



The Best and the Brightest

“Everywhere have I sought rest and found it not, except sitting apart in a nook with a little book.” –Thomas à Kempis



Each fall, the “Mindszenty Report” publishes a valuable list of recommended books to our readers. Most of these books can be found in the local bookstore, library or ordered directly from the publisher.

FAITH

- **HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT WESTERN CIVILIZATION** by Prof Thomas Woods (Regnery Publishing, 2005) The acceptable prejudice of anti-Catholicism has perpetuated the myth that Catholicism is a religion of ignorance, corruption, repression and stagnation. Prof. Woods says “wrong!” and offers this superb, engrossing refutation, looking at the Church’s imprint found on every major achievement and institution of the West—music, literature, science, economics international law, the university system, organized charity. This book is a must-read for any student of development of Western Civilization, no matter what religious denomination he follows.
- **IN THE TIERS OF GLORY** by Michael S Rose (Aquinas Publishing, 2004) Architects, says Rose, have always understood that architecture is not inconsequential. Sacred architecture, in particular, has an immense influence on how people think, feel and believe. This book provides a clear summation of Catholic Church architecture from the earliest days to modern times, and how banal, uninspiring and sometimes ugly church buildings are common today. He explains why it is crucial that the Church restores continuity with the great churches of the past. Beautifully illustrated with hundred of photographs.
- **JOSEPH CARDINAL RATZINGER MILESTONES 1927-1977** by Joseph Ratzinger (Ignatius Press) “Here is Cardinal Ratzinger at his most surprising. Who imagines him a teenager risking his life escaping a Nazi forced-labor camp? Or a doctoral candidate shattered by rejection of his dissertation? Or a priest telling of ‘the suffering necessary for the priestly ministry...those dark nights that alone can give full shape to the radical assent a priest must give?”

Milestones, rich with theological insights as are all his works, gives us finally Ratzinger the person. He is a joy to meet.”

—John Cardinal O’Connor Archbishop of New York

- **SO HELP ME GOD: The Ten Commandments, Judicial Tyranny, and the Battle for Religious Freedom** by Roy Moore (Broadman & Holman, 2005) 266 pgs. Judge Roy Moore lost his position as the Chief Justice of the Alabama State Supreme Court because of his refusal to heed the warning of a federal court to remove his display of the 10 Commandments from the Alabama Judicial Building. He learned firsthand about judicial tyranny, vividly described in Phyllis Schlafly’s book *The Supremacists* and Mark Levin’s *Men in Black*.
So Help Me traces his odyssey to return a sense of God to the American judicial system despite ACLU roadblocks. Judge Moore explains his justification for disobeying the court order to remove his display. To obey the judge’s unjust order was to deny his God. He puts his historic decision in the larger context of the dangers to freedom from those who are determined to remove all traces of God from the public square.
- **THE CUBE AND THE CATHEDRAL: Europe, America and Politics Without God** by George Weigel (Basic Books, 2005) 202 pgs. In 2004 the European Union declined to include “God” in its Preamble. There are many empty pews in the cathedrals of Europe and the author is convinced Europe is losing its soul. He fears the same for America.
Weigel attempts to picture an American *Christian future* through the prism of the declining religious values of modern Europe. He illustrates the dry, dull cultural climate of modern Europe, as represented by the *cube* of the Great Arch of La Defense in Paris. It is in stark contrast to the beautiful, heaven-aspiring spires of the great medieval cathedrals, such as Paris’ Notre Dame.

By turning away from God, Europe set in motion a historical process that gave the world two world wars, the gulags, and the Nazi death camps. Without the protective mantle of religion and morality, European democracies will be even less likely to protect their citizens from further repression and tyranny, especially from Islam. Weigel's book stands as an elegy for the cultural erosion of the roots of Western Civilization.

GOVERNMENT

- **THE RED ZONE: JOURNEY INTO THE SOUL OF IRAQ** by Steven Vincent (Spence Publishing, 2004) Author Vincent journeyed to Iraq several times, paying his own way, traveling without security or official connections, living among the Iraqi people. He describes a tormented society whose inhabitants survived the ghoulish dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, only to face the death cult of radical Islam. He describes confrontations with Iraqi authorities, bombings, meetings with assorted "peace activists" and encounters with doctors, cab drivers, housewives, politicians and poets. In 2005, Steven Vincent made another trip to Iraq, and was kidnapped and murdered on Aug 2nd, 2005.

HISTORY

- **THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO AMERICAN HISTORY** by Prof. Thomas Woods (Regnery Publishing, 2004) In this shocking new book, historian Woods makes it clear that we have been misinformed for generations by academics who are heavily biased against God, democracy, patriotism and capitalism, promoting politically correct, multi-cultural distortions of our nation's past. An easy read, attractive format with reality checks, PC today, authors recommendations for "books you're not suppose to read." This book is a gem and should be read by students, teachers and opinion molders.
- **THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO ISLAM (AND THE CRUSADES)** by Robert Spencer (Regnery, 2005) is a unique guide to the bloody teachings and history of Islam, and to the Crusades that still stand today as the Western world's most sustained and successful defense against the warrior hordes who were inspired by those teachings. Exposing myth after myth of the "Islam means peace" establishment, Spencer (director of Jihad-Watch.com and the bestselling author of *Islam Unveiled* and *Onward Muslim Soldiers*) here tackles all the hot-button issues regarding Islam and the Crusades.
- **FIDEL: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant** by Humberto E. Fontova (Regnery, 2005) 229 pgs. Since his rise to power in 1959, Fidel Castro has enjoyed the enduring adoration of Hollywood luminaries who regard him as the *Elvis of Cuba*.

Cuban refugee Humberto Fontova has captured *the real Castro* in his iconoclastic biography of the ruthless Cuban militarist, exposing Castro's bloody and duplicitous use of power. He details

the many mass executions with keen insight into his cruel sadism. Drawing on a wealth of personal sources and private interviews, Fontova explains how Castro took a world class Cuban economy and turned it into a reservoir of poverty. Fontova tells it like it really is, repudiating the callow adulation of Castro's *Tinseltown* sycophants, Steven Spielberg, Jesse Jackson, Dan Rather, and Ted Turner.

- **RED STAR OVER HOLLYWOOD: The Film Colony's Long Romance with the Left** by Ronald Radosh and Allis Radosh (Encounter Books, 2005) 309 pgs. An enduring myth of recent American history is that any talk of Communists in Hollywood was symptomatic of a *Red Scare* paranoia that saw Communists under every theater seat. The Radoshes have finally laid this myth to rest. They have uncovered the unvarnished truth that Hollywood was rampant with Communists and the leftist bent of their movies was no accident.

Under the expert guidance and inspiration of Communist agents, Willi Munzenberg and Otto Katz, the authors show how the Soviet Comintern saw the film capital as prime real estate for subverting western morals and the country's political power in the late 1920s. They not only prove that the Hollywood Reds were loyal to Joseph Stalin, they show how the infamous *Hollywood Ten* screenwriters such as Ring Lardner Jr. and Dalton Trumbo used their craft as propaganda to support the Communist menace in the United States. The 1943 pro-Soviet film, *Mission to Moscow*, which found exceptional favor in the White House, was their masterpiece.

The Radoshes show the link between the radicalization of Hollywood in the 30s and 40s and a new generation of radicalized Hollywood actors that include Jane Fonda, Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, and Sean Penn.

CULTURE

- **THE COMPLEAT GENTLMAN** by Brad Miner (Spence Publishing, 2004) At a time when many are confused about what it means to be a man, the author has re-introduced us to a thousand-year tradition of chivalry, honor and heroism, and insists that a gentleman must belong to aristocracy of virtue, not of wealth or birth.

With an engaging lightness of touch combined with a willingness to state difficult and unpopular truths, Miner traces the concept of manliness from jousting fields of the 12th century to the decks of the Titanic and beyond. This book contains the wisdom that can bring healing and renewal to our increasingly uncivilized age—one gentleman at a time.
- **SILENT WITNESS: The Untold Story of Terri Schiavo's Death** by Mark Fuhrman (Morrow, 2005), 255 pgs. Euthanasia has become the flip side of the *Culture of Death* by attacking God's creation at the end of the natural life cycle. Former LAPD detective and New York Times best-selling author Mark Fuhrman, has

muffled the sound and fury that the media provided during the judicial execution of Terri Schiavo in April of 2005 *with facts*.

He puts flesh and blood on the cold, hard legalities of the controversial case that impacted a sitting President and a Republican Congress. He thoroughly exposes the hollow emptiness of the *death with dignity myth*. This book underscores the extreme importance of Terri's case to the protection of human life in America.

- **FROM DARWIN TO HITLER: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics, and Racism in Germany** by Richard Weikart (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) The scientific theories of naturalist Charles Darwin provided the energy that has led the modern world into a slough of moral relativity that reigns today. Quoting from several Darwinian biologists and social scientists, the author demonstrates that Darwin's theories had overturned traditional Judeo-Christian ethics, especially those pertaining to the sacredness of human life. Darwinian biology when applied to human society quickly turned into a moral relativism, a real life *survival of the fittest*, that inevitably led to the *Master Race* of Adolph Hitler and the death camps.

The strain of the Darwinian anti-human virus is still present and like a virulent plague it has infected the culture war with global abortions in the hundreds of millions, euthanasia and a general disregard for the innate value of each human life.

- **THE GOOD LIFE** by Charles Colson (Tyndale House, 2005) The Founder of Prison Fellowship and former aide to President Nixon, discovered that living a "meaningful life" means simply embracing the responsibilities and work that God has called us to do. Our modern consumerist age declares that the purpose of life is enjoyment and personal fulfillment through meeting our "needs" of eating, drinking, money, power, sex and leisure. Not so, says Colson, we must find a way to know the real truth...right and wrong are not abstract concepts. Follow Colson's quest as he shares personal stories in search for life's meaning.
- **THE SCORPION AND THE FROG: A NATURAL CONSPIRACY** by William A Borst (Xlibris Corp., 2004) This cleverly-titled and historically interesting book colorfully unveils the ideas that have unified conspiracies. This book is an intellectual history of the City of God vs the City of Man in the ultimate culture war. Conspiracies come from ideas that have become second nature to liberals, socialists or Communists. Gnostics of DaVinci Code, Weishaupt's Illumati, Cultural Marxists, Kinsey, Hefner and others...it's all here!
- **CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO A BRAVE NEW WORLD** by Wesley J. Smith (Encounter Books, 2004) The author has given us a clear-eyed explanation of what awaits us in the strange new world of cloning, bio-technology and embryo manufacturing. The mystery of stem cells is unraveled, showing what's at stake in the controversy over research. At the core of this highly-readable and

carefully researched book, is the information on the "Big Biotech" industry, how this lobby works and how the ideology of "scientism", mixed with the lure of riches threatens to impose on society a new eugenics that would dismantle ethical norms and compromise the importance of all human life.

- **HOODWINKED: How Intellectuals Have Hi-jacked American Culture** by Jack Cashill (Nelson Current, 2005) 299 pgs. For the past half-century many of the trusted experts of American culture have been fraudulently twisting the facts about sex, crime, government and American history. A cultural historian on a mission, Cashill has taken a large sledgehammer and shattered the myths and overt lies that have animated America's cultural institutions for two generations. He pulls no punches in exposing the blatant hypocrisy and moral dishonesty of the cast of such liberal idols as Rachel Carson, Alfred Kinsey, and Margaret Sanger. Cashill also profiles the *poster boys of radicalism*, dissident college professor Ward Churchill, convicted murderer Abu-Jamal Mumia, and provocateur Michael Moore.
- **ARCHITECTS OF THE CULTURE OF DEATH** by Donald De Marco and Benjamin Wiker (Ignatius Press, 2004) 410 pgs. College professors DeMarco and Wiker have provided a flesh and blood profile of the architects of the pernicious culture of death. Included are 27 short biographies of those who have designed a culture based on a Darwinian disregard for the sanctity of each human life. The usual suspects are here, such as Freud, Alfred Kinsey, Margaret Sanger, Jack Kervorkian, and Princeton's Peter Singer. The authors systematically portray the lethal thinking and twisted motivations of a *rogue's gallery* of scientists, philosophers and liberal thinkers who have labored to overturn the principles of Christianity.
Charles Darwin's *The Origin of the Species* stands out as the book's linchpin. Darwin's theory of *natural selection* contained the seeds of dehumanization that led inexorably to the ovens of Auschwitz and Buchenwald.
- **IT TAKES A FAMILY: CONSERVATISM AND THE COMMON GOOD** by Rick Santorum (ISI Books, 2005) A principled politician of national stature, Senator Santorum has authored his first book, exploring the various dimensions of social and cultural connections that are the foundation of the common good. He emphasizes the central role of the family, in contradiction to the federal government and Hillary Clinton's *It Takes a Village*; and he presents innovative policy proposals for the renewal of American society. The book is a re-affirmation of the moral, spiritual and ethical characteristics that have blessed our country since its founding.

Book recommendations are prepared by Elaine Middendorf, Radio Producer of Dangers of Apathy and William A. Borst, Ph.D., author, editor, talk show host.

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K218-CM (91.5 FM) Kermit
K210-BX (89.9 FM) Van Horn
K216-DO (91.1 FM) Morton

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Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi