

## Editorial | *Christian Social Teaching*

To mark the centennial anniversary of Abraham Kuyper's Stone Lectures at Princeton University and to commemorate his lifetime achievements, three large gatherings were convened at different points throughout the year 1998. The first and largest (nearly 500 people) took place at Princeton Theological Seminary in February of 1998, the papers presented at which have since been published under the title *Religion, Pluralism, and Public Life: Abraham Kuyper's Legacy for the Twenty-First Century* (Eerdmans, 2000), edited by Luis Lugo. The second took place in the Netherlands at the Free University of Amsterdam in June of 1998. The third (over 300 people) took place at Calvin College in October of 1998 and was titled "A Century of Christian Social Teaching: The Legacy of Leo XIII and Abraham Kuyper." The year 1998 also witnessed the publication of two landmark texts on Abraham Kuyper: The first, *Abraham Kuyper: A Centennial Reader* (Eerdmans), edited by James Bratt, was a collection and translation of his most seminal essays; the second was Peter Heslam's *Creating a Christian Worldview* (Eerdmans), which analyzed each of Kuyper's six lectures delivered at Princeton in 1898. John Bolt's *A Free Church, A Holy Nation: Abraham Kuyper's American Public Theology* (Eerdmans, 2001) is the latest contribution to the growing body of literature on Abraham Kuyper's intellectual legacy.

Of the three conferences held that year the one at Calvin College was unique not only because of its cosponsors—the Acton Institute and Calvin Theological Seminary—but also because of the ecumenical atmosphere that surrounded it. (That conference, incidentally, took place almost one hundred

years to the day from Kuypers's historic visit to Grand Rapids.) The goodwill that Kuypers sought to build among his Roman Catholic countrymen in 1898 was reflected in October 1998 as conference participants reminisced over the past century of Christian social teaching and pledged to develop areas of mutual collaboration between Reformed and Catholic social ethics. The conference was an international gathering of scholars and included prominent representatives from Protestant and Catholic intellectual circles, including Templeton Prize winners Charles Colson and Michael Novak; the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, François-Xavier Nguyễn Cardinal Van Thuân; and several theologians, philosophers, and economists of international repute.

This issue of *Markets and Morality* contains the proceedings from that conference, including the presentations by plenary speakers, the responses by panels of scholars, and the keynote addresses by Mark Noll, Rev. Maciej Zieba, O.P., and Charles Colson. In publishing these papers, we wanted to preserve the conference format, progressing as it did from the opening remarks to the various plenary sessions with keynote addresses interspersed between. It is also worth mentioning that all references to events, persons, and situations at the time the papers were first delivered have been retained for the sake of consistency and historical integrity.

As veteran readers of *Markets and Morality* are undoubtedly already aware, some significant changes have been made to the appearance of the journal. So I want to take the opportunity to provide an explanation of what has changed and why, and to announce some innovative new additions that will take effect in the fall of 2002.

Volume 5, number 1 begins the fifth year of the *Journal of Markets and Morality*. While subscriptions continue to rise, our goal is to be the leading interdisciplinary journal at the intersection of economics, theology, and moral philosophy. Thus, as part of an ongoing effort to increase our service to the academic community, the editorial staff decided that the journal should be updated with a new look and new sections.

The most evident changes are reflected on the outside cover. The front now features a new masthead and a picture of fine art that will vary with each issue. While the back now displays a list of article titles and authors to make casual scanning easier. Inside, the template has been redesigned to make sectional divisions more distinguishable, the layout more attractive, and the font more pleasant to read.

Beginning in the fall of 2002 (vol. 5, no. 2) each issue will feature an expanded book review section (approximately 20–40 reviews), as well as a Scholia section. Book reviews will be organized in the following categories: Business Ethics; Christian Social Thought; Economics and Society; and Philosophy, History, and Methodology of Economics. The goal will be to monitor trends in these fields by reviewing significant books published within a two-year span. The Scholia will feature previously untranslated texts from sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Protestant and Catholic moral theologians on topics related to economics, political economy, and social ethics. The objective is to put important historical documents back into circulation and, by so doing, to assist scholars in Christian social ethics, economics, and moral philosophy to revive the once vibrant natural-law dimension of these disciplines.

Lest there be some anxiety over the extent of the changes, there is much that remains the same. *Markets and Morality* will continue to publish high-quality articles in the fields of economics, moral philosophy, theology, and ethics. It will also continue the practice of hosting a controversy on a topic of current significance. And it will continue to be published on a semiannual basis, at least for the immediate future.

As always, I encourage readers to submit articles and book reviews and to invite their colleagues to do the same.

—Stephen J. Grabill