



Michael Badnarik realized that he was different from a very early age. Deliberately intellectual in every pursuit, he and several friends organized a philosophy study group that met at his apartment every Wednesday evening for three and a half years. During that time, he learned to sharpen his critical thinking skills even further. It was this education that helped him win the Presidential debate, and subsequently win the Libertarian nomination in 2004.

Philosophy is your comprehensive view of the universe. Your understanding of the world around you, that you use subconsciously, every moment of the day, to make all the decisions in your life. Because you are alive, you will eventually die. Making bad decisions, like smoking or stepping in front of a bus, could bring about a premature end to the life that you cling to. If you could, wouldn't you choose to make correct decisions 100% of the time? Or at least as close to 100% as a rational person could expect? Our philosophy guides, not what we think, but how we think. If you find yourself struggling to solve problems and wondering if you are jinxed, you are probably operating with an inconsistent philosophy. That is to say, there are good philosophies and bad philosophies. I'm hoping this book will help you to find a better one than the one you currently have.

- Michael Badnarik

By reading Philosophical Lighthouse, one is likely to increase one's life-span and potentially live a happier and more peaceful life. These can be the payoffs of making good decisions. And, good decisions are a result of having a good, or effective, philosophy.

Michael is a powerful and entertaining teacher. His success is due in part to his immense patience. And it's also because of his innate ability to paint mental pictures that guide us students to further understand what previously evaded us. He's part technician and part bard, and Philosophical Lighthouse is no exception.

- Todd McGreevy