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## Is the pope too uncritical of capitalism?

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Over at his site Chiesa, Sandro Magister today calls attention to a recent article in *Concilium*, the international journal of theology.

Among nine articles in the latest issue of the journal, which focuses on the topic of "Economy and religion," Magister writes that one, written by Johan Verstraeten, a professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, asks whether Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* is too deferential to capitalism.

In response, Magister publishes a commentary by professor Stefano Ceccanti, a tenured professor of comparative public law at the Sapienza University of Rome.

A discussion that's a bit esoteric to be sure, but interesting in light of the continuing European debt crisis and questions regarding the state of the U.S. economy.

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