

Ayn Rand's political philosophy is unbiblical, un-American, unnatural, and ungodly

Because of the breakdown of metaphysical understanding of the nature of man and government as it relates to the common good, many conservatives have embraced Ayn Rand's political philosophy (as reflected in "The Fountainhead," and "Atlas Shrugged"), which rejects the notion of common good.

While I understand why she rejected (and misunderstood) the nature of the common good (e.g., her father's business was confiscated during the Russian Revolution), her views should be rejected by all Christians and philosophical realists.

Even though her political philosophy is aberrant and will destroy a nation by destroying the common good, it has gained significant traction, especially among prominent "conservatives" such as Ronald Reagan, Rex Tillerson, Mike Pompeo, Andrew Puzder, and Donald Trump (he said he identified with Rand's character Howard Roark). Paul Ryan required his staff to read Ayn Rand.

In sum, her theory is one of hyper-individualism that is built upon the selfish autonomous individual that delegitimizes the common good and any and all obligations of man to fellow citizens. This theory is antithetical to (1) natural law that is anchored in the nature of man, God's mind, and God's will, (2) divine positive law, (3) history of human positive law, (4) the Old Testament ethics, (5) New Testament ethics, (6) church history, (7) the compacts of the early American settlers, (8) every civilization throughout history, and (9) our own American Constitution's stated reason for its creation: the promotion of the general welfare.

Every single major malady today can be traced to the rejection of the common good. Once the common good is destroyed, we turn into a nation of "us versus them" instead of "we the people."

America is not a pie that is to be devoured by the strongest and most selfish. We have a nation that is to be shared equally with all, which means equal access. Given that the common good consists of immaterial goods: justice, truth, love, unity, patriotism, freedom, goodness, these goods never diminish as each partakes as is the case with material goods.

When a nation makes the common good material things, like wealth, it will turn on and devour itself.

The principle of the common good for a nation applies to marriage, family, community, and nation. If these relationships are only based on finances/material goods, they are no longer real relationships because the immaterial common good (love, justice, commitment to each other) is destroyed. Of course, when it comes to marriage, even Ayn Rand said that there was a common good in that institution. At least she did recognize the existence of the metaphysical principle of the common good on some level.

*Testifying to the Better way of Jesus,
Pastor Don*