

Cato Institute talks with Jay Richards about Christianity and capitalism

Did you know that the libertarian Cato Institute has a podcast? I like listening to it, even though I am not a libertarian on many issues. But I like their views on economics, government and liberty. I think that they are right on issues like school choice, consumer-driven health care, and global warming skepticism. In the episode of their podcast below, they interviewed Protestant theologian and philosopher Jay W. Richards on the relationship between Christianity and economics.

[The MP3 file is here.](#) (10 minutes)

The guy who does these podcasts is named Caleb Brown. Now, with a name like “Caleb”, I always thought that he must be some sort of Christian. Well, it turns out that he is a Quaker. And this is a shock, because Quakers are actually pretty socialistic on economic issues. But it turns out that Caleb is as concerned as I am that Christians are not more inclined towards capitalism. The fit between Christianity and capitalism is much more natural than with secular socialism.

Further study

To learn more about the relationship between Christianity and capitalism, [check out this post](#) (the second half is on capitalism).

Excerpt:

To understand what capitalism is, you can [watch this lecture](#) entitled “[Money, Greed and God: Why Capitalism is the Solution and Not the Problem](#)” by Jay W. Richards, delivered at the Heritage Foundation think tank, and televised by C-SPAN2.

[...]If you can't see the Richards video, here is an audio lecture by Jay Richards on the “[Myths Christians Believe about Wealth and Poverty](#)”. Also, why not check out this [series of 4 sermons](#) by Wayne Grudem on the relationship between Christianity and economics? ([a PDF outline is here](#))

And you can listen to [Ron Nash's course on Christianity and economics](#).