

## OTHER BOOKS OF INTEREST

Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context (2nd ed.)

**David P. Gushee and Glen H. Stassen**

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2016 (448 pages)

This is a significant revision of a first edition that enjoyed wide popularity as an ethics text for evangelical Christians. Gushee and the late Stassen (who died during the revision process) articulate a “methodology for kingdom ethics” in the first part of the book and then apply that method to an array of issues including criminal justice, sexuality, economics, environment, and racism.

Capitalism and Commerce in Imaginative Literature:

Perspectives on Business from Novels and Plays

**Edward W. Younkins (Editor)**

Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2016 (430 pages)

In his earlier work, *Exploring Capitalist Fiction* (2014), Younkins summarized the treatments of business afforded by a number of novels and films. In this successor volume, he gathers essays from more than two-dozen scholars who write about the treatment of themes relating to business and capitalism in a wide variety of fictional works. Authors examined range from Aristophanes to William Dean Howells to John Steinbeck to George R. R. Martin, with special attention paid to Ayn Rand.

**Failure: The Federal Miseducation of America's Children**

**Vicki E. Alger**

Oakland, California: Independent Institute, 2016 (414 pages)

Alger is a longtime education policy analyst and proponent of education reform. She summarizes the history of the federal government's role in American education, evaluates the impact of Washington's intervention in public education, and concludes that the best path forward is "ending, not mending, federal involvement in education."

**Nature Unbound: Bureaucracy vs. the Environment**

**Randy T. Simmons, Ryan M. Yonk, and Kenneth J. Sim**

Oakland, California: Independent Institute, 2016 (239 pages)

The authors begin with several chapters on the political economy of the environment, arguing for an approach that places human activity and market incentives at the center of environmental policy. Succeeding chapters analyze each of a number of important environmental policy measures enacted over the past half-century, including legislation on clean air, endangered species, and renewable energy.

**The End of Alchemy: Money, Banking, and the Future  
of the Global Economy**

**Mervyn King**

New York: W. W. Norton, 2016 (448 pages)

Boasting endorsements from figures such as Michael Lewis, Lawrence Summers, and Niall Ferguson, this book examines the strengths and weaknesses of an economy reliant on the "financial alchemy" of paper money and credit. King, a former head of the Bank of England, recommends reforms to mitigate the risk of severe financial crises.

**Order Ethics: An Ethical Framework for the Market Economy**

**Christoph Luetge and Nikil Mukerji (Editors)**

Cham, Switzerland: Springer International, 2016 (366 pages)

This is a collection of essays by European scholars who adhere to a common general approach. Order ethics, which focuses on the bearing that institutional environments have on human action, is applied in particular to questions of business and economics.

**The Theology and the Craft of Work: From Tabernacle to Eucharist**

**Jeremy Kidwell**

London, United Kingdom: Routledge, 2016 (242 pages)

A professor of ethics at the University of Edinburgh, the Reverend Kidwell draws on recent renewed interest in manual labor and handmade goods to reflect on the nature of work from a Christian perspective. He compares, in particular, scriptural descriptions of temple construction to dominant current models of work and argues for a reconceptualization of work in the contemporary context.

**Free Markets with Solidarity and Sustainability: Facing the Challenge**

**Martin Schlag and Juan A. Mercado (Editors)**

Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2016 (275 pages)

Thirteen scholars, plus the editors in their introduction, articulate various aspects of Catholic social teaching and its relevance for business and economics. The three parts of the book are theoretical foundations, the encyclical tradition, and practical models for education. Chapter authors include Russell Hittinger, Domènec Melé, John Larrivee, Jim Wishloff, and Wolfgang Grassl.