

PREFACE

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The Society for Business Ethics is pleased to announce the publication of *Spiritual Goods: Faith Traditions and the Practice of Business*. The essays in this new anthology were developed by scholars expert in their own religious traditions, and were written to explain how those traditions intersect with the practices of business. This collection of essays poses a common set of questions to contributors representing a broad set of religious traditions. These essays offer the best current thinking in business ethics on the topic of religion and business. Readers with practical, personal, theoretical, and/or social scientific interests should find plentiful ideas here to explore, whether or not they agree or disagree with the authors' views. This volume will not only engender further discussion of the present topic, but also provide some answers to the difficult issues it addresses.

Spiritual Goods represents a new genre of publications for the Society for Business Ethics. In addition to the quarterly issues of *Business Ethics Quarterly*, and the "Special Issues," which appear

in the Ruffin Series, this anthology is a special volume that brings together nine new articles never before published, and eight originally published articles in *Business Ethics Quarterly*. The aim of this volume, and other subsequent volumes that may appear in the future, is to serve as a comprehensive resource for scholars, practitioners, students, and others with interests in a particular topic. We hope it will challenge the reader to come to terms with, in one way or another, the issues that the authors explore.