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Inspired by a visit to a small Catholic liberal arts college in California and its classical curriculum, Derrick offers a series of well-written, thought-provoking reflections on "Liberal Education as if Truth Mattered," as the subtitle reads.

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As this reviewer mentioned elsewhere, whenever there are media comments and "political debates" (those ad hominem childish exchanges between bought-and-paid-for candidates), he retreats into the den and reads serious political comments and debates written centuries earlier such as THE FEDERALIST PAPERS, THE ANTIFEDERALIST PAPERS, etc.

Christopher Derrick's book titled ESCAPE FROM SCEPTICISM: LIBERAL EDUCATION AS IF TRUTH MATTERED is a refuge when education "experts" give their vapid, empty ...

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A Georgetown professor's look at the subjects one needs to study for a truly well-rounded education. A Student's Guide to Liberal Learning is an inviting conversation with a learned scholar about the content of an authentic liberal arts education. It surveys ideas and books central to the tradition of humanistic education that has fundamentally shaped our country and our civilization. This

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accessible volume argues for an order and integration of knowledge so that meaning might be restored to the haphazard approach to study currently dominating higher education. Freshly conveying the excitement of learning from the acknowledged masters of intellectual life, this guide is also an excellent blueprint for building one's own library of books that matter.

The brilliant English writer Christopher Derrick presents a disturbing indictment of today's colleges and universities and the troubled condition of liberal education. The occasion for his writing this book was a visit to Thomas Aquinas College in California which deeply impressed Derrick with its true liberal and Catholic education. This small independent college convinced him of the need for reform in Catholic higher education today, and he

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uses the example of this college as the way this reform should be carried out.

With *All Your Mind* makes a compelling case for the value of thinking deeply about education in America from a historically orthodox and broadly ecumenical Christian point of view. Few people dispute that education in America is in a state of crisis. But not many have posed workable solutions to this serious problem. Michael Peterson contends that thinking philosophically about education is our only hope for meaningful progress. In this refreshing book, he invites all who are concerned about education in America to "participate" in his study, which analyzes representative theories and practical strategies that reveal the power of Christian ideas in this vital area. Peterson addresses the most fundamental questions facing educators, and society in general,

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such as: What is the purpose of education? What goals do new techniques and methods serve? What kind of person is our educational system supposed to produce? He also explores questions of unique importance to Christians, such as: What is the relation between Christianity and the pursuit of intellectual excellence? How can Christians bring their faith to bear on all areas of knowledge? Can educated Christians significantly influence culture? With *All Your Mind* examines the key assumptions and implications of influential classical and contemporary philosophies with respect to education, including idealism, naturalism, Thomism, experimentalism, existentialism, linguistic analysis, and postmodernism. Based on this analysis, Peterson develops an unapologetically Christian philosophy of education in regard to curriculum design, instilling ethics and values, and the nature

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of teaching and learning. Peterson further advances the merits of an ecumenical Christian philosophy of education by showing how it can be used to analyze key issues in educational theory, such as the relation of general education to liberal learning, the integration of faith and learning, and the demand for professional and technical training. From a practical standpoint, Peterson's approach brings balance and common sense to issues such as the clash between public and private education, the rise of multiculturalism, the changing demographic and psychological profile of America's youth, and the impact of computer and Internet technology. With *All Your Mind* concludes with a stirring vision for education that is embedded in an all-encompassing Christian view of life. Using clear, jargon-free language, Peterson teaches a good deal of basic philosophy while developing a powerful

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argument for the value of liberal arts education interacting with Christian faith at all levels of schooling.

Reveals the neglected mode of knowing and learning, from Socrates to the middle ages and beyond, that relies more on the integrated powers of sensory experience and intuition, rather than on modern narrow scientific models of education.

Whether it's a best-selling author who claims "religion poisons everything" or an atheist comedian whose punch lines aren't necessarily hassled by the burden of proof, foes of the faith continue to declare Christianity morally deficient without much resistance. In *Moral Apologetics for Contemporary Christians*, Mark Coppenger mixes compelling references—from classic philosophers to modern entertainers—to reasonably push back

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against both harsh critics and less intense cultural relativists, arguing that Christianity is morally superior to its competitors as well as true. Coppenger doesn't avoid uncomfortable realities like the misbehavior of many Christians and false teachers, but he sets the book's course in defense of his faith with many thoughtful opening statements, including: "It is hard to open a newspaper, walk through a library, or turn on the television without seeing fresh evidence that a Christian approach to life makes people and societies flourish, and that those who turn their backs on genuine Christianity are liable to behave wickedly." The writing is also informed by the evidence that "believers have grown accustomed to... those who wish to defame the Church." Coppenger adds, "I hope to help replenish (our) cultural confidence. We have a great moral story to tell, and it

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surely points to the Author of Light and
Life."

Noting the widespread concern about the quality of education in our schools, Schall examines what is taught and read (and not read) in these schools. He questions the fundamental premises in our culture which do not allow truth to be considered. Schall lists various important books to read, and why.

Concerned with the trendy, technocratic, and at times sophisticated character of contemporary education at all levels, both public and private, the authors of this collection seek to reinvigorate a Thomistic approach to education appropriate to the problems of our day. With its main inspiration taken from the work of Jacques Maritain, especially his 1943 *Education at the Crossroads*, the volume presents a

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trenchant critique of the "privacies" of contemporary education, with its emphasis upon the conventional and useful. At the same time, the essays present the outlines of the proper alternative, an education which helps students draw out from themselves the desire for truths which transcend the contingencies of culture and utility. Such an education seeks to guide students to "the common things" available to all human beings. The essays uphold an account of man's intellectual and affective capacities which understands these capacities as naturally ordered to truth. The essays approach the task in different but complementary ways: in critiques of contemporary theories of education, in speculative accounts of knowledge and learning, in applications of theory to specific institutional settings, and in discussions of the political contexts governing modern education. In this rich

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variety of ways, the essays in *The Common Things* not only point the way back to the crossroads Maritain spoke of fifty years ago; they go on to indicate something of the landscape along the road not taken by contemporary education.

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PRAISE FOR THE BOOK: "These essays
are a considerable addition to Thomistic
thought about education."--Review of
Metaphysics

Professor Rick Kennedy knows the wariness some Christians take with them to public universities. After all, not too many years ago he went off to school, leaving behind parents concerned for the status of his faith. But now, after years of public education and more years of teaching at state universities, Kennedy is convinced that Christians who attend such schools should be coached in more than just fear. Large secular colleges are filled with the foolish and the wise, the good and the evil. "Christians", Kennedy insists, "can thrive". Faith at State offers excellent, encouraging guidance on

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understanding and relating to professors, performing in the classroom, and being a Christian presence non-Christians can respect.

James Schall, the well known author and professor at Georgetown University, inquires about the differing orders found in the cosmos, the human mind, the city, the human corpus and seeks to reflect on the unity of these orders. In a world in which the presence of mind and order are denied, presumably in the name of science, in favor of chance explanations of why things are as they are, it is surprising to find that, in area after area that is open to the human mind, we find a persistent order revealed. At first sight, this recurrence can be explained by chance occurrence, but after a point, the sense that behind things outside of our theories there is, in fact, an order. This order can be

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traced in the various areas that are open to the human mind. Two wonderments follow from such considerations. First, order does appear at the various levels that are experienced in every day life. Second, the various particular orders seem to be witness to a common good in which each has some reasonable place. Aquinas had said that the order within the cosmos pointed to an order outside of it, since the cosmos cannot be the cause of its own internal order. Philosophers have long inquired about the curious fact that the order of things implies not only a jejune relationship of one thing to another, but a hint that the universe is created in a certain abundance. Why is the universe and the things within it not only ordered but, within the order and above it, a beautiful order? It would be sufficient for its function, Samuel Johnson said, if the peacock's tail were an un-splendid brown

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or black, but in fact it is an amazing display of beauty that is wholly unnecessary, yet somehow fitting for its purpose. Not only is there an order in things but the human mind seems attuned to this order as something it delights in discovering. This relationship implies that there is some correspondence between mind and reality almost as if they were intended to go with one another. The Order of Things explores these questions. It relies on common sense and the experience available to everyone. It concludes that it requires more credulity to disbelieve in order than to experience it. Finally, it wonders that if there is a source of order, what it is like? In this sense, it is not surprising that the revelation of the Godhead is itself in terms of an inner order of Persons.

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