**AN OBJECTIVIST SECULAR READER**

**BY MULTIPLE AUTHORS**

**This book explains the theory behind Objectivism based on the philosophy of its founder Ayn Rand. It is a compilation of articles written by various authors (most written by Edward Hudgins).**

**Basic Beliefs of Objectivists**

**Politically, they favor Libertarianism (minimal government);**

**and support the economic system of Laissez-faire capitalism.**

**Philosophically, they believe in free will. Religiously, they are nonbelievers who support the separation of Church and State.**

**Hudgins gives one of the best descriptions yet of the ongoing battle between Evolutionists and Creationists. He states that Creationists are afraid that, without Christianity, morality will break down. I like his straight-talking style.**

**Here's an example that is classic Hudgins. In his article on Miss Cleo (the famous Psychic) he states: “*So are the people who call Miss Cleo, really so stupid as to think that pictures and numbers on randomized pieces of paper can actually tell their fortunes? The key word here is ‘think,’ which is what they don’t do*.”**

**Hudgins discussed the similarities and differences between Objectivists and Skeptics. This helped me to see where I differ from Objectivists: I most strongly disagree in the area of ethics. I believe that Objectivists place too few limits on achieving personal happiness at the expense of others. They do not believe in altruism. If you were in a foxhole, the last person on Earth you would want to have fighting next to you would be an Objectivist - you might as well be fighting alone.**

**The article by Robert Bidinotto on Islamofascism was one of the most powerful essays I have ever read. His biting sarcasm and wit had me on the floor more than once.**

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