

# MORAL AMBITION: PERFECTION & PRIDE

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## OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. WHAT PRIDE IS

- A) Distinguish feeling from virtue
- B) Rand's explanation of the virtue
- C) Cf. Aristotle
- D) Misconceptions

#### II. VALUE OF PRIDE

- A) Fortifies other virtues
- B) Redundant? makes the implicit, explicit
- C) Facts giving rise to need for Pride
- D) Distinctive value: self-esteem

#### III. WHAT PRIDE DEMANDS

- A) Conscientiousness
- B) Introspection
- C) Ambition
- D) Perfection
  - 1. what it means
  - 2. context: human; individual  
context isn't compromise
  - 3. really need to be perfect?
  - 4. effect of professing perfection's impossibility
- E) Implementation

#### IV. SOURCES OF OPPOSITION TO PRIDE

- A) View of human nature
- B) Reigning conception of morality
- C) View of philosophy

### CONCLUSION