VALUE INVESTING IN BUSINESSES WITH BUILT TO LAST CHARACTERISTICS

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Ben Graham/ The Intelligent Investor:

- Think For Yourself
- Understand What Equity Markets Are And Are Not
- Fundamentals Always Matter
- Separate "Facts" and "Real Issues" From "Prophecy"
- Find An Acceptable Margin Of Safety
- Avoid Emotional Decision Making

Ayn Rand/ Atlas Shrugged:

- Businesses Exist In A Changing World With Multiple Forces Pulling Upon Them....Not All Of Which Are Rational
- The Quality Of Management and Governance Of A Company Is Overwhelmingly Influential In Long Term Outcomes
- Change Must Be Constantly Embraced, Nurtured And Expected Within An Organization

Balance Is Critical To Sustainability!

- CUTOMERS- A Company must deliver the benefit of the bargain. A Quality product, on time and at an agreed price
- EMPLOYEES Deserve fair and competitive compensation, benefits and training in exchange for a quality and efficient work product
- INVESTORS Entitled to a fair and consistent return on their debt or equity investment
- SOCIETY- Expects that its laws and regulations will be observed and complied with

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAINTAIN BALANCE AMONG THESE FOUR OBLIGATIONS