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ABSTRACT OF FORTHCOMING ARTICLE*

TOWARD A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW OF SECURITIES REGULATION

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It is difficult to overstate the importance of the United States securities markets not only to the national economy, but to the international economy as well. This fact was demonstrated most clearly in the 2008 economic crisis, which originated in the United States securities markets and quickly spread throughout the entire global economy. An area of such importance needs Christian reflection and thought; however, such thought has been, for the most part, sorely lacking in modern times. This article is intended to make some contribution to this much-needed thought and reflection by attempting to lay a foundation for a Christian worldview analysis of securities regulation issues.

To begin developing this Christian worldview of securities regulation, this article starts by setting forth a law-of-nature framework for the analysis of issues of law and policy, including securities regulation. It then considers various justifications offered for treating securities markets so differently than other types of markets and evaluates these justifications from a law-of-nature perspective. The article concludes by offering a justification for some form of securities regulation that would be consistent with a Christian worldview and offers some initial analysis of the current securities regulation regime from a law-of-nature perspective.

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