

## Author Meets Critics: A Theology of Public Life

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But because our present participation in this political liturgy should fit us for our role in that greater liturgy to come, the virtues also equip Christians with an ascetics of public life. They help us discern how best to inhabit the multitudinous cultural and political forces of our world so that they may best shape our character. Against what Augustinians see as our