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## Christianity and Capitalism

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According to German philosopher Max Weber, capitalism first arose in the West (as opposed to other places) due to a unifying ethical code: namely, Christianity. Because morality was promoted, people could be trusted to pay back loans or fulfill contracts. Only in this environment could banking rise up. As a result, ventures could be financed and prosperity could flourish. But what happens when capitalism is decoupled from Christianity? What occurs when the tallest building in a community is no longer the church, but a bank?

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