

Novak & Agitprop

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A concerned reader asked if I was not being too harsh yesterday when I said that Michael Novak's book *Toward a Theology of the Corporation* was agitprop.

I submit the following excerpt from that work. You be the judge.

For many years, one of my favorite texts in Scripture has been Isaiah 53:2-3: "He hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; he was despised and we esteemed him not." I would like to apply these words to the modern business corporation, a much despised incarnation of God's presence in this world.

Q.E.D. Such near-blasphemy may get one a corner office at the American Enterprise Institute, but if that is not agitprop, I don't know what is.

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