



God's Gold: Beneath the Shifting Sands of Christian Thought on Profit-Seeking and Wealth (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Dr. Worden carefully traces the historical shift through the centuries of Christianity through the Reformation on how profit-seeking and wealth are assumed to be related to the sin of greed. In short, making and accumulating money was thought by most major theologians for centuries to indicate the presence of greed, the love of more and more. The uncoupling of greed from earthly treasure began to take hold only with Aquinas amid novel pressures from Commercial Revolution. The uncoupling, which Worden calls the pro-wealth paradigm, was complete a century before the Protestant Reformation--hence before the famed Protestant work-ethic. Rather than viewing the Reformation generally as pro-wealth, Worden finds indications of the Reformers pressing the brakes, albeit to various extents, to keep the then-dominant pro-wealth position from lapsing into outright greed as being acceptable within Christianity. Even as early as Augustine, when the anti-wealth stance was still dominant, the push-back from going too far in the pro-wealth direction involved the now-extinct theory of justice as love and benevolence. Worden takes the Baptist John D. Rockefeller, the self-described Christ-figure at the helm...



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