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of Philosophy, Economics, and Psychology

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LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS AND FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

PHILOSOPHY: Twenty-seven hours of instruction.

- **Leonard Peikoff, *Moral Virtue* (three lectures) and *Questions and Answers on Objectivism* (one lecture period)**

These three lectures offer a detailed analysis of the virtues of justice and independence, in thought and in action—and of the evil of initiating physical force. Special attention is paid to the precise definition and fundamental validation of these moral principles. Topics include: Man's need of objectivity in moral judgment; the distinction between "deserve" and "earn"; the flaw of retributivism and Utilitarianism in regard to criminal justice; forgiveness, earned and unearned; the trader principle vs. "social justice." The mechanism by which an attack on a man's body negates his mind; the climax of *Atlas Shrugged*; force as the antithesis of every rational virtue; why forcing the right choice on a man makes it wrong. The metaphysical and epistemological basis of first-handedness; how a parasite can be mentally active; why independence in spirit and in matter are corollaries; four main forms of existential dependence.

Dr. Peikoff is an outstanding author and lecturer. His most important work is *The Ominous Parallels*, a masterful philosophical-cultural history of the United States and modern Germany, which makes intelligible the rise of Nazism and the ominous signs of a similar development in this country. For 30 years he was a close associate of the late Ayn Rand, and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute: The Center for the Advancement of Objectivism. As Miss Rand's intellectual heir, he wrote the Introduction to Miss Rand's posthumously published collection of essays *Philosophy: Who Needs It*. He has also edited *The Early Ayn Rand: A Selection from her Unpublished Fiction* and *The Voice of Reason: Essays in Objectivist Thought*. He is in the process of preparing for publication Miss Rand's unpublished lectures, correspondence, and journals, and is presently working toward the production of a motion picture or TV miniseries of *Atlas Shrugged*. Dr. Peikoff's lectures on philosophy have been given regularly in New York City and played on tape to audiences in over 100 cities in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Dr. Peikoff taught philosophy for many years at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he was Associate Professor, and before that at the University of Denver, Hunter College, Long Island University, and New York University. His articles have appeared in *Barron's*, *The Objectivist*, and other periodicals. His essay "The Analytic-Synthetic Dichotomy" was reprinted in Ayn Rand's *Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology* as a companion piece to her own essay.

• **George Walsh, *The Judeo-Christian Tradition* (four lectures)**

One of the main streams of ideas contending for dominance in our culture is the Judeo-Christian tradition. This tradition had its origin in religion, but interacted with philosophy to such a degree that it produced a unique world outlook with its own unique sense of life. In these lectures, the fundamentals of the Jewish and Christian religions are outlined historically and analytically so as to reveal their common features and their differences. The over-all world outlook is analyzed as a quasi-philosophical system, having a characteristic metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and politics. The corresponding sense of life is studied in terms of personal and sexual relations, child-rearing, and attitudes affecting economics. The special problems of a rational philosophy in confronting the Judeo-Christian tradition are considered. The lectures conclude with an estimate of the prospects for the victory of reason in this struggle.

Dr. Walsh is Professor of Philosophy at Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Maryland. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Princeton University. He was for many years chairman of the department of philosophy at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, N. Y., and was also professor of philosophy at Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, N. Y. He is the author of "Herbert Marcuse, Philosopher of the New Left," *The Objectivist*, September-December 1970, and is the co-translator and editor of Alfred Schutz's *Phenomenology of the Social World*, Northwestern University Press, 1967.

• **Harry Binswanger, *Consciousness as Identification: The Nature of Cognition and Concept-Formation* (three lectures)**

The first lecture discusses Ayn Rand's distinctive approach to consciousness in contrast to the two basic alternative approaches in the history of philosophy. Emphasis will be placed on the practical significance of her view: how it provides the basis for the method of thinking required to grasp philosophic principles.

The second two lectures apply the Objectivist view of consciousness to philosophy's pivotal issue: the theory of concepts. They offer a detailed "chewing" of the theory of concept-formation that Ayn Rand presented in the first two chapters of *Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology*.

Dr. Binswanger is the author of *The Biological Basis of Teleological Concepts*, a book on the philosophy of biology to be published shortly by The Ayn Rand Institute. He is also the editor of *The Ayn Rand Lexicon*, a topically organized compilation of extracts from Objectivist writings and lectures. Until its closing in 1987, he was the editor and publisher of *The Objectivist Forum*. Dr. Binswanger received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and taught philosophy for many years at Hunter College (City University of New York) and at the New School for Social Research. He has written and lectured extensively on ethics, philosophy of science, and political philosophy. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute.

• **Allan Gotthelf, *Aristotle's Ethics and Its Relation to the Ethics of Objectivism* (three lectures)**

Recent scholarly work has cast new light on the foundations and central tenets of Aristotle's ethical theory. These results are of special interest to Objectivists for three related reasons. First, they establish that Aristotle deserves greater admiration in the subject of ethics than previously believed. Second, an identification of the similarities and remaining differences in ethical theory between Aristotle, as now understood, and Objectivism helps to illuminate the distinctiveness of the Objectivist theory. Third, there are issues which have not been treated at great length in Objectivist literature on which Aristotle has important insights to offer, such as the psychology of moral virtue, and certain aspects of the nature and value of friendship.

These lectures, aimed at a general audience but of interest to those with more extensive backgrounds, will present the foundations and cardinal elements of Aristotle's ethical theory, and discuss its key similarities to and differences from Objectivism, giving special attention to aspects of Aristotle's theory from which Objectivists might still gain insight.

Dr. Allan Gotthelf is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Trenton State College and Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University (England). A distinguished Aristotelian scholar of international reputation, he has edited or co-edited two books, and organized several international conferences, devoted to various aspects of Aristotle's philosophy, and has published articles and reviews on Plato, Aristotle, and Theophrastus. Dr. Gotthelf received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1975. He has taught philosophy at Wesleyan University and Trenton State, and, in a visiting capacity, at Swarthmore College, Georgetown University, and Oxford University in England. Since 1983 he has been co-leader of annual weekend Teaching Workshops sponsored by the American Philosophical Association. Dr. Gotthelf has lectured on Aristotle and on the philosophy of Objectivism at numerous universities in the U.S., Canada, and Europe since 1964.

• **Dianne Durante, *Greek Art and Greek Philosophy (two lectures)***

In the years from 600 to 100 B.C., the Greeks developed a skill at depicting the human form that had not been dreamed of by the other peoples of the ancient world, and has seldom been equaled since. The Greeks also showed man as a heroic being—an achievement even more rare than anatomical accuracy. These two lectures, illustrated with slides, will give a brief overview of Greek art, and will show that the artistic progress of the Greeks did not take place in a vacuum or as a mindless evolutionary process, but reflected developments in philosophy.

Dianne Durante received her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati, whose Classics Department was sympathetic to the old-fashioned idea that there are rational connections between history, art, literature, and philosophy. She recently gave an 11-lecture course entitled "Greek and Roman Art from a Philosophical Perspective" that emphasized the close ties between philosophy, politics, and art from ca. 600 B.C. to ca. 300 A.D. Dr. Durante works as a bibliographic researcher for a dealer in rare books in New York City.

• **John Ridpath: *Religion Versus Man (two lectures)***

These lectures will deal with religion as the historically most significant example of the destructiveness caused by philosophically false ideas. They will examine the modern world's major religions, in order to seek out what it is they all share in common, to understand the root causes of religion, and to show how religious ideas are in fundamental opposition to the requirements of human life. Consideration will be given to variations in destructive impact of the differing religions, with particular emphasis on the opposition of Christianity to the advance of scientific knowledge.

Dr. Ridpath is Associate Professor of Economics and Intellectual History at York University in Toronto, Canada. Widely recognized for his lecturing skills, and for his public speaking and debating in defense of capitalism, he is a recipient of the prestigious award given by the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations for outstanding contribution to University teaching. His research interests lie in the history of basic ideas and their impact on social change. Articles by Dr. Ridpath have appeared in *The Objectivist Forum* and *The Intellectual Activist*.

ECONOMICS: Twelve hours of instruction.

- **George Reisman, *Profit and Saving* (six lectures)**

All business activity is carried on for the purpose of earning a profit. What determines the average rate of profit in the economic system? Do technological progress and improvements in business efficiency raise the average rate of profit?—or, on the contrary, do they lower it by enlarging the supply of goods and thereby causing falling prices and alleged deflation? Do saving and capital accumulation imply a falling rate of profit? Does additional saving place business in the contradictory position of having more money available to invest at the very time its sales revenues are reduced because the consumers are saving instead of spending? Can there be such a thing as *too much* of an increase in production or *too much* saving? This series of lectures will answer these questions and satisfactorily resolve the implied paradoxes. Among other things, it will show how what is saved is not only spent, but is the source of *most* spending in the economic system, and that the greater the degree of saving, the higher and more rapidly rising tend to be both production and total spending as a direct result.

Dr. Reisman is a leading advocate of *laissez-faire* capitalism. He is best known as the author of *The Government Against the Economy*, an exposition of free-market price theory and critique of price controls and socialism. He was originally a student of the late Ludwig Von Mises, under whom he obtained his doctorate in economics at New York University. He is the translator of Von Mises' *Epistemological Problems of Economics* and of Heinrich Rickert's *Science and History*, and has authored over thirty articles on economics. He is internationally known as a lecturer. Currently, Dr. Reisman is Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University's School of Business and Management in Los Angeles.

- **Hans F. Sennholz, *The Banking Crisis and Deregulation as the Solution* (two lectures)**

These lectures will explain how the present American banking system is a cartel-like structure, created and managed by the government, and why that structure is now crumbling. Special attention will be paid to the mounting crisis among the savings and loan associations. Dr. Sennholz will argue that banking should be open to the free competition of all and that genuine banking reform would not—as is currently being proposed by the FSLIC—be at the expense of the taxpayers.

Dr. Sennholz is the author of more than half a dozen books—among them *How Europe Can Survive* (1955), *Inflation or Gold Standard* (1973), *Age of Inflation* (1979), *The Politics of Unemployment* (1987)—and over 300 published essays and articles. He is also the translator (with George Huncke) of Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk's three volume *Capital and Interest*, one of the most important economic classics of all time. The holder of two doctorates—one earned in economics under Ludwig Von Mises at New York University in 1955, the other earned in political science at the University of Cologne in 1949—Dr. Sennholz has been Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Economics Department at Grove City College in Pennsylvania since 1956. He is a trustee of the Foundation For Economic Education and, in connection with his activities in the world of business and finance, has served on the board of directors of business enterprises, as well. Dr. Sennholz is a popular and frequent lecturer to educational and professional audiences throughout the country.

PSYCHOLOGY: Seven and a half hours of instruction.

- **Edith Packer, *Toward a Lasting Romantic Relationship—Part II* (one lecture) and *Questions and Answers on Psychology and Psychotherapy* (one lecture period)**

The major portion of Dr. Packer's lecture will deal with various psychological problems of the partners which can stand in the way of a successful romantic relationship, such as dependence, defense values, and, especially, defense mechanisms—in particular repression. Additional factors that affect the romantic relationship, such as parents and in-laws, former spouses, and step-children, will also be considered. (Enrollees will receive a complimentary written copy of Dr. Packer's previous lecture *Toward a Lasting Romantic Relationship—Part I*, which was delivered at the TJS seminars in New York and Los Angeles last fall.)

In her second session, Dr. Packer will answer questions on various aspects of psychological theory and psychotherapy.

Dr. Packer is an attorney and clinical psychologist. She has been in private practice as a psychologist for twenty years. She has lectured on psychology and psychotherapy in the United States and Canada and has been published on these subjects in *The Objectivist Forum*.

- **Edwin Locke, *Stress and Coping* and *Do Animals Think?* (two lectures)**

First Lecture: The essential attributes of the experience of stress will be discussed (e.g., threat, uncertainty, need for action). Different approaches to coping with stress will be explained and compared (e.g., symptom alleviation, changing one's appraisal, taking action to remove the threat). Stress-prone and stress-resistant personalities will also be discussed.

Second Lecture: There has been a recurring debate in psychology and related fields about the cognitive capacities of the lower animals. Some have asserted, for example, that animals can understand sign language. Others have claimed that animals engage in human-like problem solving and communication. These claims will be shown to be without foundation. The scientific and epistemological errors which have led to these erroneous claims will be identified.

Dr. Locke is Professor of Business and Management and of Psychology at the University of Maryland, where he is also Chairman of the Organizational Behavior and Industrial Relations Faculty. In addition, he is in private practice as a psychotherapist and serves as a consultant to business firms. He is internationally known in the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology, especially for his work in the areas of goal setting and job attitudes.

- **Jonathan Rosman, *An Introduction to Schizophrenia***

Schizophrenia is one of the most severe forms of mental illness known to man. This lecture describes the cardinal symptoms of the illness, the history of the disorder, and its natural course. A videotape of an actual schizophrenic patient will be shown.

Jonathan P. Rosman, M.D. is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a general adult psychiatrist, whose special interests include Short-term Dynamic Psychotherapy and Forensic (legal) Psychiatry. Dr. Rosman has been a student of Objectivism for seventeen years, and currently edits the Newsletter of the Objectivist Health Care Professionals Network (OHCPN).

HISTORY AND CURRENT AFFAIRS: Seven and a half hours of instruction.

• **Arthur Mode: *John Adams and Patrick Henry* (two lectures)**

First Lecture: Dr. Mode will present a brief character sketch of John Adams, including factors that shaped his ideas. A man of strong convictions, Adams again and again took positions that might have damaged his political fortunes, because he considered those positions to be right (e.g., *re* the Stamp Act, the John Hancock/smuggling case, the Boston Massacre). Such bravery enabled him to play a leading role at the time the Declaration of Independence was debated. His writings on political history and theory, along with Madison's, provided the main philosophic ideas and practical structure for the American Constitution.

Second Lecture: Patrick Henry has been called "The Voice of the American Revolution." To be sure, he was a brilliant orator, and his words catalyzed the founding of the United States (e.g., soldiers often stitched the words "Liberty or Death" on the front of their buckskin shirts). The recurring theme of his speeches was liberty and political independence. The Founding Fathers were all brave men, but Patrick Henry was perhaps the boldest of the bold, out in front of his colleagues on crucial issues. Thomas Jefferson would later write that in terms of the revolution in Virginia, Patrick Henry "was our leader," and "left us all far behind."

Arthur Mode, M.D., is a psychiatrist in private practice in Falls Church, Virginia. His avocation is eighteenth and early nineteenth century American history. His articles supporting individual rights and the free market have appeared in publications such as *Private Practice*, *The Intellectual Activist*, and *The Freeman*.

• **Peter Schwartz: *The Current Political Situation* (one lecture)**

As a working journalist, Mr. Schwartz will deal with one or more topics of current political interest as of the time the conference commences.

Mr. Schwartz is editor and publisher of *The Intellectual Activist*, a pro-individual rights newsletter he founded in 1979. He is also president of *Second Renaissance Book Service* and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute. He is a frequent lecturer on college campuses and guest on radio and television talk shows.

• **Bruce Ames: *Environmental and Dietary Carcinogens***

This lecture discusses the known and likely causes of cancer, including mutagens and carcinogens that are widely found in the natural environment. It explains why the carcinogenic hazards from current levels of pesticide residues or water pollution are likely to be of minimal concern relative to the background levels emanating from natural substances, and why one cannot say whether even these natural exposures are likely to be of major rather than minor importance.

Dr. Ames is Professor, and Chairman of the Department, of Biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. He is internationally known for developing the "Ames test," a simple and inexpensive test system for the detection of mutagens and potential carcinogens. His work has helped to provide major support for the idea that DNA damage is an important aspect of carcinogenesis. He has published widely and has received numerous honors including election to membership in the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His many awards include the ACS Eli Lilly Award in 1964, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Award for Research in Life Sciences in 1976, the Charles S. Mott Prize of the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation in 1983, and the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in 1985.

- **James Cole, Beth Haynes, Karen Tierney, Jane Tonkin, and James Vawter, *Medicine: The Sick Man in a Mixed Economy* (panel discussion)**

Five physicians will describe the current condition of the practice of medicine in the United States. They will demonstrate how a steady diet of the wrong ideas is crippling the profession by driving it toward a socialized system. They will explain how this represents a threat to the individual patient and why physicians are allowing it to happen and even assisting in the process despite the obvious failure of socialized medicine in other countries. Topics will include a discussion of the concept of health care as a "right," the escalation of medical costs, the "AIDS crisis," and other adverse effects of government intrusion and coercive legislation. They will give specific recommendations for how to reverse the present destructive trends in medicine and show why the goal of increased access to affordable high-quality health care can only be achieved in a free, capitalist system.

James F. Cole, M. D., is in private solo practice of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine in Salinas, California. He is Board Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery and Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. A graduate of Northwestern University Medical School and the University of Connecticut Health Center's Orthopaedic Residency Program, he is currently a clinical instructor in orthopaedics at the University of California, San Francisco.

Beth Haynes, M. D., is Board eligible in Family Medicine and is currently in transition between private practice in Madison, Wisconsin and Santa Rosa, California. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati Medical School and the University of Wisconsin Family Medicine residency program, and also completed a one year fellowship in Infectious Disease at the University of Wisconsin.

Karen M. Tierney, M. D., practices Family Medicine in Monterey, California. She completed her medical school training at Brown University and her postgraduate residency training at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is Board Certified in Family Practice and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Jane E. Tonkin, M. D., practices Family Medicine in Monterey, California. Born in Sydney, Australia, she is a graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland and of the Family Practice Residency Program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is Board Eligible in Family Medicine.

James S. Vawter, M. D., practices Family Medicine in Monterey, California. He completed his medical training at Chicago Medical School and did his postgraduate work in Family Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is Board Certified in both Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine. In addition to his private practice in Family Medicine, he is a staff physician at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula Emergency Department.