

eat potato chips and drink soda pop, to eat prime ribs and drink the liquor of lobbyists. Nature did not spend millions of years producing Homo sapiens for the purpose of eating and drinking at the table of lobbyists and doing their bidding. If that is all that nature had in mind, then you all have to take the position that people ascribe to me, one of saying there is no sense to any of it. There is no purpose. There is no order. Individual decisions and judgments we make count for nothing. So there is no necessity to tell the truth. There is no need to be principled. You should do the things that give you pleasure, the things that will make you money, and that will make life easiest to slide through. But even though we have a lot of utilitarians and Machiavellians, there comes a point when an issue arises and they suddenly remember what it means to be a human being because it is an issue of theirs and they say you have got to look at what is right, you have got to look at the damage done to these people by the state. You have got to look at what they were made to believe they could expect, and based on that expectation, you have an obligation to do this or that. No, you don't. You don't have an obligation to do anything. If you can sucker somebody into a position where you can take advantage of them, that is what you are supposed to do. The end of life and living is to have as good and convenient a life for yourself and yours as possible. To do that, you often have to step on and use others who are not as swift, or not as smart, or not as strong. That is why the magnates of industry rise to the top like cream. They exploit workers, they cheat on their income tax, they use cutthroat tactics to drive smaller competitors out of business, they cheat on contracts with the government, they lie, they steal, they do it all, but aren't they highly respected. If Armand Hammer walked into this Chamber and people described who Armand Hammer is, he is the Chairman of Occidental Petroleum, and he doesn't need permission from this government to talk to the head of any government in the world including Russia. He goes when he wants to. He goes where he pleases. He is an invisible government in and of himself that is more powerful than the visible government wherever he wants to go, and people respect him and bow down and worship him. That is what our kids need to be taught. Those are the lessons, because if we teach them that, there will then be a congruence between what we teach them and what we try to practice ourselves, if not on as grand a scale as that of Armand Hammer, as grand a scale as our meager abilities will