

A true Objectivist ?

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Methods 1) General procedure

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-> an individual that bases his moral behavior on Objectivism
 - Does Andrew Ryan decide according to what Objectivism holds is right ?
-> analysis of important decisions made by character - taking into account:
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 - personal decision
 - What is the opinion of Objectivists concerning this topic?
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- =>Conclusion: How consequent is Andrew Ryan?

Methods 2) Other theories

- taking into account other theories
- explaining their possible thought process
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-> would use science to kill what the "parasites" could not seize
 - Onkar Ghate sees no moral mistake in using the atomic bomb for "self defense"
- => Ryan's statement contradicts with Objectivism's view on self-defense

2) Religion

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- justifies this behavior by "allowing" private practise of religion
- Ayn Rand wants religion to be legal although she is an atheist
- government has no influence on morality in an objectivist utopia

=> Ryan takes control over religion -> against Objectivism

3) Enslaving the Little Sisters

- Ryan allowed scientists to use children for ADAM production
- Little Sisters lost their free will
- Objectivism is against sacrificing your own needs for those of others
- slavery is the greatest sacrifice of all due to Objectivism

=>Ryan shows anti-human behavior by enslaving little girls due to his dream of a free market society

Conclusion

- Andrew Ryan has objectivist motives such as:
 - Laissez-faire capitalism
 - self-interest as the highest moral guideline
 - hard work as the way to achieve happiness
- difficult moral decisions are not made according to the laws of Objectivism

=> the character Andrew Ryan cannot be seen as an true Objectivist

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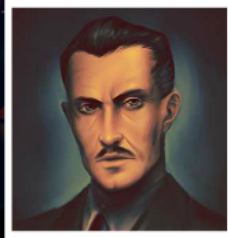
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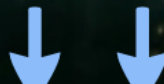
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