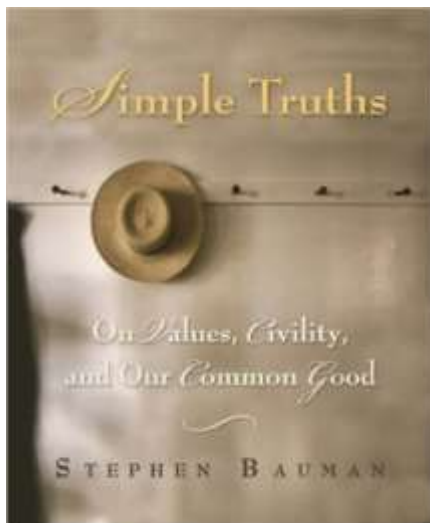




CIVILITY CENTER BOOK REVIEW



Simple Truths

On Values, Civility, and Our Common Good

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Not labeled a self-help book, inspirational, or a book of devotions, Simple Truths is each of those and more. Bauman has a gift for taking everyday events and reflecting on what they say about our lives as individuals and together in community. Each reflection is a single page of simple reading, but the simplicity ends there. One cannot help but connect with much of what is written here, and

Bauman's observations challenge us to examine our own actions, and live our lives more thoughtfully, intentionally, and fully.

While not focused on any one particular area of concern, Bauman touches on many. Civility and civic participation are among them, as are responsibility, compassion and community. While this book seems to be written primarily for individual reflection, we have already found ourselves breaking into conversation about what we have read, and it is easy to imagine this book being used for regular small group discussions.

Easy to read, and with enough material to last a long time, this is a book we can imagine folks reading over and over again. Don't rush through it! Just take a page a day (or week) and enjoy! Special thanks goes to Institute member **Roger Shoup**, who called this book to our attention.

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