> Each of us has an inalienable right to life. The right-to-life concept requires the right to protect one's life and the right to sustain that life, the sustenance of life being the fruits of one's labor or, bluntly, one's honestly acquired property. The right to life without these secondary and corollary rights is utterly meaningless. To secure these rights we will appoint ourselves an agent. It shall be the duty of this agent to do for all of us collectively but equally that which we have a right to do for ourselves individually. The agent (government) shall defend our lives and our livelihoods, shall invoke a common justice, and shall keep the records incidental thereto. It will otherwise leave us free to pursue our own interests, whatever our interests may be.

What was so revolutionary about these ideas? Just this: Never before in history had any people succeeded in establishing themselves as completely sovereign. Never before in history had any people succeeded completely in relegating the political agency of force to the position of servant. Never before had the idea been put into practice that the fruits of one's labor are one's own to keep, to trade, or to give away if one so chooses. Always before in history it was the agency of force that was sovereign. Any right to one's product, even to one's life, was a granted right, granted to the people by the agency of force -- by government! But the original American ideas, when put into practice, limited the agency of force. This released the creative and productive energies of the millions who constituted America's citizenship.

We are now running away from the ideas which have accounted for everything peculiarly good about America. We Americans are now letting the Old World ideas we originally ran away from replace our peculiarly good American ideas. Not only is our agency of force without limitation -- except as political expediency suggests -- but millions of Americans, in every walk of life -- teachers, wage earners, clergymen, captains of industry, farmers, doctors, in short, folks from all categories -- are actually inviting the agency of force to increase its activities. Faith in what man can accomplish if his creative energies are free is declining. Faith in what man can accomplish if directed by the agency of force is increasing. If there are any corporate managers who doubt this, let them look at their own annual reports and observe the trend in dividend-tax ratio over a period of thirty years.