism*. Because the Objectivists (especially Dr. Peikoff, qua Ayn Rand's second sidekick) proved (beyond reasonable doubt) Kantian epistemology to be wrong, Kant's sympathizers had to do something. Cognitive Neuroscience and its underpinnings in cognitive psychology and cognitive science is the something that the they did. [{ from cultural wars' tactical points of view this isn't an unsmart thing to do, but ... if we hope to win the wars we'd better get better }} [180 Noumena, per Kantianism, are "things in themselves" and we can't [metaphysically can't] experience them directly [contrast this with Objectivism that says our "perceptions" {{ that is, our inerrant perceptions}}} are our direct awareness/direct experience of "things" which means "things in themselves"]. Phenomena—Kant's other part—is our sensory representations of things as actively organized by our [platonic, innate, pre-conceptual] categories [contrast this with Objectivism that says our "categories" our "concepts" {{ our not inerrant condensations of perceptual data}} are manmade and man-made by us and should be made in accordance with reality, the reality of our survival needs as conscious organisms with the power of volition whose primary means of surviving is the proper development and use of our capacity to reason].

**4.** [The philosophers] Plato-Kant-Hegel are the intellectual builders of Auschwitz. Dr. Leonard Peikoff, *Ominous Parallels - The End of Freedom in America* [Peikoff, Leonard. The Ominous Parallels. End of Freedom in America. New York: Stein and Day, 1982, p. 37]

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It is difficult to prove that they—t.h.e.y—think Kant's philosophy is the correct philosophy to model but t.h.e.y do.

You can get a sense of this *possible* fact by looking for the buzz words that t.h.e.y use.

These "buzz" words are not that much unlike those in that one scene from that fun movie with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz (from my list of top 10 movies) Knight & Day [the scene, part way in, where TC hero character is warning CD heroine character that she needs to be wary of "them", whom she'll be able to recognize by the words they will use and repeat often, words such as, safe, secure—and when she meets the not yet known to her villains they do in fact use and repeat the words.]

Here, let me start my buzz word list of t.h.e.i.r's—that is, Kantian sympathizers':

<u>Definitions are too difficult</u> (kws: "Surgeon General as keeper" and read) there is no one definiton for complex things, so don't even bother looking for one,

of course (kws: "the woods") there is no sound in the woods when a tree falls if no one is there to hear it (notice, *without* precise definitions t.h.e.y can get by with s\* like this),

<u>chaos</u> as a good thing, this seems like a no-brainer: if you <u>automatize</u> Kantianism what do you expect? Crystal clear clarity? (when you watch the video linked notice that I live in Minnesota and never once did I hear any mention of it on local legacy media—this, for me, came from <u>here</u>),

<u>analytic truth</u> and sometimes just <u>analytic</u> by itself but in context—that is, <u>analytic truth implied</u> but <u>truth</u> left off because it is meant to be like a wink to fellow Kantians as they then snicker inside at those of us who are knot Kantians. (Oh shoot, <u>sOs</u> (Footnote 71), <u>slip</u> or <u>slop</u>? : <u>slip</u> since I'm thinking, tie yourself into knots is what you'll do if you automatice Kant's philosophy. Oh no, jfk, this <u>is</u> a first: an sOs inside an sOs?!?—can't do now, will have to investigate latter.),

synthetic truth and sometimes just synthetic by itself but in context (see previous, same here).

In the main they worship Immanuel Kant's Philosophy of Kan't know—metaphysically can't know (which makes him the evilest philosopher among Western philosophers to have existed so far in human history). And then *t.h.e.y*—today's Liberal Politicians, et al Kantian sympathizers—proceed to use their political power to indoctrinate in *action* our children into the ways of Kantian philosophy.

If Kant is as claimed by the Objectivists (and with which I—via first hand experience—agree) the: vilest of all Western Philosophers, *and* we have a culture that is being run by Kantian sympathizers (my assertion), then I have but one question for you to answer:

How is the **DIM Hypothesis** *not* going to become inevitable?

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