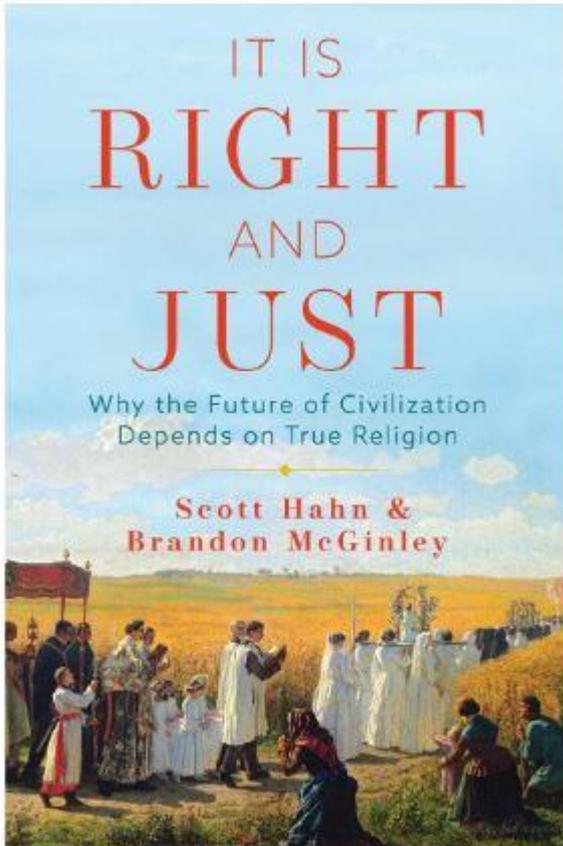




Building a Christian society that defends faith, family, and the human person from conception to natural death.

Book Review



What is a man's due? What is God's due?

A definition of justice dating back to the pre-Christian Greek philosophers was to render another his due.

In keeping with this notion of justice, Scott Hahn and Brandon McGinley have combined efforts to write a little book, "It is Right and Just," arguing that we have duties unto the creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

This latter notion is well forgotten and consider strange to many of our contemporaries, they argue,

in whom duties are associated with natural matters such as contracts, not to the supernatural.

I say forgotten as the notion of duty was well known to the ancients, men of the pagan deities for whom the natural world had an efficient and exterior cause but over the course of time and particularly the latter centuries the truth of this matter gradually lost credibility.

Hahn and McGinley take the reader through the contemporary field of idol worship, its shallowness (chapters 7-10), not to mention the ill effects on our world to bring him to religion and finally to True Religion.

The book is a Christian apologetics effort aimed at supporting the individual, the family, our society, and ultimately our civilization – chapters 11-15, by resuscitating justice to God.

Of the fifteen chapters, the first six strike me as introductory to the main thesis of the book which is the noted cleavage between idol worship, also known as secularism, and True Religion.

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Hahn, Scott and Brandon McGinley. *It is Right and Just; Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion.* Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Road Publ., 2020.

Your Suffering has Profound Meaning*

by Fr. James Dominic Brent, O.P.

The sacrifice of Christ is the centre of all human history and is the source of all transformation and renewal in the world. As Christians, we can actually participate in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and win grace for the world.

When I'm doing hospital ministry, I'll often meet people who have been suffering for a long time. There's some good news I try to share with them. I say,

This time in the hospital bed is not spent in vain. You know how in Mass, the priest places bread and wine on the altar? And how he takes the bread in his hands and says, 'This is My Body, which has been given up for you'? And how it becomes the Body of Christ? And how he lifts it up and offers it to the Father?

And they say,

"Yes."

So, I say to them,

Ok. This very bed that you're laying in, this hospital bed, is the altar. And you are a baptized Catholic. That means that you are a member of the Mystical Body of Christ. In a supernatural, mystical, yet very real way, your body is the Body of Christ. And every minute of every hour that you are lying in this bed, Jesus Christ – who is the great high priest – is within you, and He takes you in His hands, and He says, 'This is my Body, which will be given up...'. And He lifts



you, and your life, and your sufferings, and everything up, and He offers it all to the Father. You can join Christ in this act in which He, in you, is offering you up, like the host on the altar. You can offer your sufferings up for a particular intention, whatever intention is on your heart. In answer to that prayer, the Father pours out the Holy spirit upon the people you offer it up for. And it has effects. The world is changed and transformed through this sacrifice. We can offer our suffering for big intentions, and great things will come to the world."



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PREGNANT? WORRIED?

The pregnant support service facet of the Quebec Life Coalition is receiving a facelift.



Due to navigational bugs, QLC has reworked its web service for women and couples experiencing distress during their pregnancy and the result is both handsome and inviting.

In addition, to providing timely information for women and couples about available resources, the site allows visitors to connect with QLC staff and volunteers to guide them with their inquiries.

The familiar methods of emails and direct phone hook-ups remain available. Further, an on-line chat service has been added, thereby rendering it more user friendly for the younger set.

The new site should be up and running at the beginning of the new year.

Since setting up its online and phone service six years ago, the QLC receive on average between 80 and 90 calls per year. The more common requests for information we receive are for medical assistance and financial support.

Pregnancy Support Update

Over the advent period, QLC staff assisted two young and growing families.

The first, a single mother with two young children – an infant and a three-year old, needed help to transport a dresser purchased that she procured on social media. Two of us provided the vehicle and the brawn to move the chest of drawers from a north end sector of Montreal to the mother's apartment.

In a second instance, we provided monetary support to a family of four – husband and wife, infant, and a six-year-old daughter. The family is undergoing hardships procuring the necessary immigration authorizations to study and work in Canada. This couple dreams of adding a third child to the family in a year or two.

Prayer Requests

QLC is training a volunteer to care for the pregnancy service facet of its operations. In addition to the points noted above, the volunteer will also be responsible for maintaining a Facebook presence.

Kindly, keep this young woman, a single mom of a toddler, in your prayers as she trains for this task.

A second request for prayer concerns another volunteer who is dedicating herself to support post-abortive women. A mother of two, she feels God is calling her to this form of ministry. She has practiced this ministry before immigrating to Canada with her children and husband who also works

PRAYER VIGIL
February 17 – March 28, 2021



No sooner has the Christmas season ended that our attention is drawn to Lent.

Liturgically, according to the church calendar, the Christmas period ends at the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

However, this has not always been the case. Writing on the Aleteia web service, Philip Kosloski observes that February 2 had once marked the end of Christmas.

..., the historical Christmas cycle extends even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the feast of **Candlemas** (the Presentation of the Lord) occurs on **February 2** and marked the final conclusion of the “Christmas cycle.”

Candlemas celebrates the event that occurred 40 days after Jesus’ birth and was his first introduction to the Temple. In other words, it is the final “**baby Jesus**” feast day on the Church’s liturgical calendar.

Working for the defense of the innocent unborn child, I am partial to Kosloski’s reasoning of ending the birth of Jesus season with a “baby Jesus” feast on February 2, for two reasons.

1. Because of the 40-day connection. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, Our Lord works wonders in periods of 40, whether days or years. The presentation is but one example of these. Further, this is why we have adopted the 40-day cycle of prayer vigil for the end of abortion which

this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

2. This second reason dovetails well with our primary pro-life message, that the unborn child deserves life and respect and deserves to be presented to Our Lord in the Temple, as they and us all belong to God, the alpha and the omega, our origin and destination.

Prayer Vigil details:

- **Location:** corner, St. Catherine and Berri Streets.
- **Daily, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,** Feb. 17 to March 28.

Will you pray to end abortion?

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