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### Redefining bioethics

Adam Briggles's *A Rich Bioethics: Public Policy, Biotechnology, and the Kass Council\** (2010) was published by the University of Notre Dame Press. The publications of the Kass Council are available at [bioethics.georgetown.edu/pcbe/](http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/pcbe/) in downloadable form. Among the most notable documents are: *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (2003); *Taking Care: Ethical Caregiving in Our Aging Society* (2005); and *Human Dignity and Bioethics* (2008). Other reports available include: *Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry* (2002); *Monitoring Stem Cell Research* (2004); *Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Technologies* (2004); and *The Changing Moral Focus of Newborn Screening: An Ethical Analysis* (2008). The website referenced above also includes shorter papers and the transcripts of deliberations of the Council on numerous subjects including nanotechnology, patenting body parts, and bioethics in literature. The work of previous bioethics commissions and committees may be referenced at [bioethics.gov](http://bioethics.gov). Leon Kass's own writings include: *Toward a More Natural Science: Biology and Human Affairs\** (Free Press, 1985); *The Hungry Soul: Eating and the Perfecting of Our Nature\** (Free Press, 1994); *Life, Liberty, and the Defense of Dignity: The Challenge of Bioethics\** (Encounter, 2002); and *The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis\** (Free Press, 2003). Dr. Kass may be heard on two MARS HILL AUDIO *Conversations*: the first, *Bread and the Hungry Soul*, is available on cassette or as an MP3 download; *Human Life, Human Dignity* is on cassette, CD, or MP3. See our website for more information.

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### Redefining economics

John C. Médaille's *Toward a Truly Free Market\** (2010) was published by ISI Books. The Wendell Berry anthology, *What Matters? Economics for a Renewed Commonwealth\** (2010), with an introduction by Herman Daly, was published by Counterpoint. Médaille is also the author of *The Vocation of Business: Social Justice in the Marketplace\** (Continuum, 2007). Médaille has posted many essays explaining aspects of distributivism on his website ([www.medaille.com/distributivism.htm](http://www.medaille.com/distributivism.htm)). The site also has downloadable chapters from his book, *The Vocation of Business. The Distributist Review* (yes, they can't agree on what word to use, but the ideas are the same) features

### Disc 1

- 1 **Introduction**
- 2 **Adam Briggles**, on how Leon Kass's leadership of the President's Council on Bioethics attempted to reframe public thinking about ethical matters
- 3 **John C. Médaille**, on why economics should be concerned with ethical matters from the bottom up
- 4 **Christopher Page**, on how the presence of choral music in the Church shaped the rise of the West

### Disc 2

- 1 **Christian Smith**, on why sociologists need a richer understanding of human nature and human personhood and should recognize "love" as an essential human attribute
- 2 **Herman Daly**, on why he and Wendell Berry are disturbed by the lack of attention paid by classical economics to the realities of the material world
- 3 **Thomas Hibbs**, on the dark nihilism in the films of Woody Allen

\*An asterisk means that the book is in print; if you wish to purchase it from our friends at Splintered Light Books, call 1.800.979.3310.

a number of articles on economics, Catholic social teaching, G. K. Chesterton, and E. F. Schumacher. There are interesting resonances between the distributivists and the so-called "Red Tories" in Great Britain. Both eschew the totalizing state and the totalizing market, calling for a repudiation of Enlightenment individualism as an ordering principle for politics and economics. Anglican theologian Phillip Blond has emerged as one of the chief theorists of this movement. See his *Red Tory: How the Left and Right Have Broken Britain and How We Can Fix It* (Faber and Faber, 2010). Herman Daly's books include (with John B. Cobb, Jr.) *For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future\** (Beacon Press, 1989); *Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development\** (Beacon Press, 1996); and (with Joshua Farley) *Ecological Economics: Principles and Applications\** (Island Press, 2nd edition 2010).

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### Other Works Mentioned

Christopher Page's *The Christian West and Its Singers\** (2010) was published by Yale University Press. Christian Smith's *What Is a Person?\** (2010) was published by University of Chicago Press. Smith's earlier book, *Moral, Believing Animals: Human Personhood and Culture\** (2003), was published by Oxford University Press. Thomas Hibbs's *Shows about Nothing: Nihilism in Popular Culture from The Exorcist to Seinfeld* (1999) was published by Spence Books, as was his *Arts of Darkness: American Noir and the Quest for Redemption\** (2008).

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