

“You can avoid reality, but you can not avoid the consequences of avoiding reality.”

*the Russian-American
Ayn Rand, 1905 - 1982*

Ayn Rand was a writer and philosopher; she advocated reason as the only means of acquiring knowledge; she rejected faith and religion. Rand was a libertarian and conservative; she supported laissez-faire capitalism and rational and ethical egoism, while she dismissed altruism.

lib·er·tar·i·an·ism

*nothing should be censored,
individual rights should be
maximized and valued above
communal rights, the role of
the state should be minimized*

con·ser·va·tism

*holding to traditional attitudes
and values and cautious about
change or innovation*

lais·sez faire cap·i·tal·ism

*abstention by governments
from interfering in the free
market*

eth·i·cal e·go·ism

*the theory that self-interest
acts as a conduit for morality*

al·tru·ism

*the selfless concern for the
well-being of others*

Ayn Rand's aphorism regarding reality is profound; however, the worldview of the staunchly conservative libertarian is in stark contrast to my liberal life-stance, as it is presented and affirmed throughout this book. In liberal circles Rand's philosophy of "objectivism" is deemed an odious cult ... ridiculed, rejected or ignored.

*see my blog 933
I have three essays on REALITY*