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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Some months ago you interviewed Mr. Nathaniel Branden on Book Notes. He admitted, in the end, Ayn Rand was probably right. In a recent column, Paul Harvey suggests Ayn Rand may have been right. Today's disgusting state of politics, a nearly destroyed economy, and the babble emanating from Washington (pandered as honest discussion) amounts to a play of Atlas Shrugged.

Ayn Rand warned of a fundamental philosophic reckoning for governments based in a morality of altruism and practiced by some form or variation of welfare-socialist statism. In this century we have seen the collapse of every government that tried to make it work. The sudden end of the "grand experiment," the USSR, is proof, hiding in plain sight, that welfare-socialist statism will not work. The people of this country somehow realize that, to the extent this nation has bought in to welfare-socialist statism and abandoned a moral concept of capitalism, we have become just another "nation domino" ready to fall in the long line of failed political-economic systems. Today's evasion takes the form of explaining that somehow "a new world order" or "global community" is needed to make welfare socialism work! Most Americans implicitly grasp the nature of this "con" and want an alternative articulated. Sadly, Ayn Rand was right when she said the foggy approximations, evasions, and slick package dealings of ideals would confuse people and leave them disarmed in the battle to offer an alternative.

Ayn Rand foretold and explained the crisis we face in the economy, education system, field of medicine, and welfare system. On July 20th, the Senate banking committee members spoke of "Americans unfocused fears." Schools across the country install metal detectors to solve problems. On July 26th, Dr. Edward Hill, of Greenville, MS, told NBC's SUNDAY TODAY the problem of no family doctors "is all economic." "I'm not a missionary, I'm trying to make a living." The "new idea" in the tenement slums of south Los Angeles is individual ownership (with government approval, of course!).




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The conventional wisdom has it that we are on the wrong track. An explanation of what that track is has no voice and our political leaders are determined to evade the real choices that confront us. Those choices being freedom or dictatorship, capitalism or statism. I suggest the millions of Americans who came to support H. Ross Perot were unknowingly searching for John Galt.

A haven for capitalism was the founding father's contribution to mankind. It is capitalism we speak of when we refer to the "American way of life" or the "American Dream." This was John Galt's message.

To begin to address the questions of how to solve the growing problems in this once great country, we must first have the answer to the question, "Who is John Galt?" I suggest C-SPAN talk to Mr. Leonard Peikoff.

Very truly yours,

  
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