Dear Chelsea,

You really started to get going in the 4th paragraph where you make the awesome claim of "perhaps we should have been criticizing our own beliefs." What an awesome insight! I think that is the most powerful point, and it seems to be your center of gravity—the weightiest part of the paper. In the first few paragraphs, you seem to be bitter over what we value as a society and over the practices of businesses. Why is that? Do YOU view the practices of businesses as corrupt or is it the society that allows the businesses to be corrupt, or both? In the 3rd paragraph, dig into it—why is money part of the sham culture? Is Enron the only company to commit these crimes? Also, in the third paragraph, you smack us right in the face, "are we, as Americans, truly shocked?" Wow! In the fourth paragraph you mention that money and material possessions are valued more than the state of one's soul." Just because you have money, does that make you a bad person? What does make someone happy? What if you fulfill your obligation to society by contributing money? You mention that tangible
possessions can not make you prosperous, but what is prosperity, then? In that some paragraph, you say how money can not make you completely happy, but are you implying that money will bring unhappiness? Does this conflict with Plato or Mill? Explain to me what brings about true spiritual and emotional well being in a person? Is it the great life proposed by Socrates? Can anyone at Enron live this life? Can we?