

sought after for his wisdom... In our age, where sarcasm is a synonym for irony, people like Randy England may be happier to be mostly ignored by the "great and powerful." In a way though that's a good thing for those of us who can still appreciate, respect and in my case maybe envy a teensy bit, true refinement. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Eloquent and thoughtful

By Mark Joseph Suarez
This book addresses questions that a Catholic libertarian might ask himself or herself. Some questions, such as abortion, might require further introspection, but this book goes far to ease that apparent internal conflict that some individuals might encounter. More importantly, it can be an effective tool for Catholic libertarians to advocate ideas of liberty within our communities. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Proving the Marriage of Freedom and Morality

By Disciple Joseph
As a 22 year old Roman Catholic, and Political Science/History Major, I've been waiting for this book a long time. Catholic Libertarians such as Thomas Woods and Lew Rockwell have some new intellectual company in the person of Mr. England. The book is a concise, effective defense of the marriage between Voluntarism and Morality. This work centers (as it should) on the Non-Aggression Principle, something we all innately adhere to, and live by in our personal lives already. Only the State claims the monopoly right to "legitimized initiation of the use of violent force." Mr. England's book lays out a reasoned, and well supported (by scripture, tradition, and magisterial teaching) exposition of why and how the state's aggression in all realms of our lives: Economic, Social, etc. is both immoral and impractical. He covers state monopolistic aggression in the market, social welfare, law courts, police service, national defense, etc. and possible Voluntarist solutions in those areas. Mr. England also deal carefully and thoroughly with the myth that libertarianism and the pro-choice stance and inextricably linked. The book is a success, and a must read for all Catholics. "Free is Beautiful" just jumped to the top of my list of favorite books, tying "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly.

Free is Beautiful by Randy England uses the scriptures, the writings of the Saints and the Catechism to show why Catholicism is essentially libertarian. Only through our free will can we become virtuous and share in the divine life; knowing, loving and serving God. Centuries ago, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine recognized the futility and evil in trying to force people to be virtuous. They taught that government should limit itself to keeping the peace by protecting people's lives and property. The golden rule teaches that we must not do to another what we would not want done to ourselves. Don't cheat. Don't steal. Don't hit. Don't harm others. Live and let live. Mind your own business. Libertarians call this the non-aggression principle: that no person or group may initiate force against another. The modern state knows no such limits, making everyone's business its own and leaving the individual naked before it. No matter which political party is in power, the government continues to grow unchecked, ignoring justice and fundamental rights, keeping the poor in a place of permanent dependency, while plundering the future to give favors to its friends and extending its world-wide empire through endless warfare. It is time to consider libertarianism, the most just system in a fallen world and the only political philosophy that takes human dignity and free will seriously. Liberty will not feed a man, nor will it get him into heaven, but does guarantee him the freedom to do both.

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