

Marc Wheat's Wayfinder to Explore Christian Conservatism



A verse that resonates with American conservatives:

"...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody."
(Thessalonians 4:11-12; NIV)

[A strong introduction to Traditionalist Conservatism](#)

Favorite Authors and Books for Conservatives:

Russell Kirk

The Conservative Mind
The Roots of American Order

T.S. Eliot

Christianity and culture: The Idea of a Christian Society and Notes Towards the Definition of Culture

Whittaker Chambers

Witness (especially the forward, "Letter to My Children")

Anne Husted Burleigh

Journey Up the River

F. A. Hayek

The Road to Serfdom
The Constitution of Liberty

Thomas Sowell

Migrations and Cultures

Roger Scruton

How to Think Seriously About the Planet (highly recommend his chapter "Heimat and Habitat")

George H. Nash

The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America

Bruce Frohnen, Jeremy Beer, and Jeffrey O. Nelson

American Conservatism, an Encyclopedia

Herbert Schlossberg

Idols for Destruction: The Conflict of Christian Faith and American Culture

Other authors to explore:

G.K. Chesterton - C.S. Lewis - J.R.R. Tolkien - N.T. Wright - Os Guinness

Helpful Institutions

[Faith and Law](#)
[Intercollegiate Studies Institute](#)
[Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal](#)
[The Fund for Americans Studies](#)

Helpful Journals

[Modern Age](#)
[First Things](#)
[The University Bookman](#)
[Claremont Review of Books](#)



“Conservatism starts from a sentiment that all mature people can readily share: the sentiment that good things are easily destroyed, but not easily created.”

— Roger Scruton, *How to Be a Conservative*

"The simple process of preserving our present civilization is supremely complex, and demands incalculably subtle powers. Ill-fitted to direct it is this average man who has learned to use much of the machinery of civilization, but who is characterized by root-ignorance of the very principles of that civilization."

José Ortega y Gasset, *The Revolt of the Masses* (1930)