

Read taught us, no arrogance!) Second, the FEE "style" reflects a confidence, a faith, if you like, that those who can benefit from our message *will find us almost of their own accord*. They will discover us. Certainly this confidence is a remarkable feature of FEE's style.

I have one final quote from Ben Rogge, taken from a high school commencement address. He was talking to these youngsters about what they might expect of college. Ben said:

Hopefully, you will . . . come to know how little you know, in fact how little is known about man and his world by even the most knowledgeable around you. This is to say that you may come to carry with you through life a deep sense of wonder and of awe, not of what you do understand, but of the deep and mysterious processes which neither you nor anyone else fully understands.

And Read once again:

Humility is an awareness of how much there is to learn . . . No person can be a know-it-all at the same time that he seriously seeks knowledge. For anyone to be intolerant of others is to assess himself as the infallible I, *the authority* in rendering final judgments. Such authoritarianism is the very opposite of the freedom one avowedly stands for.

Open-endedness of knowledge is the root of FEE's modest, tolerant style. But then we said there was another aspect to that style—the confidence, the faith, that those who can benefit from our teachings, from what we have to offer will find us out, will seek us out. Listen to Leonard Read:

Forget the "selling freedom" notion! Right method calls for concentration on the improvement of the most approachable person on earth—one's self. This is practical because accomplishment is possible. This tactic disposes of the numbers problem, the impossible—selling the masses. Do not seek followers! . . . What seek ye? The achievement of understanding and clarity of explanation so that those who wish to learn may come upon enlightenment. If you are successful, those with inquiring minds will find you out.

Here, surely, we have Leonard Read thinking of the spontaneous discovery potential that will bring our audience to our doors. If we hold up the standard, if we show them what a free society means, they will find us out.

Paradoxes Resolved

Let us return to the two apparent paradoxes that I mentioned earlier this evening. I believe that it should be easy for us now to see that these paradoxes dissolve immediately just as soon as we recall the significance of this open-endedness of knowledge. We asked how a passionate commitment to freedom could be reconciled with an attitude that refuses to go out and sell the freedom principles to others. We asked how FEE's refusal to compromise, refusal to recognize exceptions could be reconciled with its attitudes of modesty and tolerance. But these questions are easily answered. A passionate love of freedom as well as FEE's modest style and courtesy *both* grow out of our awareness of our own fallibility and of the arrogance of those