

Book Review
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Biblical Integration:
Understanding the World
Through the Word, by Mark
Eckel, Christian Life and World
Studies, Adrian, Michigan, 1996.

Mark Eckel is the Christian Life and World Studies (CLAWS) instructor and chaplain at Lenawee Christian School in Adrian, Michigan. He has taught, published, and pastored in a variety of venues.

This book is really a sourcebook targeted at high school instructors, but I believe it would be very useful for any Christian teacher seeking help in achieving biblical integration in business and economics (and many other disciplines). Mark offers insights in a variety of ways:

- *General biblical principles* are developed for integration across any discipline area (especially drawing from the book of Genesis) such as “The Creation Order” and the tension between “The Ideal and the Real.” These principles, with a bit of development and application on the part of the instructor, would be good starting points for discussion in almost any business class.

- *Integration questions* are listed that would be helpful in generating thoughtful reflection and study for both the student and the teacher. For example, “How has sin corrupted or distorted the issues in this topic?”

- *Biblical principles, lesson plan ideas, discussion starter questions, and assignments* for a wide variety of subject areas including arts, business and economics, journalism, mathematics, and science are included.

I believe that any Christian educator would find a variety of ideas that could stimulate students to wrestle with developing a truly integrated faith and life perspective in their chosen major. For more information about Mark’s book, please contact him at 111 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian, Michigan, 49221. His office phone is (517) 265-7590 and his home phone is (517) 263-7019.