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WHAT IS LIBERTARIANISM

The basis of libertarianism can be summed up in three words-non-aggression, voluntarism and freedom. However, the best way to explain libertarianism is to start at the beginning with syllogistical logic.

Axiom 1. The major premise of the libertarian philosophy is that it believes that man 'owns himself.' That is, to speak negatively, man is not a slave to anyone, to any group or to any institution. If man does not own himself, then he is a slave.

Axiom 2. If it is accepted that man owns himself and is not a slave then it can be said that man owns his time. That is, since man's time (i.e. years, months, weeks, hours) is limited because man does not live forever, it is part of his life. For what is life without time-nonexistence. So man's life is part of man's time and a part of man's labor.

Axiom 3. Since man owns himself and his time, anything he produces with his time belongs to him. That is, if man spends his time voluntarily in a place of work and receives some agreed value (money) for his time and work, the value (money or whatever) belongs to him. In short, man has the right to own the fruits of his labor. Man's valuables are part of man's life because he spent his limited time of life to work for it voluntarily.

Conclusion. Since man owns his life which is in essence man's time, and since the things he produce with that time is his or hers, no person, group or institution has the right to force it away from him or her. The reason being, if someone claims exclusive rights to man's time and what he produces with it-wealth-, then that someone also claims exclusive rights to man's life. That is, if man cannot control his own time and his own wealth, then man's life is being controlled. And therefore, in such a case, man would be a slave. To control man's time and wealth is to control man himself.

And when someone utilizes physical violence or threats of physical violence to force the fruits of man's labor away from him that someone is infringing upon the life and individual rights of another. Thus, when a gun or billy club is employed against a peaceful individual (who has committed no aggression himself) it is aggression and the men who perform the act are aggressors. And to the libertarian, aggression is immoral.

VOLUNTARISM

The antithesis of aggression is the virtue of voluntarism. Libertarianism base its major principle on the belief that men should voluntarily work together, voluntarily trade with each other and voluntarily live together in peace. And that when aggression is used, it is employed to gain some unfair advantage or special privilege over another man's life.

The greatest employer of aggression and force through the millenniums has been an 'association of individuals' called "Government." It is this association which has caused the greatest number of crimes against man's life. It is government which has legalize murder in drafting men to fight wars against other men who have been labeled "The Enemy." It is government which has legalize theft by plundering what man has produced with his time and life in taxation.

Next, the libertarian ask, if it is a crime for one individual to murder or rob another, why should an 'association of individuals' -government-have the exclusive right to legally murder and rob another? Why can the government aggress upon its peaceful citizens, but its citizens cannot defend their life or property from government without threats of violence, imprisonment or fines? (continued)



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The libertarian believes in the individual; that man needs little or no government in order for man to conduct his way of living. Man is not a child; he does not require or need some authoritarian father and mother to control his life for him. Man does not need a Big Brother to watch and baby him. In other words, it is immoral for government or anyone to force their values and morality on to another individual. It is immoral for government to protect man 'from himself.' Man must be free to live his life the way he sees fit as long as he does not infringe upon the life, rights and property of another in the process.

FREEDOM

Remember (back to axiom 1.), if man does not own himself, then who or whom owns man? Is it God, society or the State or a combination of all three? If it is any of the above, it is then admitting that man is a slave. For if man is not free, free to travel, free to speak, free to own what he produces, then man is a slave. And if man is a slave then "freedom" is an empty word.

To the libertarian, freedom means that each individual has the individual right to do his own thing providing it harms no one with physical force. The absence of aggression is freedom; it is a society where voluntarism reigns supreme. It is a condition where no man has anymore or any less power than his fellow man because everyone is free to pursue his life style and goals.

Is man a slave or a free man? This is what libertarianism is all about. For libertarianism is the Spartacus of individual freedom.

NOTES

LOCAL LIBERTARIAN PUBLICATIONS

The "Libertarian Alternative Newsletter" of San Diego is a fine publication of that area. Every month they sponsor a dinner meeting with a well-known libertarian speaker. The organizers of this newsletter have also assisted in organizing a college course at San Diego State University with credits. Their first speaker was Dr. John Hospers who is running for California Governor on the Libertarian Party ticket. (address; P.O. Box 15011, San Diego 92115)

The "Rampart College Newsletter" is another fine publication based in Santa Ana. It is published by Rampart College operated by Seymour. (address; P.O. Box 11407, Santa Ana, CA 92711—phone (714) 835-2505)

"Reason" magazine is the largest libertarian journal in America with a circulation of around 10,000. Founded just a few years ago, "Reason," published in Santa Barbara cost \$9.00 a year. (address; P.O. Box 6151, Santa Barbara, CA 93111)

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OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

Phillip Abbott Luce's speech: Mr. Luce's speech was attended by around 200 person on March 22. Mr. Luce is quite an exciting radical-type speaker in style. However, other speakers to be sponsored by SLL in the future will not be as colorful. SLL plans to sponsor Dr. Nathaniel Branden and Dr. John Hospers, both professors and authors at USC next fall at CSUF. Robert LeFevre confirmed: Mr. Robert LeFevre has been confirmed to speak at CSUF on November 6, 1974. Mr. LeFevre, the founder of Rampart College in Santa Ana and author of several books, is a major leader in the libertarian movement. Mr. LeFevre's philosophy is one that advocates no government at all because it is antiquated tool of primitive and aggressive man.

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