

philosophy realigned the presentation of knowledge to fit the nation's growing economic and social needs. He merely adapted to the demands of the times and reinterpreted the roles of religion and education. Although it was seen differently at the time his responsibilities, sense of leadership, and decision-making powers were visionary. Obviously unknown to him then, he was also a continuer who took things to a higher level. Religion opened society to learn about morality. Dewey changed the permutation by making religion, without him admitting it, the foundation of prosperity.

### **Religion and the Corporation**

The profit-motive and the practice of faith and spirituality, at first glance, is not an ideal pair. From the time of the misquoted biblical passage “money is the root of all evil,” to modern times when a preacher mentioned that if John D. Rockefeller, Jr., “can control the financial world, the educational world, and practically the religious world, the day of the Anti-Christ is not far behind, to present-day instances when an ordinary American activist blames the corporation as the source of all greed in this world, people have not been able to fully comprehend the concepts that link capitalism and religion. It's as if ideology and faith can never co-exist and there is no possible symbiosis. In-depth, critical thinking can show, however, the greatest creation of wealth in human history was in an immensely and indispensably contributed to religion. Francis Fukuyama mentions in his book, *The Great Disruption: Human Nature and the Reconstitution of Social Order*, that “if we look at human history in a longer-term perspective, religion has played a critical role in increasing the radius of trust in human societies. This “trust,” from the notion of, among others, banking, finance, and morality is what makes capitalism so successful. It is the absence and abhorrence for, but with the possibilities of, treason and betrayal that makes the American *Constitution* so effective. It is what makes the dollar the currency of the biggest economy in human history. And “trust,” to give one last example, is what makes international trade absolutely feasible.

Understanding the dichotomy of trust in religion is to grasp how the dynamics of wealth benefitted the institution. All religions, bar none, have flourished in human history's greatest economy. The practice of faith in America does not alienate the faithful from being consumers and accumulators of wealth. To construct or repair a church or synagogue