

Chair of Christian Thought

The Iwaasa Lectures on Urban Theology

Christianity and Wealth

Panel on Money & Religious Virtue: From the Eye of the Needle to the Prosperity Gospel

Two panelists consider Christian approaches to wealth. Dr. Shantz will consider perspectives from the Reformation, English Puritanism, and German Pietism; Dr. Dick will consider issues relating to the philosophy of money raised by the prosperity gospel.

Panelists:

Professors Douglas H. Shantz and David G. Dick,
University of Calgary

Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:30pm

Westside Kings Church
3939 69 St SW, Calgary

Hunger, Need, and Locke's Theory of Property

John Locke's influential theory of property rights is often taken as endorsing unlimited acquisition of wealth with nothing owed to those in need. This ignores both the logical structure and theological context of Locke's actual views about property rights and obligations. In this lecture Dr. Dick shows how, in Locke's theory, both property rights and charitable obligations have the same origin and justification: the fundamental law of nature. This law is nothing more than God's command to preserve all human life. Far from being a system of limitless individual acquisition, Locke's theory is built on substantial human obligations to each other and to those in need.

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 12:00noon

Scotia Bank Milling Area, Rozsa Centre
University of Calgary

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