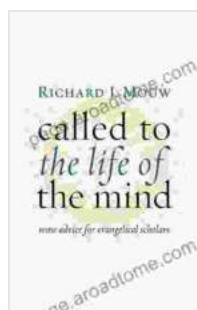


Rediscovering the Intellectual Life in Faith: A Review of Keith Ward's "Called to the Life of the Mind"

In a world that often seems to pit faith against reason, it can be difficult to imagine how the two can coexist. But in his book "Called to the Life of the Mind," Keith Ward argues that not only are faith and reason compatible, but that they are essential to each other.



Called to the Life of the Mind: Some Advice for Evangelical Scholars by Richard J. Mouw

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Ward begins by exploring the historical development of the intellectual life in the Christian tradition. He shows that from the very beginning, Christians have been committed to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. The early church fathers, such as Augustine and Aquinas, were renowned for their intellectual brilliance and their ability to synthesize faith and reason.

In the Middle Ages, the universities were founded as centers of learning where students could study the great works of philosophy and theology.

And during the Renaissance, Christian scholars such as Erasmus and More played a leading role in the revival of learning and the arts.

Ward argues that the intellectual life is not just an optional extra for Christians. It is an essential part of a vibrant and authentic faith. Faith, he says, is not simply a matter of believing certain doctrines or following certain rules. It is a way of life that involves the whole person, including the mind.

When we engage in the life of the mind, we are not just seeking knowledge for its own sake. We are seeking to understand the world around us and our place in it. We are seeking to know God more deeply and to live in accordance with his will.

The life of the mind is not always easy. It can be challenging and sometimes even painful. But it is worth it. For it is through the life of the mind that we come to a deeper understanding of ourselves, of the world, and of God.

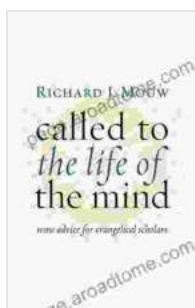
Ward's book is a timely reminder of the importance of the intellectual life in faith. In a world that is increasingly polarized, it is more important than ever to be able to think clearly and critically about the issues that face us. And it is more important than ever to be able to articulate our faith in a way that is both intellectually credible and personally meaningful.

"Called to the Life of the Mind" is a must-read for anyone seeking to integrate faith and reason, and to cultivate a life of intellectual engagement and spiritual growth.

Here are some of the key themes that emerge in Ward's book:

- * The importance of the intellectual life in faith
- * The compatibility of faith and reason
- * The historical development of the intellectual life in the Christian tradition
- * The role of the universities in the pursuit of knowledge
- * The importance of intellectual engagement in the modern world

Ward's book is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in exploring the relationship between faith and reason. It is a challenging and thought-provoking read, but it is also a deeply rewarding one.

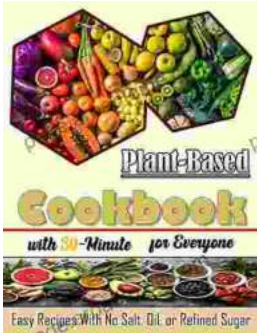


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