

OTHER BOOKS OF INTEREST

Respect in Action: Applying Subsidiarity in Business

Michael J. Naughton et al.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: University of St. Thomas, 2015 (72 pages)

This book is the product of extensive collaboration among individuals and institutions, including the International Christian Union of Business Executives (UNIAPAC) and the John A. Ryan Institute at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Its centerpiece is an essay divided into three parts based on the classic method of applying Catholic social teaching—see, judge, act—that provides guidance for the application of the principle of subsidiarity in business management. “Within organizations,” the authors argue, “subsidiarity serves as a moral principle that directs leaders to place decision-making at the most appropriate level of an organization so as to utilize the gifts of employees for their own good, the good of the organization, and the good of the organization’s clients or customers” (2). The book is available as a free download at the John Ryan Institute website.

A Better Choice: Healthcare Solutions for America

John C. Goodman

Oakland, California: Independent Institute (112 pages)

Goodman is a longtime analyst of the American health care system, advocate of health care reform, and critic of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In three parts, he (1) summarizes the chief problems with the ACA and the principles that should order “commonsense reform,” (2) more closely examines each of the aforementioned principles and how they are reflected (or not) in the current system, and (3) recommends several major revisions to the ACA.

The Kuyper Center Review, vol. 5, Church and Academy

Gordon Graham (Editor)

Grand Rapids, Michigan; Cambridge, United Kingdom: Eerdmans, 2015 (142 pages)

The most recent entry in this annual series that draws on the thought of the Dutch Calvinist social theorist and statesman, Abraham Kuyper, volume 5 focuses on the relationship between the institutional church and theology on one hand, and intellectual life and higher education on the other. Among the nine essays are Dylan Pahman's on F. W. J. Shelling as "a philosophical influence on Kuyper's social thought," and Ad de Bruijne's on the "relevance of Abraham Kuyper's ecclesiology for Christian public and theological responsibilities."

Rights in the Law: The Importance of God's Free Choices in the Thought of Francis Turretin

James E. Bruce

Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013 (150 pages)

Francis Turretin (1623–1687) was an important Reformed natural-law thinker. Bruce offers an analysis of Turretin's theory, focusing on the nature of law and the relationship between God's will and law, choice, freedom, justice, and rights.

Tocquevillian Ideas: Contemporary European Perspectives

Zbigniew Rau and Marek Tracz-Tryniecki (Editors)

Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2014 (152 pages)

This is a collection of essays written by an international group of scholars, each of whom argues that the nineteenth-century French observer has something to teach citizens of the twenty-first century. Topics include Tocqueville on liberty; "Religion, Virtue, and the *Ennobling* of Democracy"; and "Religious Liberty's Worrisome Condition."

What Happened in and to Moral Philosophy in the Twentieth Century? Philosophical Essays in Honor of Alasdair MacIntyre

Fran O'Rourke (Editor)

Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013 (486 pages)

This volume derives from a conference held in Ireland in honor of the eightieth birthday of the influential British-American philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre. MacIntyre provides an introductory chapter and an epilogue. Five essayists focus on MacIntyre's own thought; six expound on "complementary and contradictory traditions"; and six others reflect on themes related to MacIntyre's corpus.

Early Islam and the Birth of Capitalism

Benedikt Koehler

Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2014 (212 pages)

Koehler traces the economic thought and practice of Islam from Muhammed through the crusading period of the Middle Ages. He also highlights economic interaction between Islam and the Christian West, arguing that such cooperation was one element in the rise of capitalism in the Italian city-states such as Venice. He observes a common pattern in both Christian Europe and the Islamic world: The growth of government bureaucracy and economic intervention saps the vitality of trade and enterprise.