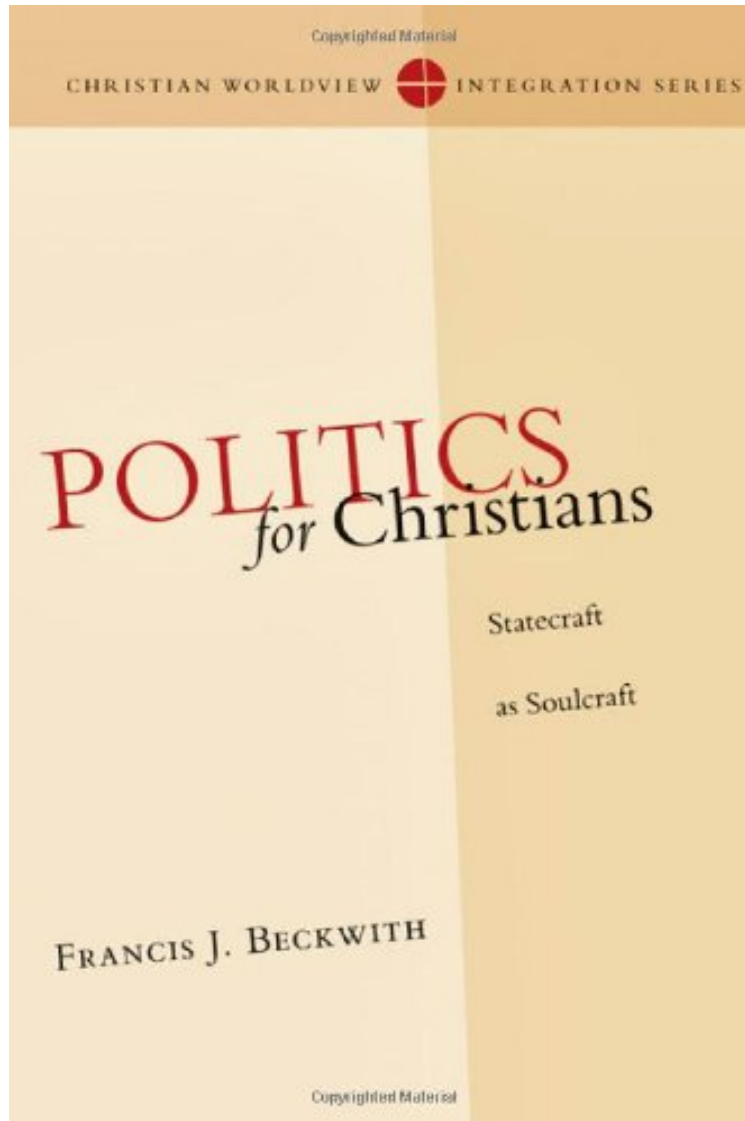


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framework through which Christians might engage deeply in the activity of forming political commitments. Below is my point by point review.1) Well Done: Beckwith simply has done his homework. It is evident throughout the book that he is knowledgeable and has thought through the Christian Worldview implications on politics. There is much to be learned from him and this book. Spend the time reading this and you will be extremely blessed by how your worldview will begin to change in regards to political life.2) Arguments Well Constructed: The reader will learn from the introduction what Beckwith's arguments are and how he plans to prove them. This is the mark of any good writer. He lays out chapter by chapter what he intends the reader to understand and how he challenges the Christian to think about government.3) Longer?: I rarely say this about many books but I wish this was longer, it does a great job but personally, I want to know more. It is the perfect length or a weekend read and maybe that's what he intended it to be. BUY THIS BOOK!!!1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. book in great condition; just didn't like the book at allBy CustomerReceived product from seller in timely manner, book in great condition; just didn't like the book at all. I love politics, but found it incredibly boring and a tedious read.0 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Worth Your TimeBy BluegrassIn today's economy, you need every little edge you can get. By reading Politics for Christians, you will be enlightened with ideas and concepts that will help even the most scrupulous reader. This text takes a common sense approach to a political economy and couples it with a Christian worldview.Worth the read.

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"Beckwith's book Politics for Christians is most definitely helpful for those who want a solid introduction to politics and who are ready to ponder the believer's place in the rough and tumble work of statecraft." (Scot McKnight, Jesus Creed, August 2010)About the AuthorFrancis J. Beckwith (PhD, Fordham University) is professor of philosophy and church-state studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he is also a fellow and faculty associate in the Institute for Studies of Religion. He was the 2008-2009 Mary Ann Remick Senior Visiting Fellow in the Notre Dame Center for Ethics Culture and was a 2002-2003 Madison Research Fellow in Politics at Princeton University, where he has served since 2003 as a member of the James Madison Society. Beckwith is the author of numerous books such as Return to Rome: Confessions of an Evangelical Catholic; Defending Life: A Moral and Legal Case Against Abortion Choice; Law, Darwinism Public Education: The Establishment Clause and the Challenge of Intelligent Design and Do the Right Thing: Readings in Applied Ethics and Social Philosophy. His articles have been published in a number of academic journals across a variety of disciplines, including Harvard Journal of Law Public Policy, International Philosophical Quarterly, Public Affairs Quarterly, Social Theory Practice, American Journal of Jurisprudence, Journal of Medical Ethics, San Diego Law , Nevada Law Journal, Journal of Social Philosophy, Philosophia Christi and Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics Public Policy. Beckwith has been a speaker for numerous Christian ministries (both Protestant and Catholic) throughout his career, including Summit Ministries and the Catholic Apologetics Academy, where he has served on their faculties since 1996 and 2013 respectively. He and his wife, Frankie, live in Woodway, Texas.