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"It's almost like there's this void in every human that just needs to be filled with something, and so people who don't believe in God decide to worship political leaders or the state instead."



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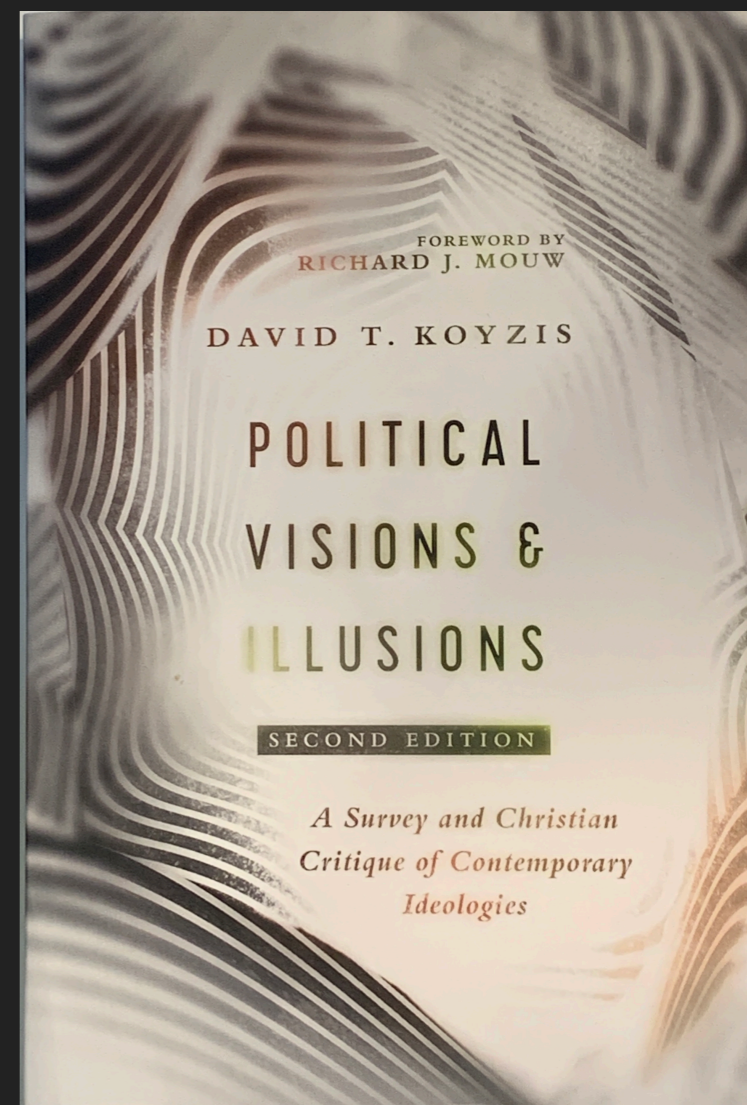
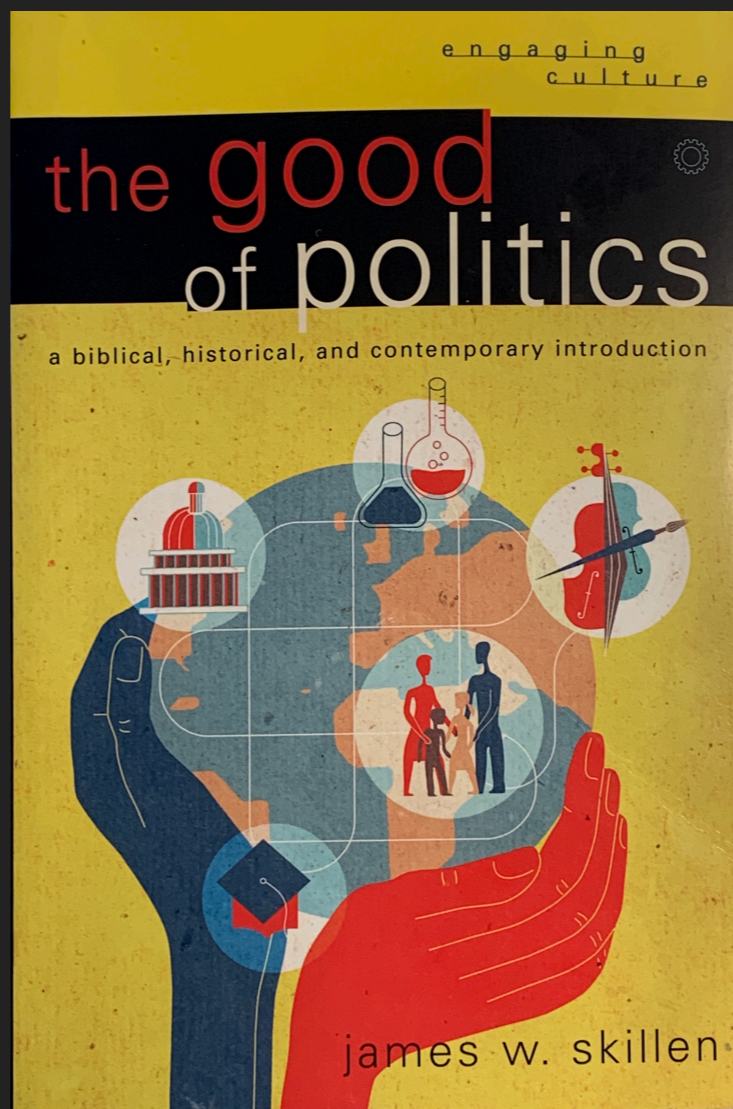
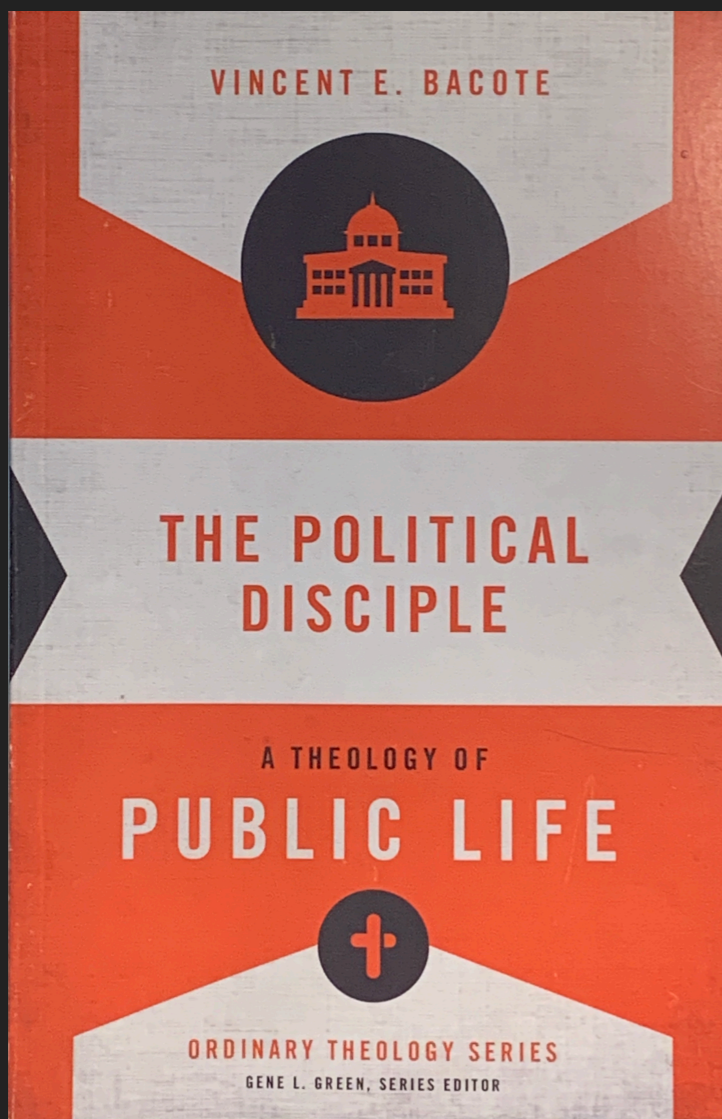
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POLITICS & CREATION

THE FIRST GREAT COMMISSION

- ▶ ***Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, In the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth.***

THE FIRST GREAT COMMISSION WITHOUT SIN?

- ▶ ***“Had man not fallen into sin, differentiation would still have occurred. Cities would still have been built, children would have been raised, music would have been composed, novels written (though presumably not murder mysteries!), philosophies thought up, and so forth. But such activities would have occurred in a normative, legitimate way, free from the distorting effects of sin.”*** – David Koyzis, *We Answer to Another*



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POLITICS & ISRAEL

ISRAEL WANTS A KING

- ▶ ***Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.***



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POLITICS & JESUS

BEGINNING AND END

- ▶ ***"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."*** – Matthew 1:1

- ▶ ***"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me."*** –Matthew 28:18

NOT ONE SQUARE INCH

- ▶ ***“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: ‘Mine!’”***

— Abraham Kuyper

ALREADY / NOT YET

- ▶ ***“Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him.”***

RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S...

- ▶ ***And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."***



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POLITICS & THE CHURCH

SUBMISSION TO NON-ECCLESIAL AUTHORITIES

- ▶ ***“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession [...] I urge you as foreigners and exiles [...] to live such good lives among the pagans that they [...] may glorify God on the day he visits us. Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. [...] Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*”**

SUBMISSION TO NON-ECCLESIAL AUTHORITIES

- ▶ ***“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. [...] For the same reason also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”***



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