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Book Reviews



Burghardt, A., & Sinn, S. (Eds.). (2017). *Global perspectives on the Reformation: Interactions between theology, politics and economics*. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt. Luther World Federation, no. 61. 158 pp. \$18.40. ISBN 9783374048403

Last year marked observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, The Lutheran World Federation, provides a resource with this book to contribute to the scholarly collection written on the Reformation. This book comprises of articles written by various contributors providing insight into politics and economics from a theological perspective. The reader of this book gains a global insight concerning economics and politics. Even though this book contains a Lutheran denomination perspective, those outside the Lutheran denomination would benefit from this book.

The thirteen articles are organized in a such a way to allow the reader to form a perspective as it relates to producing a synergy amidst theology, politics, and economics. The first article sets the stage giving a reader a foundation to build on through the book and leads into the three divisions: *Theology and Politics*, *Theology and Economics*, and *Theology and Life in Abundance*. An appendix concludes the book containing a message presented on Reformation Day in 2015 at a conference in Windhoek, Namibia with the same title as the book. This book fits in the scholarly category by providing scholars a helpful and unique resource. In forming a theology of politics and economics, this book allows scholars to research from a global perspective rather than being geographically constrained. It seems this book would add value in a seminary theology course or a world missions course by allowing seminary students to gain an overview on this topic with a global and historical view in mind. Also, it would be good for seminary students to engage in conversations in their ministry contexts or as a resource continue to write on this specific topic.

The footnotes in this book are well documented allowing a reader to research a citation further. A list of contributors are present in the book with a sentence about each individual which provides a brief background. However, an index and bibliography are missing from the book so a reader has to rely on footnotes from each article. At the end of the book, there are two pages dedicated to describing two different books, which may assist in a reader's further research.

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